

Cornwall Eos Regional Hub Launch



As I am sure you are aware, we have been working really hard to move the school forward over a wide range of areas in light of the 360° Whole School Review published in April of last year. I am really proud of how far we have been able to move forward in a relatively short period of time by building upon the many strengths and unique character which defines our school.

When we look back across the year, there will inevitably be some weeks which stand out as being major milestones in our journey and I believe that the past few days will certainly stand out in this regard.

On Monday, Mrs O'Rourke and Mrs Knowles were recommended by external assessors to become Specialist Leaders in Education (SLEs). This is a national award which is highly regarded and much sought after and I am delighted that two of our staff have been recognised in this way for their undoubted individual abilities and talents. I am certain that both teachers would say that this is also a recognition of the hard work, achievements and support of the whole staff team. Mrs O'Rourke and Mrs Knowles will now deliver training and support schools interested in adopting a similar approach to teaching and learning.

As if this wasn't enough, you may remember our exciting news last term that, alongside Newlyn and Pensans schools as the Penlee Academy Trust, we had been approached by Eos Education about becoming a regional "hub". This means that other schools, interested in our teaching and learning and keen to find out what our REAL Project approach looks like in practice, would be able to visit us for open days and training.

Eos Education is a highly regarded and innovative alliance of schools which works with schools across Britain and further afield to help improve educational outcomes for all young people and ensure they are ready for the modern world. We were delighted that the work we have done in adapting their principles to our setting has been recognised in this way and we are proud to have been accredited as one of only six hubs across the country.

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, our three schools welcomed visitors from primary schools across Cornwall to the Cornwall Eos Regional Hub Launch. On Tuesday afternoon, more than thirty teachers and governors visited Alverton, where they enjoyed a workshop on challenge-based learning followed by the opportunity to tour the classrooms and experience challenge-based learning in action.

The feedback we have received has been overwhelmingly positive and full of praise for the things we are doing here. The children were amazing – there was a real buzz of learning and activity right across the school and once again we are so proud of them all. We must also say a big thank you to all of our staff who worked very hard to prepare for the event and who have been widely praised.

Well done to everyone involved. We are now looking forward with great anticipation to our next event!



Youth Speaks

Our fabulous Year 6 Youth Speaks teams took to the floor on Tuesday at Penwith College in the District round of the National Youth Speaks competition.



Youth Speaks is a national public speaking competition, run by the Rotary Club, which gives children the opportunity to work in teams to present a topic of their choice. Each team comprises a Speaker, who has to speak for three minutes on their subject, a Chairperson who leads the presentation and a Proposer of the Vote of Thanks. Their task is made even more challenging by having to answer a question raised by a member of the audience as they have no idea in advance what this might be.



This year, Alverton had three very talented teams taking part. Isobel (Speaker), Rose (Chair) and Polly (Proposer) spoke about Potatoes. Kensa (Speaker), Tilly (Chair) and Jack (Proposer) talked about Martial Arts while Piran (Speaker), Sofia (Chair) and Matilda (Proposer) talked about YouTube.

As anticipated, Nancledra School put up a strong fight and the final result saw the team from Nancledra and the Alverton team of Isobel, Rose and Polly move through to the next round.

Well done to all of the teams who were all incredibly impressive and who would all have been worthy competitors in the next round of the competition.



Reminder - Harry Potter Day

Thursday 4th February

Don't forget it's non uniform day next Thursday when everyone is dressing as a character from Harry Potter!



Reminder! Bag2school collection Wednesday 3rd February

Our collection is next Wednesday at 9am so please bring your bags into school on that morning. **Please don't bring them before 3rd February as we can't store them.** Thank you.



Advanced notice - Cancellation of clubs

There will be NO Science Club or Band on **Wednesday 10th February** due to staff training.

FOAS Valentine Disco

Help wanted please! Volunteers needed to help at the FOAS Disco on Thursday 11th February from 6-7pm in particular but also from 7.15-8.15pm. If you can spare some time, please let the office know.



Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers

Sainsburys are now giving out Active Kids vouchers when you shop there (one voucher for every £10 you spend). We are collecting them so please save them up and hand them in. Thanks to you last year we were able to get a large amount of play and sports equipment which the children have loved using.



Year 3/4 camp at Bude

A reminder that the total payment for Year 3/4 camp (£80 total) is due by **12th February**. Thank you to everyone who has paid so far.

You can pay as much or as little as you want anytime up to the final date. Don't forget you can go online to pay: schoolmoney.co.uk

LOST

Jermain in Kingfishers has lost his black and white wallet with one zip. Please check and hand in if found.

Headlice information session

Thank you to everyone who responded to the recent survey about headlice. We have arranged for a school nurse to come into school on **Tuesday 9th February** at 2.45pm to give a short talk on headlice and how to get rid of them.

The overwhelming majority of parents wished to have spot checks. Should you wish for your child not to be included, please let the office know as soon as possible.

Tuck

A reminder that tuck needs to be healthy so this does not include chocolate bars, sweets and crisps. Fruit is ideal but please use your common sense when deciding what to send your child in with.

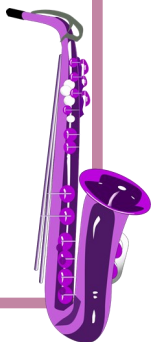


Musicians needed!

Is there anyone out there who can play a musical instrument and would like to play in our small band for 'Annie' next term?

The performances will be on 25th and 26th May. Please see Mrs Eddy if you know someone who is interested or email her on

leddy@alverton.cornwall.sch.uk



Twitter

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




STARS OF THE WEEK

Robins	Paige	for super confidence in school always having a hand up with an idea
Choughs	Bailey	for trying so hard in all areas of learning
Puffins	Mia	for being a kind and caring member of our class
Owls	Chelsey	for her continued effort with her handwriting
Kingfishers	Maddi	for her amazing Australian inspired artwork this week
Trencrom	Samson	for making a fabulous improvement in his reading
Lanyon	Jack	for showing resilience for getting his red badge
Kerris	Rhys	for the progress he has made in mental Maths
Bodrifty	Alfie S	for representing the school so brilliantly on our open day, talking with such enthusiasm
Bosigran	Chloe H	for her excellent attitude to all her learning. You are a star!
Kenidjack	Leo	for consistently excellent Maths test results
Dinnertime	Lily Rose	for always being polite and well mannered



CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Choughs	92.5%	6
Robins	93.5%	4
Puffins	90.9%	7
Owls	95.7%	3
Kingfishers 	98.6%	1
Trencrom	86.3%	9
Lanyon	88.4%	8
Kerris	93.3%	5
Bodrifty	84.8%	10
Bosigran	82.6%	11
Kenidjack	98.2%	2
Overall school attendance	91.0%	

Our collective target is 97.5%

DIARY DATES

February

- 4th Harry Potter Day - non uniform
- 5th Sharing assembly for Puffins at 2.45pm
- 11th FOAS Valentine Disco – details to follow
- 12th Sharing assembly for Choughs & Robins at 2.45pm
- 12th **School closes at normal time of 3.15pm for half term break**

Monday 15th to Friday 19th February – HALF TERM

PLEASE NOTE CLUBS CONTINUE AS NORMAL AFTER HALF TERM

- 26th Bosigran sharing assembly - **POSTPONED**

March

- 3rd St. Piran's concert – details to follow
- 3rd World Book Day
- 4th St. Piran's dance – details to follow
- 4th Sharing assembly for Trencrom at 2.45pm

