

## The Little Mermaid

Our school was transformed into an underwater world this week with truly fabulous and inspirational performances from our Key Stage 2 children as they performed the Disney show The Little Mermaid Jr.

The Years 5 and 6 Drama Club spend the year preparing for and rehearsing their production and these children have been amazing from the outset. They have transformed themselves into all-singing, all-dancing crabs, mermaids, eels and more. They have worked incredibly hard and their enthusiasm and commitment have made the whole process a hugely enjoyable experience.

This time of year always highlights just how lucky we are to have such talented, creative and dedicated staff, many of whom support us to prepare for the production beforehand and on the nights of the performances themselves both on and off the stage. Chief amongst these are Sarah McClure who is a talented and endlessly patient director and Helen Knowles who masterminds all things costumes, scenery and prop-related!

We are also very fortunate to have a hugely supportive wider school community, particularly the families of our staff such as Ivor McClure for the many hours he spent organising the sound system and Christine Scott (Mrs Knowles's mum) who has designed and made many of the amazing costumes for several very lucky children.

Our annual musical production is one of the highlights of the school calendar and, every year, it engenders a huge sense of team spirit, fun and enjoyment. It also emphasises Alverton's real strengths as a whole-school community with parents, families, friends, staff and children working together to create something spectacular with the children that they will never forget. Our very grateful thanks go to everyone who has been involved.

Mr Higgs said: "This year's production of The Little Mermaid was another example of the exceptionally high standards which are set by our children and staff. The quality of the show, from its technical aspects to even the smallest detail, reflects the care and time which everyone has so selflessly invested in it. Thank you to everyone who supported it and to all those involved, particularly of course, our exceptionally talented children."

Mr Keast has taken some incredible photos which will appear on our Twitter feed (@alvertonschool or @AlvertonCW) after half-term and will be on sale in reception.

Finally, an enormous "Well Done" to all the children – you were fantastic!





## Spot the monkey!

Mr Kettless, our very talented set decorator and ex-caretaker, always hides a monkey in every backdrop he paints each year (even if it's not a jungle or forest theme!) As is tradition, this year's Little Mermaid scene has one in it! Can you spot where he's hiding?



## PE kit

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school **all week** and that it is taken home only on a Friday and returned on a Monday. Sometimes extra PE takes place on a day other than their PPA day especially in the summer term. Recently we have found that up to 8 children in each class have not had their PE kit with them which means they cannot take part. PE kit should consist of red shorts or black tracksuit bottom, white polo shirt, red zipped tracksuit top and a pair of trainers. All should be clearly labelled with your child's name.



## Near miss

Once again we have to report a near miss close to school involving a parent driving too fast round a corner in Toltuff Road and only just missed a pedestrian. An accident involving a child, parent or local resident is going to happen if drivers do not heed the speed limit in the Alverton area. **The speed limit in Toltuff Road and Toltuff Crescent is 20mph.** There are plenty of safe places to park your car just a few minutes walk from the school so you do not need to drive down Toltuff Crescent. The back gate from Lariggan Crescent is unlocked at 7.45am and again at 3pm so please consider using that route if you don't want to park in the Free Church car park. Consider the safety of your own child and if you must drive into Toltuff Road or Toltuff Crescent, please drive with care and below the speed limit.



## Rangers trip to Marazion Marsh

The Rangers went to Marazion Marsh on Monday. What an amazing place to have on our doorstep! Clear blue skies and sunshine meant we made some great nature spots (including the rare Glossy Ibis). Claire from the RSPB helped us find and identify all sorts of creatures; these included a warbling reed warbler and even an African Grey Parrot (this was a bit of a cheat as it was somebody's pet being taken for a walk.....!)





## Tennis success

Yesterday four of our Year 3 and 4 took part in the Penwith Schools Tennis Competition at Penzance Tennis Club. A huge well done to our team of Poppy, Jenson, Maisie and Kaiden who came back with gold medals! Thanks to Mrs Mooney for taking them.



## The Big Battery Hunt

Thank you to everyone who has been collecting used batteries for us as part of the Big Battery Hunt. We have so far collected 2100 batteries! Here is Zac with the Environment Ministers, Cora and Finley who counted them up. Please keep sending them in!



## Water bottles

Now we are in the summer term and the weather is much warmer, please ensure that your child has a named, refillable water bottle in school every day. This should be filled with **water only** (not squash or juice) and can then be refilled during the day.



**Don't forget it's half term next week. See you on Monday 3rd June.**



Please see below for some excellent advice about Fortnite. We will be publishing a different information page each week.

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 further accounts to help you to protect yourself and what to do if you have been compromised (http://www.hhs.gov/ohrt/)



## Mazey Day Dress Code

### Early warning!

Our colour scheme for the Saturday parade (29th June) will be GREEN!

Alanna in Year 6 was the winner of our Mazey image competition. Well done to her. You will be able to see her creation brought to life on Mazey Day by the children and our very talented Mrs Hobin.

### Headlice

A number of classes have reported that headlice have been spotted in their children's hair. Please check your child's hair daily and treat if found.

## Payment for Year 5 camp

A reminder that full payment for Year 5 camp (£150) must be made by **Friday 24th May** at the latest. Please pay using [schoolmoney.co.uk](http://schoolmoney.co.uk) or ask at the office for a PayPoint barcode which you can use at any Co-op store.

