

CEO Newsletter May 2018

It was an absolute joy to see our Helston schools take part in Flora Day. Everyone looked wonderful in their white outfits. The staff looked pretty impressive too. It is important that we honour the traditions of our community and this event is a really good way of doing just that.

Congratulations to Mrs Anne Fishwick of Mullion Primary School who has been appointed as a Maths Mastery Specialist. She will continue to work in Mullion Primary School and train along with the Cornwall and Devon Maths Hub to embed the maths mastery approach in the school. This is a very prestigious position and we are really excited by this opportunity. Her training will begin in September and will benefit all children in the school. The following year, she will support other schools in the area who have newly appointed maths mastery specialists of their own.

In addition to this, several of our schools are involved in the Maths 'Strength in Numbers' project providing training for Teachers and Teaching Assistants which will enhance our teaching of Maths across the Trust.

We have ongoing support and training events for our Assistant Headteachers – the most recent of these has been focused on examining and harnessing school data. It is also a good opportunity for them to network with other colleagues from across the Trust and share learning.

Well done to all our Y6 pupils who have shown such a great attitude to the SATs papers. We are so proud of all of them. The GCSEs and A levels are well underway too. We wish our pupils every success over the rest of the examination period which continues 25th June.



Leigh Yates, who has been a stalwart in fund raising for Porthleven School and more recently organising fund raising opportunities for our Trust, has been awarded Pirate FM Fundraiser of the Year at the Local Heroes Awards 2018. Congratulations to her!



Congratulations to Parc Eglos Stripes for achieving another first in the school's footballing history! Not only have they won their second county trophy of the season (the Rosewarne Shield) they did so in some style, triumphing in their West area final against Mount Hawke 3 - 0 and the Cornwall Schools' final against Newquay Junior School 7 - 0. As the organisers presented the boys with the shield, they said they had not seen such a complete team performance for many, many years. Well done to everyone.

Congratulations to Trannack for winning this year's Smaller Schools' Football League on Monday evening. Well done to them! The organisers wish to thank the staff at Helston Community College for allowing them to use their all-weather pitch for both primary leagues this year.

Breage School has had a visit from Winston the Waste Eater, part of an outreach programme from Biffa to let children know about waste collection and recycling. The younger children were allowed to clamber all over the cab and push buttons and the driver, Chris, was brilliant in answering questions and explaining his job to the children. Biffa are really keen to get out into schools to show Winston off – so watch this space!



As part of the Archbishop of Canterbury's 'Thy Kingdom Come' initiative to use the time between Ascension and Pentecost to reflect on the importance of prayer in our lives, a group of Year 4, 5 and 6 children from Breage School wrote a prayer based on the Thy Kingdom Come prayer journal. Radio Cornwall invited them to take part in the Sunday breakfast show. Ari, Macara and Mr Orme were live on the show for about 15 minutes to read the prayer, share their own school blessing and to talk about what prayer means at Breage School. If you'd like to listen in follow the link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p065hc37> and scroll to 2 hours and 19 minutes.

Congratulations to the Signing Choir from Porthleven who took part in the National Signing Choir Competition in Kent. The 40 children from both primary and secondary looked incredibly professional and definitely put Cornwall on the map. The audience loved them as did the judges who couldn't agree on who the winners should be and actually asked for extra time to consider. The choir were awarded second place although one judge confided they were his favourites! The choir are thrilled! They are really grateful to other choir members who, though not taking part in Kent, helped raise the money for the choir to go.

In closing, I want to pay tribute to Mark Wilkin who sadly lost his life in a motorbike accident on Bank Holiday weekend. Mark taught many of our children drum lessons. To many he was more than their music teacher – a real role model who they looked up to and admired. He was loved by the children and will be missed by many children, staff and parents. Our thoughts are with his family and friends.

With all best wishes



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