

Youth Speaks

Three teams of Year 6 children went to the Zennor Theatre at Penwith College on Tuesday to take part in the annual Youth Speaks competition. The team of George, Oli and Vinny spoke on 'Has the invention of the toilet had the greatest



impact on our lives?', Charlie N, Tom and Roisin's talk was 'How important is fitness and PE?' and Lily C, Jago and Sid's topic was 'Why everybody should sing'. They competed against several local schools and spoke

brilliantly. The team of Charlie, Tom and Roisin was victorious - a fantastic achievement. They will now go forward to the next round in a few weeks' time. Mr Hammond, Mrs Harman, Mrs O'Rourke, Mrs Wicks and Mr Higgs were extremely proud of them all and said they were a credit to the school.



Sporting Success

Indoor Athletics

On Monday both the Yr3/4 and Yr5/6 athletics teams went to Mounts Bay Academy to take part in the Indoor Athletics competition. They were amazing!

All 37 children performed incredibly in all events such as sprinting, throwing and jumping as well as three different types of relay. Both teams beat the nine other schools to take home the gold medals!

We were all incredibly proud! They now go through to the Spring Games in April to compete against the other regional finalists.

We have such talent here at Alverton School - well done to all involved. Pictured are our Year 3/4 with their medals.



Football

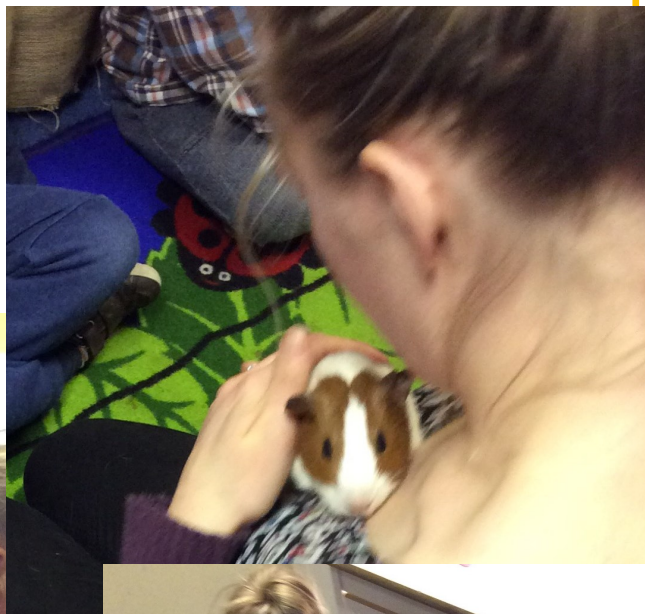
Our Year 5/6 boys team played St Hilary yesterday in a League match in very muddy conditions and won 2-1.

Our girls football team enjoyed taking part in a tournament at Mounts Bay Academy and won all their matches in the pouring rain.

Very well done to all our intrepid footballers!

Animal Antics!

This week we welcomed some new arrivals to Ducklings, Robins and Choughs. They are four beautiful guinea pigs, Pickle and Pumpkin who are weekly boarders at Ducklings, and Betsy and Red who will be living at Robins and Choughs (and going home for the weekend with Mrs Hanley). The Ducklings even made some clay models in their honour! Here they are getting to know the children.



Get to know our Governors

Helen Knowles

I am a Year 4 teacher at Alverton School and a Specialist Leader in Education for REAL Projects. I am particularly interested in the use of technology to help create 21st Century learners. I love all things creative and am a dab hand with a paint brush!



Digital Dangers

If you would like parental information on Social Media platforms we have some handy parent guides which can be found on our website under the online safety tab. We have included one example of these, Instagram, as part of this Friday News.

Reading Newsletter

Raising enthusiasm for, and standards in, reading are whole-school priorities. Please see the attached Reading Newsletter which, this month, describes the different ways in which we promote and teach reading.

