

# Mawnan CE VA Primary School Newsletter



*Using our God-given gifts to let our light shine*



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

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023

We have had a very productive and eventful first week of this half term.

The classes have launched into their new learning expenditure the details of which can be found on the class pages on the website. As always, we are very impressed with the children's enthusiasm for learning. They really let their lights shine!



## Upcoming Events

Please put these dates in your diaries:

### March 2023

**Fri 3rd: World Book Day**

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup>: St Piran's Parade – Year 6**

**Tues 7<sup>th</sup>: Year 2 SATs Meeting**

**Thurs 9<sup>th</sup>: School Disco - tbc**

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup>: Comic Relief Day**

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup>: Iranian New Year**

**Tues 21<sup>st</sup>: Down Syndrome Awareness Day**

**Tues 21<sup>st</sup>: Class Photos**

## Attendance

This week, **one** of our classes reached our attendance target of 98% this week.

Oppie – 96.30% 1 - late

Topper – 99.31% 0 - late

Pico – 97.10% 0 - late

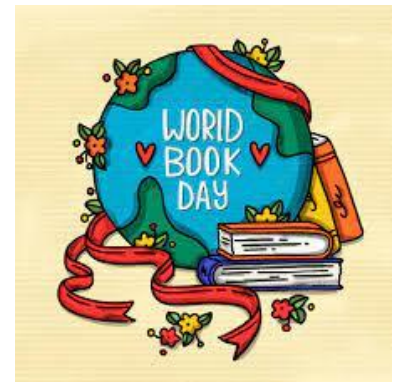
Fusion – 97.86% 0 - late

Dart – 94.50% 0 - late

Well done Topper Class for having the highest attendance this week.

# WORLD BOOK DAY Reminder

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 3rd March (we have moved the date because Y3 and Y4 swim on a Thursday plus there is planned industrial action on Thursday 2nd March).



In reality, every day is world book day at Mawnan School! We put high quality books at the heart of the Mawnan curriculum to ensure that our children develop a love of reading from an early age, as reading is the key to successful learning.

We want to take this opportunity to thank you all for supporting your child with reading at home. **On Friday 3rd March**, we would love it if the children came in dressed up as their favourite character from a book. Please try to keep it simple and try your very best to reuse and recycle rather than buying anything new.

## Youth Speaks

Following their initial win in the Falmouth & Penryn Youth Speaks competition, our team travelled to Penwith College this week to compete against the West Cornwall District.

All six teams that competed were at an exceptionally high standard and proved tough competition. However, our Mawnan team let their lights shine brightly and came away in joint 1st place with Perran-ar-Worthal School.



This means that they will now move to the third and final round, to compete against the top teams from Devon and Cornwall. We are incredibly proud of their hard work, determination and well-deserved success. Best of luck for the final competition girls!!



## St Piran

We will also be celebrating St Piran's Day next week. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the patron saint of Cornwall and Tin Miners and the magical tale behind Cornwall's most famous day which is in English with a Cornish translation.

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March Dart Class will be representing our school at the St Piran's Parade in Falmouth.

The Year 6's had the opportunity to practice some Cornish Dancing this afternoon.

Gool Peran Lowen!

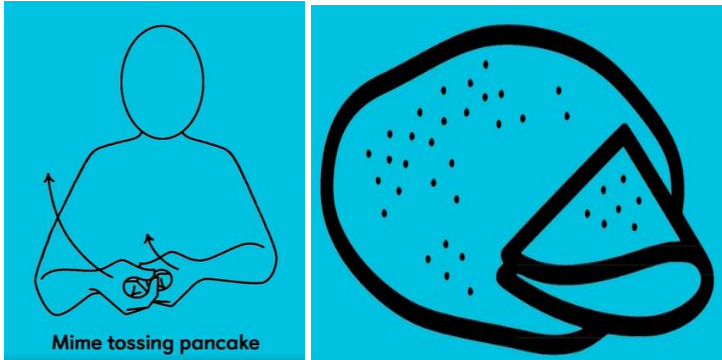




## Makaton sign of the week



The sign and symbol of the week is 'Pancake'



## Breakfast club

We are delighted that our breakfast club continues to be so popular and helpful to you.

If you would like your child to attend please email or phone the school office with your request. Payments for Breakfast club need to be made through Parent Pay.

Breakfast club starts at 8am. Please do not send your child into school before 8am as the staff will be preparing the food and will not be in the hall to supervise the children. We need to tidy up and get the children into class by 8:40am so we need to **stop preparing food at 8:15am.**

## Year 4, 5 & 6 Camp

This Year our three-day school camp for Key stage 2 will take place May 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> at Canoe Cornwall, Pill Farm <https://canoecornwall.org.uk/>.

