

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 15th September 2023

Dear Mawnan Families,

We've had a fantastic second week back at school and the children have shone in every aspect of their learning and play. Our reception pupils have had a brilliant first full week in school. They have settled in with positivity and enthusiasm, letting their lights shine daily.

Miss Pridmore

Penryn Partnership Sports Leagues

Our Sports Leagues teams started this week and both our Football and Netball teams did amazingly well! Well done!

Football:



Mawnan 3 – 1 Perranarworthal

Mawnan 2 – 0 Flushing

Netball:



Mawnan 12 – 1 Perranarworthal

Mawnan 20 – 1 Flushing

Arriving at School

Our school gates will be open from **8:35am** in the morning and a member of staff will be on the gate to welcome you and your child.

Our classrooms open at **8:40am**. If you arrive at school **before 8:40am**, please do not send your children into the classrooms as there may not be an adult there to supervise them.

The gates will be closed at **8:45am** and registration will take place at this time. If your child arrives after this time, please enter the school via the school office to ensure that your child is registered.

Safety at the School Gates

We kindly request that the area directly outside the school gates is kept as a safe traffic-free area so the children and their families can enter and exit the school safely.

To ensure that our children remain safe we request that you do not block the entrance to the school, park on pavements or obstruct the junction. We will set out our blue cones.

Shute Hill residents have justifiably complained about obstructions caused by parents' cars in the past so please park responsibly or walk if you can.

Breakfast Club

Our popular breakfast club runs Monday to Friday from 8am and provides the children with a happy and healthy start to their school day. To book a place please email secretary@mawnanschool.com or speak to Mrs Rawley or Mrs Cattle. It is £3 a session (payable via parentpay) and will provide your children with an amazing start to the day.

This week!

Oppie have been learning about the Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama in their art lessons. The children have been creating their own little versions of her infamous dot paintings.



By Darcy and Ruby

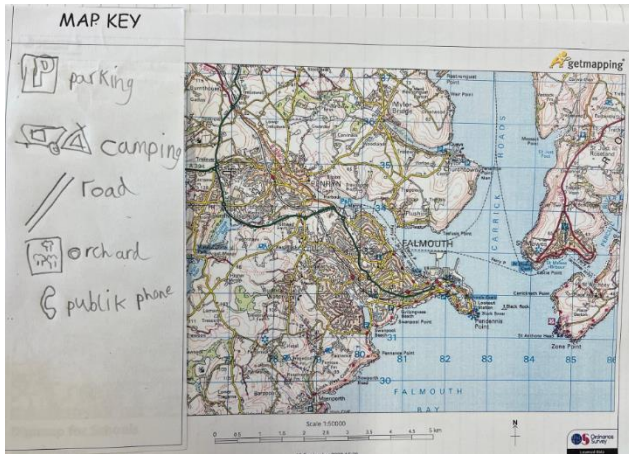


Topper have been learning all about Cornish Tin Mining.

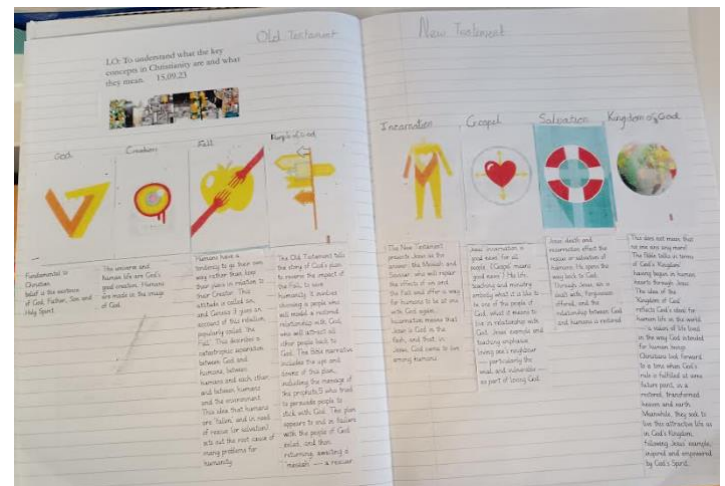
They've learnt about the different parts of a mine, the working areas within the mines and where the mines were situated in Cornwall.



