

CEO Newsletter March 2019

On Saturday 13th March the Annual Coose Trannack Cross Country Event took place in the Millennium Woodland behind Trannack School. 456 runners took part, with over 400 taking part at primary level.

Trannack School have been hosting this event for 20 years. The course has a reputation for being steep and challenging with schools and clubs from all over the County taking part.

Schools in the Trust who won medals were: Godolphin with 3rd place in boys Y6 and 3rd in girls YR; Parc Eglos with 3rd in girls Y4 and 2nd in girls Y2; Sithney with 2nd in girls YR; Trannack with 2nd in boys YR. This event is run solely by volunteers and Friends of Trannack School and is a testament to the hard work and effort from staff, parents and community members of the school without whom this event could not take place.



During February, Halwin were collecting tins in support of the Pirate FM Tonne of Tins Appeal and, on 1st March, they were lucky enough to have a visit from Pirate FM's Johnny Cowling. Johnny hosted a special assembly for the children to celebrate them collecting an amazing 427 tins!



Congratulations to Steve Loder of Mullion School who was invited to speak at the YST Annual Conference in Coventry about his successful work with the AIM [Active In Minds] Project, which involves students who have developed confidence and leadership skills through being more active mentoring younger students through their own developmental journey.

Sam Fergus of Mullion School has received the Innovation Award at this year's HSW Health Champions Conference. This was in recognition of his work on improving the wellbeing of his colleagues through fun social events. He has run various events such as staff quizzes, badminton tournaments, table tennis tournaments, modelling clay competitions and pottery throw downs! His colleagues feel he has really helped in reducing stress and improving the social lives of his colleagues. Well done Sam!



Mullion Primary School really got into World Book Day – literally! The children painted t-shirts to reflect their favourite books and then put them on. What a fantastic idea! Well done to them all for their celebration of reading.





It was a joy to watch the Signing Choir from Porthleven perform to crowds of shoppers outside Truro Cathedral on Saturday. The pupils led by Charlene Price were so skilful. People in the crowd were trying to join in and learn how to sign the songs. Well done to all of them for their support of National Sign Language Week and their help with raising money for the Cornwall Deaf Centre.



CAST [The Cornubian Arts & Science Trust] is an educational charity established in 2012 which aims to promote participation, appreciation and learning in the visual arts and to encourage collaboration across the arts and sciences, working at a local, national and international level. CAST hosts family workshops over half terms and holidays and has run a summer programme for families for the last three years. The aim is to introduce local families to what CAST has to offer, to make community connections and to provide a child friendly and hands-on introduction to creative thinking, making and doing.

This summer, CAST are offering 'Art Lab' arts and science workshops to local schools, providing exploratory resources and materials and led by creative educational practitioners and specialists. They are also running Saturday morning drop in laboratory workshops for curious, creative kids aged 4 to 11 on July 29th and throughout August at CAST [3 Penrose Road, Helston, TR13 8TP] for £2 per child. Do put the dates in your diary.

'The Surprisingly Adventurous Rhododendron' – an immersive, imaginative and hands-on pilot workshop – will be taking place in June 2019 and our schools hope to part of this exciting project.



The West Cornwall Teaching School was delighted to offer two exciting maths days to a select group of children from the MAT. 60 children from eight schools were given the opportunity to learn maths at the University of Plymouth in March. These days enabled the children to develop their understanding and skills in mathematics, boost their confidence and raise the awareness of maths as an exciting subject. The children spent the day learning skills through problem solving approaches, with plenty of reasoning and discussion thrown in! All of the children involved thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were a credit to our schools.

Five maths co-ordinators from our MAT have joined forces again to run maths intervention support for some of our Year 6 pupils. The children have spent one afternoon a week travelling to different schools to revise key mathematical concepts and to improve their confidence prior to their SATs tests in May.

In addition to this, our more able maths group has been working hard as a group in preparation for the SATs. We would like to thank Mrs Alex Wells for teaching this group every Tuesday afternoon and inspiring these children.

We would like to wish the children in these groups, and every other Year 6 child, the best of luck with the rest of their SATs preparation and urge them to view the tests as a way of showing the wonderful progress they have made this year.

This month, the Local Governing Bodies from across the Trust came together to review the work of the Trust and how to build on the successes to date. It was a lively and worthwhile evening. Thank you to everyone for their contributions both to the evening and for all you do for the schools in this important voluntary work.



Thank you to everyone for your support of the children, staff and the work of the schools. Have a very happy Easter holiday.

Kind regards

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