

Mawnan CE VA Primary School Newsletter



Using our God-given gifts to let our light shine



Friday 10th May 2024

Our core
Christian Values:
*Compassion,
Hope, Peace,
Perseverance,
Respect, Trust*

Year 6 SATs

Next week is a very important week for our Year 6 children, as they will be sitting their SATs tests. This is a crucial time for our children, and we all want to extend our best wishes to these exceptional individuals.

Throughout this academic year, our Year 6 students have consistently impressed us with their dedication to learning and their unwavering commitment to always giving their best effort. Their hard work and perseverance have truly paid off, and they are well-prepared for the challenges that lie ahead during the SATs week.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to our Year 6 team - Miss Prosser, Miss Moon and Mrs Moon. Their dedication and support have played a significant role in ensuring that Dart Class is fully prepared and confident as they approach the SATs. Moreover, they have continued to provide our children with a rich and engaging curriculum that goes way beyond SATs preparation.

I am immensely proud of our Year 6 cohort, and I have no doubt that they will all showcase their talents and abilities during the SATs and use their God-given gifts to let their lights shine brightly!

MPS Society Awareness – Wear it Blue Day!

Next Friday (17th) is Wear it Blue Day at Mawnan. We warmly invite all our children to come to school dressed in their favourite blue sporty attire. We will be having a collection at the gate to raise money to support the MPS Society, an organisation that is particularly close to our Mawnan School Family.

The MPS Society plays a vital role in supporting children and families affected by ultra-rare diseases like Sanfilippo Syndrome, which our very own Stan from Dart Class has. It is a cause that resonates deeply with our community, and we encourage everyone to contribute generously.

Please note that as Oppie and Topper Class will be enjoying an exciting day at Trebah Garden, the Wear it Blue Day activities will be exclusively for our Key Stage 2 children. Nevertheless, we look forward to a day filled with fun, active challenges, and a collective effort to make a positive impact.



Cricket League

Our cricket team's unwavering spirit and dedication have once again shone through as they emerged victorious in the Penry Partnership Cricket League. The scoreline of Mawnan vs Penryn, 99-16, speaks volumes about their exceptional performance. Next week, they are setting their sights on reaching that coveted 100-run mark, and we wish them the very best in their pursuit of excellence!

Parade of US Military Vehicles

We have only just heard that on Wednesday 15th May at 6 for 6.30pm a parade of US Military Vehicles will drive through Mawnan Smith to Trebah as part of the celebrations for the 80th anniversary of the D-Day Landings.

It should be brilliant and the organisers (who are all in their eighties) would really appreciate a big crowd! Parents and children might like to come along with flags to wave and watch the procession. It is a reconstruction of the famous photo which a lot of people will have seen at Trebah and also shown in Sylvia King's iconic archive records. The plan is to line the road from the Red Lion.

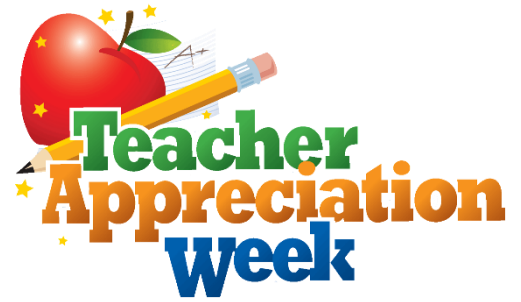
Gardening Club Sale

Thank you to all who came and supported our Gardening Club Sale last Wednesday. The sale of our own grown range of herbs - oregano, chives, lemon verbena parsley and more, raised a fantastic £88. This will go towards a new planting scheme running alongside the polytunnel. Planting starts next week!

We still have a lot of school grown parsley and chives for sale. Contact Zinnia or one of our Garden Angels: Molly, Evie, Bonnie and Matthew if you'd like to buy some.

