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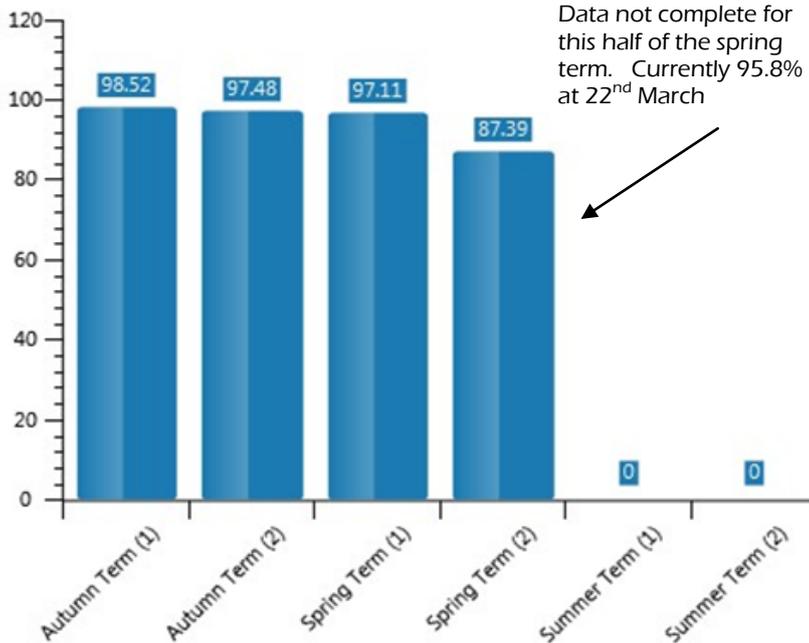
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ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Percentage Session Attendance by Half Term

The percentage of session attendance by half term



Week beginning 29th February

Best Attendance: Green, Purple & Crimson
100%

Lowest Attendance: Ruby — 87.1%

Week beginning 7th March

Best Attendance: Green & Purple - **100%**

Lowest Attendance: Ruby - 83.2%

Week beginning 14th March

Best Attendance: Green & Purple - **100%**

Lowest Attendance: Turquoise - 88.7%

On Thursday 3rd March 2016 we were visited by Christine Flower from the Department for Education. The focus of the visit was to look at how we teach phonics and early reading. Here is the response we received from our visitor:

"I write to thank you for my very enjoyable visit to Trenance Learning Academy last week. I was greatly impressed with the school's commitment and enthusiasm to the teaching of reading and your approach to phonics. The thoughtful, consistent attention given to all pupils, ensuring that none are left behind is commendable and the children I saw were clearly enjoying their lessons and developing a love for reading. Getting the basics right from an early age is key and I am delighted that Trenance, through the phonics partnership programme, is supporting other schools to achieve such excellence."

Christine Flower

Raising Standards in English, Department for Education - 9th March 2016

Easter Bonnet Parade

FOTA Luxury Egg Raffle

Have you got your raffle ticket for a chance to win a luxury Easter Egg? - Tickets on sale in the playground tomorrow and during the parade.



Don't forget it's our Easter Bonnet Parade from 2:30pm on Thursday 24th March

The children have all had the chance to make a bonnet in school and are looking forward to parading in them around our school grounds- any homemade Bonnets are also welcomed. Gates open at 2:30 and You will see a clearly marked route. We politely request that you line the route so that all spectators get a great view of our Easter sight! The children will begin the parade from the glass doors by Sapphire class and will parade around the playground and across the school field, down the boardwalk and back into school by Yellow class- be sure to cheer them and give them lots of encouragement as they sashay past - Pick up will be from the classroom doors as usual.

Partnership Working

We are always looking for ways in which we can work in partnership with you and so are delighted to be sending home username and passwords for all the main software programmes that we use in school. These include your child's E-school's login to their class page, Education City, Mathletics and our new library tool. Please enjoy sharing these learning resources with your child- they will certainly enjoy showing you what they can do!

Library Re-launch

The Academy has recently made a significant investment in our library with the introduction of a new online version of our library catalogue. The new system allows pupils, staff and parents to view our Academy library catalogue online and pupils are encouraged to use this to help with research, to write reviews about books they have read and search for new books and other library resources.

The system includes a fantastic new feature called 'Who Next' which recommends new books and authors based on the books that your child has already read. You will be able to use this feature at home to help your child select their next book.



