

8 MARCH 2024: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES



## Dear Parents and Carers,

As I hope you are aware, we have, throughout this academic year, focused on a number of topics both in and out of the classroom. I have written before (and will do again) on the topic of metacognition and those who have read my ramblings in recent weeks will know that we have also delved into table manners, common courtesies, and random acts of kindness.

Running parallel to all of this, and intertwined wherever possible, is the somewhat Victorian value of service; of doing something for others and for putting the interests of others above our own.

There is much evidence to suggest that service results in a stronger sense of purpose and meaning in life, as well as promoting improved mental and physical well-being. I am sure that we all enjoy the feeling of satisfaction when we help other people and it has been a pleasure to witness the children appreciating the same emotion as they have engaged, albeit to varying degrees, in our random act of kindness challenge taking place throughout Lent and through to the end of term.

As we reach the end of an extraordinarily busy week (even by Truro School standards), we can reflect on five school days that have provided a plethora of opportunities for the children to practice their service to others; welcoming visitors, assisting staff here at school, helping instructors and leaders whilst out on trips, engaging with opposition and officials at sporting fixtures and simply supporting each other. They have been busy indeed and I, for one, have been extremely proud.

Further occasions to explore the value of service have come via the many events that we have hosted and engaged with this week. Whilst St. Piran's Day may be remembered for pasties, jam and cream, it also provided the opportunity for us to look at Christian values. World AIMS Day, courtesy of Rev Helen, saw the Prep School children spend the day 'off regular timetable' as they explored scenarios based on real-life experiences of others; learning about human rights and how we have the power, as agents of change, to help those who are considerably less fortunate than ourselves.

Hot on the heels of this came World Book Day and a chance to appear as one's favourite literary character, but also, the opportunity to bring in a favourite book and share it with someone else. My thanks go to the children (and you all) for producing the fantastic array of costumes, to the staff and, of course, to Miss Cad for organising such an enjoyable experience.

Moving forward to today, we mark International Women's Day and take another chance to explore how we can all work to contribute to a world that is free of bias, stereotypes and discrimination.

Continuing into the weekend, tomorrow, Saturday, is the Truro School Prep Open Day which will see us welcoming over 60 families to Treliske House. It will be the perfect opportunity to welcome our visitors and to show them our splendid school.

Finally, and saving the best till last, Sunday is, of course, Mother's Day. I hope that the Truro School Prep children will thank not only their mothers but all their families for all that they do for them.

With my thanks and best wishes to you all,

Mr Rob Morse  
Headmaster

## Saturday 9 March

Prep Open Morning  
10am-12pm

## Monday 11 March

Cornwall Music Festival  
(Spoken Word, selected pupils Years 3-6)  
Truro Methodist Church (times tbc)

Year 3 Swim Gala  
Prep Pool (parents welcome, limited space) 2pm-3.30pm

Year 4, 5 & 6 Mixed Cross-Country Peninsula Event  
Pool School (A) 2.30pm-6pm (event 4-5.30pm)

Year 3 Learning Progress Meetings  
Maths, English, Humanities and Science: Dining Hall 4pm-7pm

## Tuesday 12 March

Cornwall Music Festival  
(Spoken Word, selected pupils Years 3-6)  
Truro Methodist Church (times tbc)

Year 3 Netball v Truro High  
(A) 2.20pm-4.10pm (2.50pm start)

Pre-Prep Learning Progress Meetings  
3.45pm-5.30pm

## Wednesday 13 March

Year 3 Play Rehearsals

Cornwall Music Festival  
Truro Methodist Church (Prep Orchestra) 2pm-4pm

Year 5 and 6 Girls' Hockey v Truro High School  
(A) 2pm-4.15pm (2.45pm start)

Year 5 Learning Progress Meetings

Maths, English, Humanities and Science with subject teachers:  
Dining Hall 4pm-7pm

## Thursday 14 March

Cornwall Music Festival  
Truro Methodist Church (Year 5 & 6 Choir) 8.30am-11.50am

6DG BMX Cycling  
BMX Centre, Blackwater 1pm-4pm

CANCELLED 6JL Swimming  
SBA (due to gala)

Year 5 Swim Gala  
SBA (parents welcome) 1.30pm-3.30pm

Pre-Prep Learning Progress Meetings  
4pm-6pm

## Friday 15 March

Red Nose Day 2024  
Children invited to wear an item of red with their school uniform