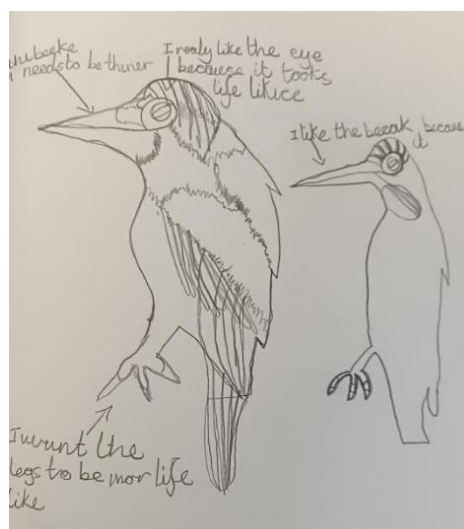
Pico investigated and researched all sorts of maps and discussed why and how they might be used. They learnt about scale and contour lines, went on a teddy hunt of the school grounds using a map and compass directions. Pico also learnt about map symbols and drew our own keys!



This afternoon, **Fusion** class have been learning all about the key concepts of Christianity and what they mean: God, Creation, Fall, People of God, Incarnation, Gospel, Salvation and the Kingdom of God.



Dart class have really enjoyed learning how to draw birds using continuous lines. Instead of drawing through their imagination and thoughts they have looked very carefully at their chosen birds. Their drawings are fantastic and will soon be developed into prints.



By Alex and Mia



Gardening Club

On Wednesday Gardening Club enjoyed Fish and Chips in the garden, courtesy of Annie Sibert and Seabourne Fish in Penryn. Annie cooked delicious hake fillets, which everyone tried and loved, and she talked to them about sustainable fish and the importance of supporting local fishermen.

Earlier in the day the children dug their own potatoes, which were served alongside as crispy wedges, with homegrown pickled cucumber and tomatoes.

Thank you, Annie!



Ula's first hair cut for the Little Princess

Earlier this week, Ula from Topper class had her very first hair cut to donate an amazing 15 inches (38 cm) of hair to the Little Princess Trust! So far she's raised a fantastic £323 for the charity to support their research into childhood cancer treatments or to help fund real hair wigs for children and young people who have lost their hair.

Ula pictured below with hairdresser Tasha at Salon in the Square.



Please visit www.justgiving.com/page/ula to find out more.

Morning Snack Time

We are a Healthy School and like to encourage the children to eat a balanced and healthy diet. The children in Oppie and Topper receive a piece of fruit or veg as part of the government's scheme. We would also like the children in Pico, Fusion and Dart to have fresh fruit and vegetables for a snack if possible. This also helps us to reduce the amount of single use plastic that comes into school. Please also make sure that the children have a name labelled water bottle in school and if your child brings a snack in a box please name label this so we can return it.



Peanut Allergy

We have a pupil in school with a severe peanut allergy. We respectfully ask that your child does not come into school with peanuts, peanut butter or any peanut based products.

We appreciate that nuts are a healthy snack option and your children can continue to bring in other nuts for their snacks or lunch.

Thank you for your support.

Your School Caterer has Vacancies

Are you interested in School Catering that fits around your family life?

If so, why not join our friendly professional Catering team.

Appropriate training will be given, and smart uniform provided.

General Kitchen Assistants - 10 Hours £10.42 per hour TERM TIME ONLY

Blackwater and Devoran

General Kitchen Assistants - 16 Hours £10.42 per hour TERM TIME ONLY

St Agnes, Perran Ar Worthal and Richard Lander

General Kitchen Assistant - 30 Hours £10.42 per hour TERM TIME ONLY

Richard Lander

Catering Manager - 30 Hours £11.44 per hour TERM TIME ONLY

Perran Ar Worthal

Relief Catering Manager - 30 Hours £11.44 per Hour TERM TIME ONLY

Truro and Falmouth Area

Relief General Kitchen Assistants - 16 Hours £10.42 per hour TERM TIME ONLY

Perran Ar Worthal and Bosvigo

Relief positions MUST be Drivers and have vehicle available for work
with Business cover insurance – Mileage Paid

Further Details and application form can be found on Indeed

Or Contact Katie Cooper - Katie.cooper@compass-group.co.uk



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Chartwells

Reception 2024

If you have or know a family with a child born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, online applications can now be made for a place in next year's Reception classes.

https://cornwall.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/SynergyWeb/School_Admissions/

The deadline for applications is 15th January 2024.

We have booked in a number of dates for school tours for respective parents. If you know anyone who'd like to join us please ask them to phone the school office.

RAAC (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete)

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding RAAC and its use in educational settings. RAAC is a lightweight form of concrete; because it is weaker than regular concrete, concerns have been raised about its long-term durability. Department for Education (DfE) has recently changed its guidance to education settings on the management of RAAC to take a more precautionary approach and as a result, areas in affected spaces will be vacated.

The DfE has been helping education settings and responsible bodies (such as local authorities and multi-academy trusts) to identify and manage the potential risks of RAAC since 2018.