You can access the system via the Trenance website or directly using the following link:

<https://u007861.microlibrarian.net> or If you have access to an iPhone, iPad, iPod touch or Android phone, then you can also download a new App called 'iMLS' to access the library from those devices. The app is available from the App Store and Android Market. We will be sending home your child's code in our bundle of passwords. The code is both the username and password.



Miss Bruce recognised for Teaching Award in London

The outstanding work and commitment of Lime Class teacher Sophie Bruce was recognised at the 16th Design and Technology Association Excellence Awards, held on Friday 11th March at The Institution of Engineering and Technology situated on the banks of the River Thames in London.

Sophie was presented with the Outstanding Newcomer Award by Prof. Mark Miodownik, Professor of Materials and Science at UCL and a regular presenter on BBC TV's "Everyday Miracles" and broadcaster and writer involved in productions - including the award-winning "Stuff Matters" - relating to science and engineering issues.

Richard Green MA, Chief Executive of the Design and Technology Association, says: "Sophie is to be congratulated on her well-deserved award. She should be celebrated for her contributions to furthering teaching and learning in the subject of Design and Technology in the classroom, which can often be the catalyst for students wanting to be engineers and designers." Congratulations Sophie, everyone at Trenance is very proud of you!

Speech and Language Research

Trenance Learning Academy is involved in an exciting new project. Sam Edmonds, our Speech & Language Therapist, is helping to recruit children from different backgrounds to take part in a national study to develop an assessment of children's language skills. For each child we recruit the school will receive Amazon vouchers, which we can use to buy books and resources. Sam will carry out the assessments in school, so all we need is parents' consent for their child to take part. If you are interested in your child taking part please complete the online form here:

<http://uksurveys.pearson.com/s3/CELF-5UK-EES-Parent-Consent-Form>

Or request a paper copy from the office. To be eligible children must be 5 or over. If you have any questions please contact Sam via the office. Thank you for getting involved.

The Great Family Wake up for Sport Relief

What a fantastic event! Thanks to your participation and your generous donations we were able to raise £345.72 for the charities supported by Sport Relief. It was a great piece of learning for all our pupils to recognise how communities can work together to help others around the world.



Trenance Swimming Gala - Monday 21st March

Our strongest swimmers from across YF, Y1 and Y2 took part in our annual Swimming Gala this week. We were very impressed by their competitive spirit and the strength of swimming displayed. We send our huge congratulations to all our super swimmers.

Summer Term Clubs

Your child will have brought home their Summer Clubs letter this week- Our School and Class councils have let us know what clubs they would like to have on offer at Trenance and you will see that we have some exciting new clubs as well as the firm favourites. Please send back all club requests as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Science Week: 14th to 18th March

As part of Science Week at Trenance, the children were given the opportunity to enter the Trenance Young Inventors Competition. Children across the Academy produced original inventions to solve different problems or improve their lives.

The winners from each year group were awarded fifty Houses Points for their House Team. Overall the top ten inventors from each year group were given a golden ticket to attend a Pizza Party at Frankie and Benny's (during school time).



Did you know..... as part of our House point system, if your child has done anything extraordinary such as charity work or a sporting achievement outside of school they can be awarded house points for their House Team in school.

Just let your child's teacher know of any such achievement and we can recognise them in our Celebration Assemblies.

Diary Dates

SUMMER TERM

The Summer Term commences Monday 11th April

Monday 2nd May - School Closed

Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June - HALF TERM

Tuesday 7th June

Foundation Year Sports Day - afternoon - at Newquay Junior Academy

Wednesday 8th June

Y2 Sports Day - morning - at Newquay Junior Academy
Y1 Sports Day - afternoon - at Newquay Junior Academy

Week beginning 13th June

Y2 Residential Camp - more details to follow

Friday 24th June - INSET

School closed to pupils

Monday 27th June - INSET

Summer Term Menu

Our new Summer Term Menu is available on our website (also a hard copy from main reception). Please note in response to our School Council we will now be providing a sandwich option on Roast Dinner Day (Wednesdays)

This week, all Trenance staff attended a Home Office training session 'PREVENT'. The focus of the training was how to identify signs and symptoms of extremism and/or radicalisation within our school and community. This was delivered by Emma French. TLAT is working with the County's multi-disciplinary CHANNEL programme to support individuals who may be vulnerable to extremism.

The staff at Trenance would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families for their continued support this term and wish you all a very happy Easter Holidays - we look forward to welcoming everybody back on Monday 11th April for the start of the Summer Term.

If you are planning a break please consider taking it during 24th to 27th June. Then your child will not miss any learning time.