U11 ISFA Southwest Football Tournament  
Clifton College, Bristol (A) 10.30am-6.30pm (KO 1.30pm)

Primrose Piano Quartet Concert  
Assembly Hall, TSP Year 6 with local schools, 1.30pm-2.30pm

Year 1 Swim Gala  
Parents welcome 2pm-3.15pm

## Saturday 16 March

STEAM Discovery Day Community Event  
For external pupils 10am-12pm

## 18 March - 22 March 2024

[Details may change – please check next week's bulletin for updates](#)

## Monday 18 March

Reception Stay and Watch Swim  
Prep pool, parents welcome 9am-10am

Year 2 Cross Country with Truro High & Polwhele Schools  
(H) 2pm-3.15pm (2.30pm start)

Year 4 Learning Progress Meetings  
Maths, English, Humanities and Science with subject teachers:  
Dining Hall 4pm-7pm

## Tuesday 19 March

CANCELLED Lunchtime Club: Swimming Improvers  
(due to interschool gala at Truro School)

Year 4 Netball  
Truro High School (A) 2.20pm-4.10pm (2.50pm start)

Parent Information Meeting: Year 5 Beam House Trip  
Assembly Hall 3.40pm-4.15pm

Leonardo Club Life-Drawing Class  
Truro School Art Department 4pm

CANCELLED After School Club: Shark Attack  
(due to interschool gala at Truro School)

## Wednesday 20 March

Year 3 Play Dress Rehearsal

Year 5 Netball  
Truro High School (A) 2.10pm-4.15pm (2.45pm start)

## Thursday 21 March

6DG BMX Cycling  
BMX Centre, Blackwater 1pm-4pm

5SL & 6JL Swimming  
SBA 1.30pm-3pm

Year 3 Children Stay for Cooked Tea

Year 3 Play  
Assembly Hall, parents welcome 6.30pm

## Friday 22 March

FTS Coffee Morning  
8.45am-9.45am

Year 2 Swim Gala  
Parents welcome 2pm-3.15pm

## NOTICES:

### Primrose Piano Quartet Concert on the BBC

The organiser of Friday's Primrose Piano Quartet Concert, Ian Halford, will be speaking about this concert and the importance of engaging children in music in an interview on BBC Radio Cornwall, broadcast this Saturday 9 March at 12pm.

### FTS Big Beach Picnic and Beach Clean

A reminder that there will be a Big Beach Picnic held at Watergate Bay on the 21 April at 12pm. The picnic will precede the Family Beach Clean at 2pm. All are invited to come along for a fun day out. More information to follow in next week's Bulletin.

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## A Moment for Thanks and Service

Friday's assembly was a chance to reflect on a week that has given our pupils several opportunities for thanks and service. As St Piran's Day and World AIMS Day moved into World Book Day and International Women's Day, it has certainly been a busy time for our staff and pupils and given ample chance to think about how fortunate we are and ways we can help and or thank others around us.

Mr Morse recognised those children who had worked hard this week, with certificates and commendations handed out across the Prep.

The Assembly finished with a show of solidarity and love for International Women's Day as the #InspireInclusion pose was shared by pupils and staff. The pose serves as a reminder that when we value difference, inclusion comes from the heart.



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## Celebrating the Wonder of Reading

Truro School and Truro School Prep were a riot of colours as both sites celebrated World Book Day. Morning drop-off at Prep was a literary feast for the eyes as characters from favourite books, stories and poems arrived at school.

With new judging categories including 'The John Muir Award for the Most Sustainable Costume' and 'The JK Rowling Award for the Most Magical Costume', our children certainly used their creativity to pull together some fabulous outfits.

Certificates for the best costumes were handed out in Assembly before lessons began with an extract from our staff members' favourite books.

Across both sites, Truro School pupils have been rewarded for 'getting caught reading' throughout the week. At Prep, it was reading at home in 'unusual places', while at the Senior School, pupils were given raffle tickets for reading at breaktimes or while waiting for lessons to begin, for their chance to win a book voucher.

Form Room doors were decorated as favourite books across the Senior School with nods to the likes of Charlie and The Chocolate Factory and The Gruffalo. At the same time, a book-themed treasure hunt kept Prep Pupils busy in their English lessons and break times. A huge thanks to all of the staff, pupils, students and their families who made the day such a memorable one. By sharing our love of books throughout the school, we hope to have inspired a greater love of reading in others.