## Clubs

A new club for KS2 Bubble Football will start on Wednesdays after half term for 4 weeks with Go Active, cost £20. A letter has come home and if your child would like a place, please return the slip with payment in cash by Monday 3rd June. This replaces Go Active Street Dance which has now finished.

KS1 Dodgeball has now finished. If your child has signed up and paid for KS2 Dodgeball this will start on Monday 3rd June.

**KS1 Outdoor Learning** will continue after half term on Tuesdays with the same group of children as the club was not oversubscribed.

**Drama club** has now finished for this school year.

ALL Clubs except Jump Dance finish in the week ending Friday 28th June.

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Once again it's time for the **Extreme Reading** competition at Alverton School! The aim is to take a photo of your child reading in the most unusual place or situation you can think of - the more extreme the better!

The competition is open to all pupils and the closing date is Friday 7th June. There will be a prize for the most Extreme Reader in each Key Stage!

Please e-mail your entries to [extremereading@alverton.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:extremereading@alverton.cornwall.sch.uk)

Thank you for your continued support,  
Mrs Clive.



## Need a chat?

Come and have a cup of tea with Mrs Daylak if you have any questions or concerns about anything which might be affecting your child in school. You can find her any Monday to Thursday after school until 4pm. If you would rather make an appointment, please ask the office. She might even find you a biscuit to go with your tea!



## Twitter

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter @alvertonschool to keep up-to-date with all the exciting things that are going on.



## Guitar invoices

All guitar invoices should have gone home. Please ensure payment is made by the first lesson after half term, **Thursday 6th June**.

## CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Choughs	92.4%	8
Robins	86.5%	11
Puffins	91.0%	10
Owls	96.6%	4
Kingfishers	93.3%	7
Trencrom ★	98.6%	1
Lanyon	91.3%	9
Kerris	97.7%	3
Bodrifty	94.8%	6
Bosigran	95.3%	5
Kenidjack	98.1%	2
Overall school attendance	94.4%	

**Our collective target is 96.5%**

## DIARY DATES

### May

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May – HALF TERM**

### June

3<sup>rd</sup>

**All clubs continue as normal today after half term (except Drama)**

4<sup>th</sup>

New Reception Intake meeting for parents at 6pm

5<sup>th</sup>

Swimming starts for Year 6

11<sup>th</sup>

KS2 Sports Day at 1.30pm

12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>

Y5 Camp at Porthpean

12<sup>th</sup>

KS1 Sports Day at 1.30pm

13<sup>th</sup>

EYFS Sports Day at 1.30pm

19<sup>th</sup>

Last swimming for Year 6

27<sup>th</sup>

Alverton Mazey Parade at 9.30am (followed by refreshments for children on the field)

29<sup>th</sup>

Mazey Day Parade – time of parade to be confirmed

28<sup>th</sup>

**All clubs finish today**

28<sup>th</sup>

Cornwall Schools Games



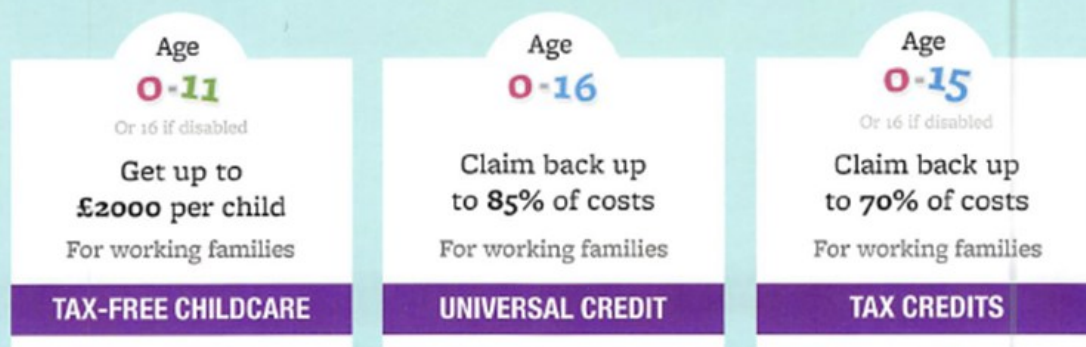


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# OPEN DAY

PERFORMING ARTS WORKSHOPS  
SATURDAY 15TH JUNE 9AM - 4PM

9am-9.30am Warm up

## Studio 1

- 9.30-10.30 Hip Hop/commercial (Ella and Kylie)
- 10.30-11.15 Drama (Sianne)
- 11.15-11.45 BREAK
- 11.45-12.45 Ballet and Jazz (Emaly)
- 12.45-1.30 LUNCH
- 1.30-2.15 Tap (Wendy)
- 2.15-2.30 BREAK
- 2.30-3.15 Contemporary (Charlotte)
- 3.15-4 Singing (Ella)

## Studio 2

- 9.30-10.15 Drama (ages 3-5 years) (Sianne)
- 10.15-10.30 BREAK
- 10.30-11 Singing (ages 3-5 years) (Ella)
- 11-11.30 BREAK
- 11.30-12 Ballet & Tap (ages 3-5 years) (Wendy)
- 12-12.30 Contemporary (ages 3-5 years) (Charlotte)
- 12.30-12.45 BREAK
- 12.45-1.15 Jazz (ages 3-5 years) (Emaly)