



DEVORAN NEWS

Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and that you were able to rest and recharge. The last week of term was an exceptionally busy one with the PTCA organising the discos for all classes as well as a wonderful Easter Egg Hunt around the school grounds. It was so lovely to see both of these events being well supported by our families, so thank you for helping to raise important funds for our school. The PTCA AGM is coming up on Monday 24th April at 5:30pm in school and you are very welcome to attend to find out more about the PTCA whilst also hearing ways we plan to use the money to support our children and families.

Year Two had a very special trip to The Minack Theatre to make links with their History learning based around Rowena Cade and her journey in creating the outdoor theatre. The children gained a lot of knowledge about an important Cornish person who has impacted Cornwall and they were very lucky with the weather!

On Tuesday afternoon, Mrs Clay invited the Pen Pals Club to meet with their respective Pen Pals from the community for an afternoon tea party. It was a very special intergenerational event that brought members of the school and wider community together. If you know of anyone who might be interested in becoming a Pen Pal, please do get in touch with school via the school office.

Foundation Stage also had a great afternoon making their Easter Gardens with their friends and family members. It was lovely to invite the adults into school to see what the children get up to – they certainly knew the Easter Story very well!

Sadly, due to the adverse weather, we had to postpone our Easter visit to the church, but we hope to visit the church at some point this term to continue developing our community links.

Best wishes

Miss Lock

Rotary Club Young Writers Competition

Congratulations to Teddy, Morley and Ella who all received certificates for their Young Writers Entries to the Rotary competition. It was lovely to invite Peter Bayly from the Rotary Club to come and present the certificates to the children in our assembly before the end of term.



Pastoral Update from Mrs Churcher

We completed the Schools Health Education Surveys this term with Years 4, 5 and 6 and I will share the results of those with you when I get access to them. These results will help us to see how our school compares to others in Cornwall and nationally, for things like pupil wellbeing and health issues, so that should be really interesting.

Next term, the Anti-bullying Ambassadors will be launching the Ambassador Box which will be situated by the office (they will come around to classes to talk about it in the first few weeks of term). It is to encourage pupil voice and allows for children to share worries, thoughts and ideas that the ambassadors will look through on a weekly basis (all entries must be named for SG reasons). The Ambassadors are also in the process of creating a Playground Buddies system and they have been working on a t-shirt design for the Playground Buddies to wear so that they can be clearly identified outside. They will also start recruiting some new Ambassadors and we hope to have some younger ambassadors join our team too!

I am continuing to run wellbeing intervention groups for children next term. Please don't hesitate to get in touch via the school office if you would like any support or to discuss any pastoral concerns around your child.

Sporting News

Cross Country

What a fantastic week of running before the Easter holidays. We are so proud of all the children that took part. The semi-finals of the cross country were held at Helston College on Monday 27th March. This was a very competitive event with the top 20 going through to the finals. There was a huge effort by all the children with two of our pupils coming 2nd. The finals were then held just 3 days after at Newquay Sports Centre on Thursday 30th March. The finals had all the top runners and there were some very speedy children - our Devoran pupils did brilliantly at both events; there were some nerves at the starting lines but as soon as they said "go", the children shot off and ran with confidence. It was really great to see the Devoran spirit with all the children cheering each other on. A great experience for the runners and the spectators. All the children should be very proud of themselves.

Here are some of the children's comments:

"I really enjoyed it, I like it when we go up loads of hills" Issy from Yr 4

"It was really busy, quite windy but I enjoyed it" Seb Yr 4

"It was exciting and I was quite nervous as there was loads of people there" William Yr 4

"It was fun. It was very nerve wracking at first but as soon as you got started you felt a lot better and felt proud of yourself at the end" Charlotte, Flora and Vivi Yr 5

"It was fun, it was hard, there were lots of people there" by Jack Yr 5

"I think it was great fun and definitely worth doing if you like running and you enjoy it" by Benjy Yr 5

"I really enjoyed it, even though I didn't win, I still enjoyed it" By Isla G Yr 5

See photos of the semi-final and final on the next page!

Semi Finals at Helston Community College:



Finals at Newquay Sports Centre:





Devoran Wraparound Newsletter



(17/04/2023)

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We had an incredibly busy half term at wraparound. We have celebrated Pancake Day, International Day of the Woman, World Mental Health Week, Red Nose Day and now Easter.

The children have enjoyed a wide range of activities and being outside when the pesky rain didn't get in the way.

The theme for Children's Mental Health Week 2023 took place from 6-12 February 2023 was Let's Connect. Children thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. To show our compassion, we made puzzle pieces that represented us individually and showed how we fit together.

We hope you enjoy looking at the Photo Gallery to see everything we've been up to. There is now also a photo display board in the hall called 'This is Us' where you can see more of our activities.

For Red Nose Day the children designed their own red noses and two winners were chosen. A big congratulations to our winners!

Upcoming Events

This half term we will be looking at the Kings Coronation, Earth Day, St George's Day, Space Day, International Day of the Family and much more.

Wraparound Sessions

Each week the number of children we have attended who are not booked in either via ParentPay or email is increasing rapidly. This makes planning for the children, staff organisation, food preparation and collection of the children from the classrooms increasingly tricky. **Please ensure you are booking children's places either via the ParentPay app or directly with myself via email or Dojo.** I will repost the how to book video on Dojo this week as a refresher. Please ensure when booking you select the specific date and session to your booking rather than just adding money to the account otherwise we do not know to expect the children.

Breakfast Club opens at 7:45 as this is the time our insurance starts. We are unable to accept children into the hall before this time. Breakfast stops being served at 8:20 to allow the children enough time to eat, and staff enough time to clean the breakfast area and use the kitchen washing facilities before the start of the school day to make sure we are not impacting on PE in the Hall as well as the preparation of lunches.

After School Club ends at 6pm as this is when our insurance stops. The hall is also in use for other activities on an evening so leaving promptly by 6pm allows for the hall to be cleaned and set up ready for the next users.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation with these matters.

Wraparound Survey Results

Following the Wraparound Survey conducted a short time ago after half term we will set out a dedicated homework table where children can sit and complete homework should they choose to.

We will also be looking into the purchasing of more bean bags and cushions to extend our quiet spaces.

Currently the opening time for Breakfast Club will remain at 7:45 as we can't get the school unlocked before this time.



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Just like when puzzle pieces connect together to make one picture, when we feel connected to the things and those we care about, it might make us feel more confident, improve our mood and change the way we think about things.
Ricky Martin,
Place2Be Ambassador



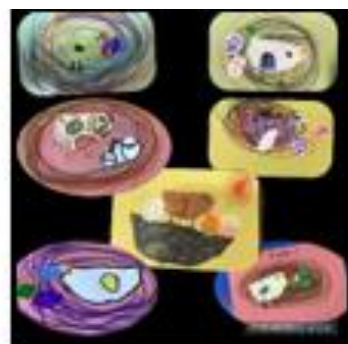


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