Payment is to be made via ParentPay as follows:

Year 4 & 5 - £155.00

Year 6 - £165.00

Payments can be made in installments and the full amount is due by the 10/03/2023.



## Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent Teacher Meetings will be taking place the week commencing Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

Google forms will be sent out via email soon. Please ensure you make a note of the date and time of your Parent Teacher appointment.

## KS1 SATs meeting for Year 2 Parents

We would like to invite you to a meeting regarding the KS1 SATs. It will be held in Topper class on **Tuesday 7th March at 3:30pm**. This information session will allow you to understand how we are preparing the children for SATs, what the expectations are, how you can support your child and to answer any questions you may have. We will also have sample past papers for you to have a look at.

There will be another member of staff in school to provide childcare, if they are not already at a club on that day, so that you can attend the meeting.

## KS1 SATs meeting for Year 6 Parents

We would like to invite you to a meeting regarding the Year SATs. It will be held in Dart class on **Tuesday 14th March at 3:30pm**. This information session will allow you to understand how we are preparing the children for SATs, what the expectations are, how you can support your child and to answer any questions you may have. We will also have sample past papers for you to have a look at.

There will be another member of staff in school to provide childcare, if they are not already at a club on that day, so that you can attend the meeting.

## Year 6 SATs

### Message from the Standard and Testing Agency about Year 6 SATs timetable change.

An additional bank holiday in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will take place on Monday 8 May 2023. As this date had previously been announced as the first day of the 2023 key stage 2 (KS2) test week in England, a change to the KS2 test schedule next year will be necessary.

Ministers have considered the situation carefully and have decided that KS2 tests will take place in the same week with tests following the usual order but each taking place one day later than originally planned. As such, the new schedule will be:

- Tuesday 9 May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)
- Wednesday 10 May: English reading paper
- Thursday 11 May: mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)
- Friday 12 May: mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)

The KS2 timetable variation (TTV) window for each assessment will also move back one day, in accordance with this change.

There will be no changes to arrangements for our other assessments, including KS2 teacher assessments, key stage 1 tests and teacher assessments, the phonics screening check and the multiplication tables check. Dates and deadlines for these assessments remain as previously announced.

# Attendance

The children's education has been severely disrupted over the past few years due to the pandemic so good school attendance is even more important.

We do understand there are times when children will need to be absent from school for a number of reasons. As a result, we will only consider authorising absences in the following instances:

- For sickness or ill health
- For medical consultant appointments which fall during school hours
- For religious or cultural observances
- For a family emergency

If your child is absent, please phone or email the school by 9:00am on the first day of absence and provide us with the reason for their absence. The school is obliged to keep a record of absences and these are recorded on your child's report. Unauthorised absence and persistent lateness must be reported to the Local Authority's Attendance and Welfare Officer for further support and action.

## **Holiday during Term Time**

Family holidays during term time will not normally be authorised. No flights or travel arrangements should be booked until the absence has been discussed with the Headteacher. Under current legislation parent/carers taking their child on an unauthorised holiday in term time could be subject to a fixed penalty fine. This is something we would like to avoid happening.

If you decide to still take your child out of school, without permission, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may refer the matter to Cornwall Council who may decide to take legal action against you. A penalty notice can be issued under Section 444A and 444B of the Education Act 1996. This carries a fine per child, per parent, of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the penalty notice may result in Court action.

Persistent absences not authorised by the school may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates Court, leading to fines up to £2,500 and / or custodial sentences. The Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to court.

We have recently had a visit from our Educational Welfare Officer who has expressed their concern at the number of unauthorised holidays that are being taken during term time. This is a plea to ask that you think very carefully before taking your children on holiday in school term time.

If unauthorised absences continue, not only will pupil learning be affected but the management of the school will be questioned by the Educational Welfare Officer and Ofsted.

## School Disco



Our wonderful PTA are organising a school Disco.

Date: THURSDAY MARCH 9th

Times:

15:30-16:30 for KS1

16:45-18:15 for KS2

More information to follow.



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Available until 28th February 2023)

## SEAL PUP MANIA!

Dive into an ocean of fun this  
February half term!



### Stories with Seals

Join Lily the Seal in our underwater viewing area for a special daily reading of 'Stardust' - a story all about a pup caught in hard times!

### Weigh the Pup competition

Take part in our new competition to guess the weight of the pup in our hospital! Donate £1 and the closest winner will land a special prize.

### Conservation Club (13th - 15th Feb, £120pp)

Discover a whole new world when you learn about our marine residents, seal pup rescue, conservation and more with this 3-day club. To book, call 01326 221361.