Mawnan School does not have any confirmed RAAC. However, we want to take care and to be sure, and are currently working with the DfE to actively check whether RAAC has been used in the construction of any part of our buildings. If RAAC is identified, we will let you know straight away, and we have contingencies in place.

The change in guidance is precautionary in nature, and only affects education premises where the presence of RAAC has been confirmed. DfE is offering us access to surveyors who are helping us do these checks quickly.

Mawnan Fun Run 2023

Run Mawnan is a family friendly annual event put together by Falmouth Rotary in order to raise money for some fantastic local charities and community groups. One almost unique part is the kids' 1-mile fun run (under 12 years), which you won't find in many other running events. Kids can also enter the 5k (as can their parents and carers...), but the 10k is for adults only. There are some great prizes for all age groups, from cream teas to overnight stays in four-star hotels.

In addition to the goody bag for pre-entries, you will find a barbecue and a wide range of stands at the event selling cakes, drinks, and a wide assortment of other delights.

You can enter via the paper form that came home in your book bags, or online at <https://runmawnan.org.uk/>





Run Mawnan 2023
10K • 5K • 1 Mile

A FUN EVENT FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

5km and 10km races
plus a
1 mile children's fun run

Sunday 1st October 2023 at 10am

Start & finish in
Carwinion Playing Fields, Mawnan



Organised by Falmouth Rotary Club to raise funds for local & international charities



Fantastic prizes for male & female winners of each course
Prize for the best fancy dress
All those who pre-enter will receive a medal and goody bag

With grateful thanks to our sponsors & supporters:



Term Dates

Our term dates and closure dates can be found here:

https://mawnancofeprimary.eschools.co.uk/web/term_dates/521213

INSET Days – 2023/2024

Monday 4th September 2023

Monday 30th October 2023

22nd, 23rd and 24th July 2024

Cornwall Council 2023/2024 School Term Dates for Community and Voluntary-Controlled Schools



September 2023						
Mon		4	11	18	25	
Tue		5	12	19	26	
Wed		6	13	20	27	
Thurs		7	14	21	28	
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	
Sun	3	10	17	24		

October 2023						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	31
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thurs		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

November 2023						
Mon			6	13	20	27
Tue			7	14	21	28
Wed		1	8	15	22	29
Thurs		2	9	16	23	30
Fri		3	10	17	24	
Sat		4	11	18	25	
Sun		5	12	19	26	

December 2023						
Mon		4	11	18	25	
Tue		5	12	19	26	
Wed		6	13	20	27	
Thurs		7	14	21	28	
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	
Sun	3	10	17	24	31	

January 2024						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3	10	17	24	31	
Thurs	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		
Sat	6	13	20	27		
Sun	7	14	21	28		

February 2024						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tue		6	13	20	27	
Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thurs	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23		
Sat	3	10	17	24		
Sun	4	11	18	25		

March 2024						
Mon		4	11	18	25	
Tue		5	12	19	26	
Wed		6	13	20	27	
Thurs		7	14	21	28	
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	
Sun	3	10	17	24	31	

April 2024						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3	10	17	24		
Thurs	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		
Sat	6	13	20	27		
Sun	7	14	21	28		

May 2024						
Mon		6	13	20	27	
Tue		7	14	21	28	
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thurs	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	3	10	17	24	31	
Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

June 2024						
Mon		3	10	17	24	
Tue		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thurs		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

July 2024						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3	10	17	24	31	
Thurs	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		
Sat	6	13	20	27		
Sun	7	14	21	28		

August 2024						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tue		6	13	20	27	
Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thurs	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	3	10	17	24	31	
Sun	4	11	18	25		

School holidays

Bank holidays

Christmas Day	25 December 2023
Boxing Day	26 December 2023
New Years Day	01 January 2024
Good Friday	29 March 2024
Easter Monday	01 April 2024
May Bank Holiday	06 May 2024
Spring Bank Holiday	27 May 2024
Summer Bank Holiday	26 August 2024

AUTUMN TERM (72 days)

4 September - 19 December 2023
(HALF TERM 23-27 October 2023)

SPRING TERM (56 days)

3 January - 28 March 2024
(HALF TERM 12-16 February 2024)

SUMMER TERM (67 days)

15 April - 24 July 2024
(HALF TERM 27-31 May 2024)

195 days are included on the school calendar. Schools will be open to pupils for 190 days. The five additional days are allotted for In-Service Training (INSET). Schools allocate their own INSET days.

Attendance

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.

More information can be found on the Education Welfare Service website: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/education-welfareservice/#holidays>

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.