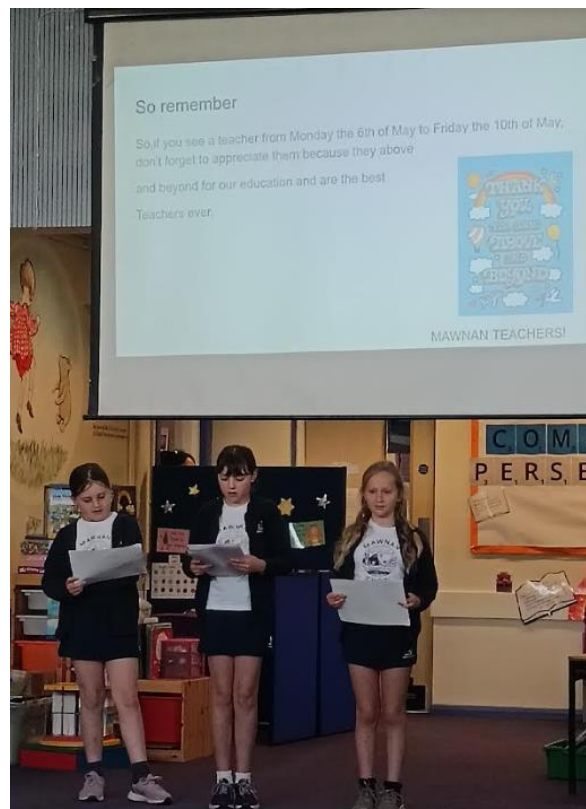
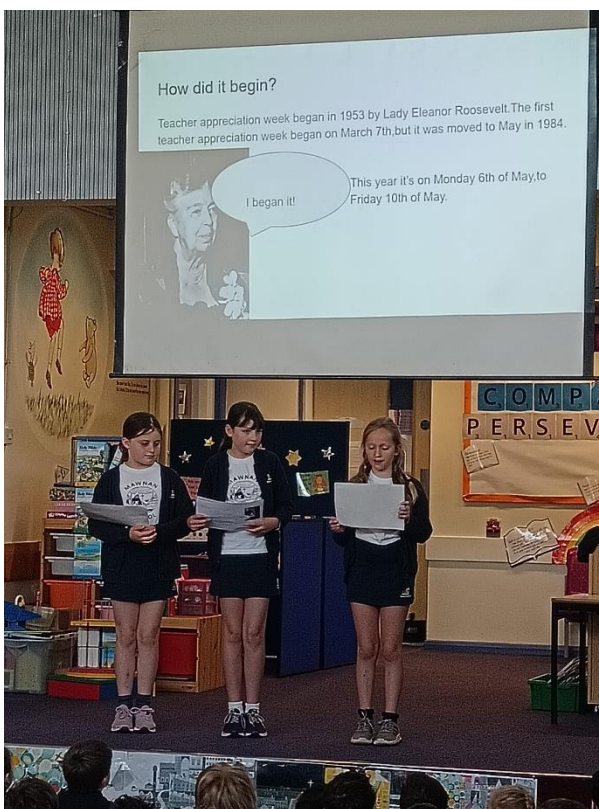


Teacher Appreciation Week



This week is teacher appreciation week, and this morning, we were treated to a brilliant child-led assembly from Bonnie, Evie, and Molly. The girls did an exceptional job of celebrating and appreciating all of the adults at Mawnan School.

Their assembly was a heartwarming reminder of the profound impact our teachers and staff have on our children's lives. The girls' presentation highlighted the countless ways that the adults at Mawnan go above and beyond to ensure our children receive a well-rounded education. They acknowledged the dedication and passion our educators bring to the classroom every day, creating engaging lessons that ignite curiosity and a love for learning.



'Dear God,

Help us to appreciate our teachers here at Mawnan School and join together for this great time, because they deserve it.'



Bonnie, Evie and Molly

Year 5 Bowls

This afternoon our Year 5s were lucky enough to be invited to Mawnan Bowling club. They were absolute naturals and had such fun learning how to Bowl in the sunshine!