Dance club - change of date

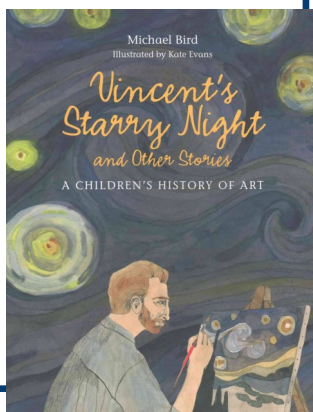
Due to setting up for the FOAS Valentine Disco on **Thursday 8th February**, there will be no Dance Club that day. It will run on Monday 5th February instead just for that week.

Support and advice

Sue Cripps, a family support worker, will be holding a drop-in session for parents on **Friday 2nd February** at 2.30pm. If you would like some advice or just to speak to her about behaviour, sleep or any other issues, please come along.

Book talk

Please join author Michael Bird at Morrab Library on **Saturday 3rd February**, from 10.30am, to talk about his new book '*Vincent's Starry Night and Other Stories*'. This is a free event and families, children & adults are all welcome.



Puffins assembly - change of date

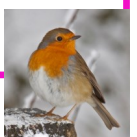
Puffins assembly, which was to have been held on 17th March, has now been postponed until the summer term. New date to follow.

Year 3/4 camp at Bude (10th-11th May)

A reminder that ALL payments for Year 3/4 camp at Bude (£90 total) need to be made by **9th February at the latest**. This is because Adventure International ask for their final invoice to be paid at that time.

Can we help you?

Mrs Daylak, who many of you know as she has been teaching our younger children for some time now, is available to meet any parents who might have questions or concerns about their child's attendance (including absences and holidays) or would simply like a chat about anything which might be affecting their child in school. She can be found in Robins classroom on Mondays after school until 4pm.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Choughs	Riley	for huge effort in every area of school life
Robins	Seren	for working so hard especially at Phonics
Puffins	Lilly	for working so hard to improve her writing
Owls	Kaelan	for being a kind & thoughtful friend
Kingfishers	Jackson	for fantastic story writing this week
Trencrom	Gabriele	for fabulous story writing—you are such a talented writer
Lanyon	Max	for showing real determination in his application to learning on a daily basis
Kerris	Phoebe	for showing huge commitment & determination at hockey club
Bodrifty	Taylor	for fantastic work in Maths & a hard working attitude to everything
Bosigran	Alexis	for fantastic focus in Maths this week—especially the test
Kenidjack	Oli	for stepping up to the challenge of taking over a Youth Speaks place
Dinnertime	Cora P	for always having lovely manners
	Alba	for always having lovely manners
PE Star	Sid	for always giving 100% during football matches. A superstar!



Go Active after school provision can be contacted on **07843 126833**.

Twitter


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



Lost

Freddie in Kenidjack has lost his named 9-11 years red zipped top. Isabella in Lanyon has one black school shoe of the wrong size which has accidentally been swapped for another one. Please check and hand in if found.

CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Choughs		99.1%	1
Robins		96.1%	6
Puffins		97.0%	4
Owls		97.9%	3
Kingfishers		95.7%	8
Trencrom		87.9%	11
Lanyon		93.3%	10
Kerris		98.1%	2
Bodrifty		96.0%	7
Bosigran		93.8%	9
Kenidjack		96.6%	5
Overall school attendance		95.5%	

Our collective target is 96.5%

DIARY DATES

February

- 2nd Sharing assembly for Trencrom at 2.45pm
- 8th FOAS Valentine Disco – details to follow
- 9th Sharing assembly for Choughs & Robins at 2.45pm
- 9th **School closes at normal time of 3.15pm for half term break**

Monday 12th to Friday 16th February – HALF TERM

PLEASE NOTE CLUBS CONTINUE AS NORMAL AFTER HALF TERM

March

- 1st World Book Day & Book Oscars
- 2nd Sharing assembly for Kingfishers at 2.45pm
- 5th St. Piran's dance for Year 6 – details to follow
- 9th Sharing assembly for Owls at 2.45pm
- 12th-14th Parent Consultations – appointment times will be booked online