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## Gool Peran Lowen; Happy St Piran's Day

St Piran's Day, the national day of Cornwall, is celebrated on March 5 every year and is joyously observed in both the Prep and Senior Schools. The day was marked by the sight of Cornish flags fluttering in the wind and the delicious smell of pasties at lunchtime.

It was delightful to see our children greeting staff with happy calls of 'Gool Peran Lowen' at lunchtime and throughout the day.

## Beach Guardians Talk

Year 5 enjoyed an insightful workshop about beach waste from Beach Guardian's Rob this week. They learnt about the importance of keeping our beaches clean to protect marine life and reduce the effects of pollution.

The pupils also looked at different materials that have been found during beach clean-ups, including rope, plastics, and metals, and how they are all changed by the sea.



## World AIMS Agents for Change

Under the leadership of Rev Helen, World AIMS Day, which stands for World Action in Methodist Schools, took over Truro School Prep, challenging our pupils to become agents of change.

World AIMS encourages young people across the globe to think beyond themselves and to make a difference in today's society.

This was the first time World AIMS has been held at the Prep and it was certainly a memorable experience as our pupils were challenged to an exciting game of 'I'm a Change Agent, Get Me Out of Here!'

You can read the story in full and view more lovely photos [here](#).



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## Year 4 House Swimming Gala

What a showcase of swimming at the Year 4 annual house swimming gala.

It was a hotly contested event with multiple photo finishes, and every pupil putting their all into the afternoon. Sadly, there could only be one winning house, and this year School took the win.

Congratulations also, to this year's Victrix and Victor, with Ashleigh just taking the win to runner up Audrey and joint first for the Victor taken by Rohan and Ollie.

## U11 Girls' County Hockey

A weather warning, temperature drop and driving hail did not stop play at the U11 girls' county hockey tournament last Friday in Penzance.

This was a well-attended tournament, with various local schools attending, including Truro High, Cubert, St. Hilary, Alverton and St Ives, as well as two teams from Prep. Each team therefore played six games of 12 minutes one way, as a round-robin tournament.

We are really proud of both of our teams. Our 'A' team did brilliantly - winning the majority of their games, just losing one extremely close game to St. Hilary and drawing 1-1 with Truro High School. Due to goals scored, both of these schools have therefore qualified to represent Cornwall and have progressed to the regional round. Our 'A' team finished 3rd overall in Cornwall. Our 'B' team won their matches against Cubert and Alverton, drew against St. Ives but lost their matches against more experienced teams from Truro High, St. Hilary and Truro Prep 'A'. They were delighted to finish 4th overall in Cornwall.

Thank you to the wonderful parents who braved the chilly, wintry weather to support our teams at this tournament.



## A Busy Time for Netball

Last week saw the Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 girls in netball action with matches against Polwhele House and Truro High. It's always lovely to see the children playing against other schools, smiling at familiar faces and enjoying a shared love of sport.

The juniors have been working hard in training to tighten their footwork, whilst the seniors have been looking to increase their speed of ball down the court. All matches showed a great improvement and with lots of fixtures coming up across all year groups, it's a busy finish to the end of the season.



# Pre-Prep

## Achievements



### Our Learning This Week:

We have enjoyed a super week in the Pre-Prep, finished off with the wonderful costumes and books shared for World Book Day.

In Nursery, the children have continued to learning about vehicles and have spent time with the Truro School tractors.

In Reception, the children have continued to work on their writing and maths targets. They have furthered their work on fantastical creatures and this week have written adjectives about mermaids.

In Year 1, the children have spent time consolidating their understanding of number and using their knowledge to solve problems with larger numbers. They have also furthered their knowledge of animals around the world - please ask them about it!

In Year 2, the children took part in their first cross country event. Luckily, the weather held out for them, and they all thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

This week, all the children have had assemblies from Mr Morse and Rev Helen about St Piran and World Book Day, talking about the importance of trust, kindness and working hard.