Mawnan Secret Postcard Event

ALMOST HERE!!!

The Mawnan secret postcard project is almost upon us! The exhibition will be held in the beautiful gardens of Carwinion House. Original postcards have been donated from artists far and wide and will all be sold anonymously for the same price. Please join us for an amazing fundraising event for the school. Everybody welcome.

Please RSVP (free event):

<https://buytickets.at/mawnansecretpostcardproject/1190342>

There is still time to get your postcards in, tell your artist friends and spread the word!

Blank Postcards available in School Office.

MAWNAN SECRET POSTCARD PROJECT EXHIBITION



**THE WALLED GARDEN,
CARWINION HOUSE, MAWNAN SMITH**

THURSDAY 23RD MAY 2024

**4.30 PM PREVIEW OPENS
6.00 PM SALES BEGIN**

ALL POSTCARDS £10

BAR, FOOD, SCAVENGER HUNT

PLEASE RSVP (FREE ENTRY):
[HTTPS://BUYTICKETS.AT/MAWNANSECRETPOSTCARDPROJECT/1190342](https://buytickets.at/mawnansecretpostcardproject/1190342)

ENQUIRIES: POSTCARDPROJECT@MAWNANSCHOOL.COM

CAKE & DESSERT DONATIONS WANTED FOR THE SECRET POSTCARD PROJECT



Kindly bring into school on
Thursday 23rd May

*Donations will help add to our funds for
our new school library! Thank you!*

Attendance Matters!

Attendance and Absence Reporting

If your child is absent from school, please ensure that you contact the school office by 9:00 a.m. on the first day of absence, providing the reason for their absence. Accurate record-keeping of absences is essential, as they are documented in your child's report. Unauthorised absences and persistent lateness will be reported to the Local Authority's Attendance and Welfare Officer for further support and action.




Holidays during Term Time

Family holidays during term time cannot be authorised. Please refrain from booking any flights or travel arrangements until you have discussed the absence with Miss Pridmore. Under current legislation, parents/guardians taking their children on unauthorised holidays during term time may be subject to a fixed penalty fine. We aim to avoid such situations and kindly request your cooperation in this matter.

If you decide to proceed with an unauthorised absence, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. The school may refer the matter to Cornwall Council, who may initiate legal action against you. A penalty notice can be issued under Sections 444A and 444B of the Education Act 1996, carrying a fine per child, per parent, of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the penalty notice may result in court action. Persistent unauthorised absences may lead to prosecution in the Magistrates Court, potentially resulting in fines up to £2,500 and/or custodial sentences. The Council may also seek to recover the costs incurred in taking the matter to court.

We have recently received a visit from our Educational Welfare Officer, who has expressed concern over the number of unauthorised holidays taken during term time. Please carefully consider the implications before taking your children out of school during term time. Continued unauthorised absences will not only impact learning but may also raise questions about the school's management from the Educational Welfare Officer and Ofsted.



A peak simultaneous player count of almost 500,000   It's safe to say that Helldivers 2 has taken the games industry by storm, attracting a wide array of fans from all over the world and – more importantly – from various age groups. Many young gamers are actively playing this title, both with friends and with strangers via online multiplayer – despite the game's 18+ rating .

Unfortunately, the gore and violence of Helldivers 2 (combined with its in-game purchases and the ability to play with unfamiliar people online) present significant online safety concerns for its younger players. This Wake up Wednesday, our guide explores these issues in detail and advises on minimising the risks to children and young people.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about HELLDIVERS 2

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Within weeks of release, Helldivers 2 had become one of 2024's biggest gaming success stories. The sequel to a top-down shooter from 2015 has smashed sales expectations, owing to its frantic gameplay and tongue-in-cheek humour. However, the game comes with several risks to younger players, as indicated by its 18+ rating.



PEGI 18 RATING



Due to its intense violence and the presence of in-game purchases, Helldivers 2 carries a PEGI 18 rating. While players are generally fighting fantastical enemies like giant bugs and robots, their characters can be killed in various gruesome ways, up to and including dismemberment. It's certainly worth considering whether such a game is appropriate for younger players.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

In Helldivers 2, players can use real money to buy in-game currency, with which they can unlock cosmetics and new weapons. At the time of writing, all the in-game items can be acquired without spending so much as a penny – but excited young players wanting to keep up with their friends may still feel the temptation to purchase new weapons more quickly, rather than laboriously earning the in-game currency through play.

VOICE CHAT AND MESSAGING

Helldivers 2 is always played online with others, who often use voice chat or in-game texts to coordinate, strategise or just joke around. This does mean that children who play without their friends will be put in contact with strangers. Unfortunately, this represents a roll of the dice, as the game can't control how people treat each other online. However, you can easily report other players for abusive behaviour via the game's 'Social' tab.

FRUSTRATION TRIGGER

The thrill of barely scraping through a dangerous mission in one piece is integral to Helldivers 2's appeal. To accentuate this feeling of achievement, the game includes some very difficult levels that could prove to be too hard for some players – even those who are legitimately old enough to play. Losing streaks can be incredibly annoying, so repeatedly failing in missions could easily provoke frustration or anger in younger players.

LACK OF ACCESS



The game is available on PC and PS5, but not (as yet) on other consoles. Some people will naturally be disappointed they can't get involved and might look for similar alternatives to play on their own console – alternatives which may contain similar levels of violence and gore but lack the same balanced approach to user misconduct and in-game purchases as Helldivers 2.

Advice for Parents & Educators

GIVE IT A GO FIRST



Helldivers 2 is a third-person shooter with intentionally humorous elements, but much of its comedy is rooted in satire which may go over the heads of some players. Consider playing the game first yourself – while shooting bugs and robots feels too unrealistic to be upsetting, seeing your character get torn to pieces may be too much for young players.

SET EXPECTATIONS



At the time of writing, Helldivers 2 costs £34.99. It could turn out to be an expensive and wasteful purchase if a player gets irritated and gives up shortly after receiving the game. If a young person tends to become frustrated easily, it's worth considering whether Helldivers 2 is really the game for them.

CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES



If playing on Xbox – where Helldivers 2 isn't available – consider something like Halo: The Master Chief Collection as an alternative. One of its game modes – Firefight – replicates Helldivers' mechanics to some degree. Alternatively, younger players may be better suited to the more light-hearted Deep Rock Galactic, which sees them play as fantasy dwarves in space, involving far less gruesome violence.

KEEP AN EYE ON PAYMENTS



Many titles offer in-game purchases, but Helldivers 2's are comparatively cheap. You'll still need to monitor your payment information (or use a prepaid card on the account), in case your child buys the in-game currency in bulk; on the whole, however, the game's selling methods are far less egregious than most similar titles on the market.

MONITOR COMMUNICATION & ADJUST SETTINGS



Thanks to an in-game "Ping" system (allowing players to highlight important details without speaking), communication isn't as integral to Helldivers 2 as it is in other games. You can turn off the chat options in-game on PC, or on the PS5's own settings, and feel more secure in the knowledge that your child won't be speaking to people they don't know.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Editor in Chief of GGRecon, and has been working in the games media industry for five years. As well as being an avid long-time gamer, he is also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his work has been published on sites including IGN, TechRadar and many more.



Household Support Fund Changes 2024/25

The entitlement criteria for automatic payments from the Household Support Fund is changing.

In order to be entitled to a payment from the Household Support Fund scheme in 2024, you must be responsible for at least one child and on 3rd June 2024 either:

- be entitled to Council Tax Support or
- have been placed in emergency accommodation by the Council

You will receive £80 per child. If you are already in receipt of Council Tax Support, then you don't have to do anything else – you will receive your payment automatically.

To find out if you are eligible for Council Tax Support, please check the information here <https://www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators> .

You can make a claim for Council Tax Support by using this link <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/council-tax-support/apply-for-council-tax-support/>

It is important that you submit your application by 31st May 2024.

You may also be entitled to help from the Household Support Fund via one of the Household Support Fund partners. Their details can be found here <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/household-support-fund/>

Why have we made this change?

Because entitlement to Free school meals has been protected since 2018, parents of children who are entitled to free school meals aren't always still on a low income. By using our Council Tax Support data, we can ensure that the Household Support Fund awards are going to parents who currently have a low income and are struggling with the increased costs of running their home. By better targeting the awards, we are able to help families with children of any age, rather than just school age children.

Families of children in receipt of free school meals can still access help through the Time2Move holiday programme. This scheme offers fun physical activities, games and wider activities plus a meal for all children during the main school holiday periods.

Penryn College Rising Stars – Rugby Programme

After the successful rugby academy offer last month, the PE & Lifestyles team have decided to offer additional sessions **for year 6 students** who will be joining Penryn College in September. There is no cost for these sessions as it forms part of our 'pre-season' sport offer we provide our current students. **We would really love to encourage students who do not play community club rugby to also attend.**

Can you challenge your club rugby players to all bring 2/3 friends along! It will prove a great way to build confidence towards the students joining in September. This year 56 year 7s played rugby for Penryn College, only 11 were playing club rugby beforehand!!

You can sign up using the following link.

<https://forms.office.com/e/WSu1YDsHKb>




PENRYN COLLEGE RISING STARS RUGBY PROGRAMME

Invitation to year 6 students who will be joining Penryn College in September 2024

We are excited to kick off our pre- season sport programme with an opportunity for year 6 students. As well as players already playing in the community we want to encourage girls & boys who are new to the game. No previous experience required! This will be a great way to make friends before the new school year.

Skills such as, running, passing, how to beat a defender, kicking, will all be worked on during these sessions. Tuesday's 4:30-5:30pm- Penryn College STP pitch (Studs & trainers required)

Your teacher will share with you the sign up link



Dates to Remember 2024

<u>2024 Dates</u>	<u>Event</u>
19 th April – 24 th May	Friday CST Sailing lessons – Term 1 (6 Sessions)
Fri 17 th May	Wear it Blue – MPS Society Awareness
Thurs 23 rd May	Mawnan Secret Postcard Exhibition – 4:30pm
27 th – 31 st May	May Half Term
7 th June – 5 th July	Friday CST Sailing lessons – Term 2 (5 Sessions)
Sun 16 th June	National Garden Scheme Open Garden
19 th – 21 st June	Year 4 & 5 BF Adventure School Camp
26 th – 28 th June	Year 6 Porthpean School Camp
Fri 5 th July	Sports Day
Fri 12 th July	Sports Day (reserve date)
22 nd – 24 th July	School Closure Days
Thurs 25 th July	School Summer Holiday

All dates and events can be found on our School website Calendar:
<https://www.mawnanschool.com/web/calendar/430674>

New all age service

4@4 - every 4th Sunday

at 4pm at St Michael's



Café style
with refreshments

After hearing from the Bible, chose between discussing what you have heard, a craft activity, or having some quiet reflection time.



Something for everyone – everyone is welcome



First service:
Sunday 26th May –
The Helper Arrives

St Michael's Church, Carwinion Road, Mawnan Smith TR11 5JF
stmawnan.org – stmawnan@gmail.com



FALMOUTH
UNIVERSITY

Community day

SATURDAY 1 JUNE

10-4PM

FALMOUTH CAMPUS

CREATIVE WORKSHOPS TALKS
CHILDREN'S ART CLASSES GARDEN TOURS
CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT LIVE MUSIC
STREET FOOD LAWN GAMES
GRADUATE EXHIBITIONS STUDENT ART SALE



**ALL
ACTIVITIES
ARE FREE**