### Class Dojo Winners KS1

Joe  
Monty  
Althea  
Bert  
Finley K  
Henry



# Prep

## Achievements



### House Point Form Champions

3ME: Malhar

3SM: Henry

4LL: Emir

4SC: Audrey, Emily, Violet-Rose

5CD: Sophia, Jesse, William S

5LJ: Miles, Aubrey

5SL: Albie

6AG: Jakub

6DG: Eleanor, Sienna, Daneil

6JL: Isabella

### Head's Commendations

#### Qaveem 5SL for Science:

For a superbly thought out and well constructed fully labelled model cell.

### Gold Commendations

#### Miles 5LJ for Computing 'Scratch Quiz':

For taking a lesson idea and spending his own time to produce a fantastic quiz which showcases his coding skills.

### Merit Awards

#### Bronze Merit Awards

5CD: Bo

6DG: Daneil

#### Silver Merit Awards

3SM: Ramona, Athena, Theo

6DG: Erys

#### Gold Merit Awards

3SM: Seren

# Prep

## Achievements



### Dance

Athena 3SM achieved the IDTA Distinguished Award for primary ballet and tap exams.

Sebastian 5LJ achieved the IDTA Merit Award for Grade 1 ballet.

Luca 6AG achieved the IDTA Merit Award for Grade 1 ballet and tap.

### Swimming

Phoebe 5LJ competed in the Cornish Nipper Frostbite Championships in Penzance on Sunday 3rd March, representing Gyllyngvase SLC. With 64 girls in her age group competing, Phoebe did well to finish in first place in her heat and in 4th place overall.

### Times Tables Challenge

**3ME:** Poppy, Erin, Max

**3SM:** Henry, Henry, Elodie, Percy, Mabel, Christopher, Hugo

**4LL:** Ashleigh, Maya

### Times Tables Rockstars

#### Times Table Rock Star of the Week

**Max** Year 3

#### Top Rock Performers

**Year 3:** Ella C

**Year 4:** Anantveer

**Year 5:** Miles

### Handwriting Pen Licences

**3ME:** Jack, Albie

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## NEWS & INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

### ChatHealth Parent Line 5-19

School Nursing messaging service for parents and carers of children and young people 5-19 years in Cornwall and Isles of Scilly

TEXT

07312 263 499



Get confidential health and wellbeing advice and support





FRIENDS OF TRURO SCHOOL

# EASTER BINGO AND QUIZ WITH KIDS' MOVIE

Friday, 22 March  
6pm start - £10pp

Truro School Prep

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK](#)

Password: FTS

Come and join us for a fun Easter quiz & bingo night at the prep school. Children are welcome to join in the fun or alternatively they can enjoy a movie with their friends.

Teams of up to 8. You can enter as a team or come on your own and make some new friends!

There will be a fun games with prizes and Easter Eggs a plenty to be won. A pasty supper will be provided (you can choose from a meat or veggie option). BYO or a paid bar will be available.

During the evening, there will two different movies (Prep & Pre-Prep) screened in the Millennium building and supervised by a member of staff. This is for children whose parents are going to the quiz. Kids can wear Pyjamas or comfy clothes and bring pillows & blankets if they like. We will provide the drinks and popcorn.

TICKETS ARE FOR THE QUIZ ONLY - KIDS MOVIE IS FREE.

Proceeds will be donated to The Starlight Ward Grand Appeal.  
For any questions please contact [fts@truroschoo.com](mailto:fts@truroschoo.com)



# Friends of Truro School Family Beach Clean

Date: 21/04/2024 @ 2pm

Location: Watergate Bay

HELP PROTECT OUR  
BEACHES AND MARINE  
LIFE BY TAKING PART IN  
OUR BEACH CLEAN WITH  
BEACH GUARDIAN!

CALLING ALL  
VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN  
US IN PICKING UP LITTER  
AND DEBRIS FROM  
WATERGATE BAY.



TRURO  
SCHOOL

# Bush Craft Adventure Day Camp

SIR BEN AINSLIE  
SPORTS  
CENTRE



## Bush Craft Adventure Day Camp @ Truro Prep School

Working with Under the Canopy Cornwall

- Shelter building
- Fire building
- Navigation skills
- Tool building

**Dates:** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

**Time:** 0830 – 1700

**Age:** 8 – 13 Years

**Cost:** £36 per day

A day of bushcraft and survival activities which include learning skills for shelter building, fire building, navigation, tool building and self-reliance outdoors. The emphasis is on safe enjoyable learning throughout the day whilst learning new skills in the natural environment.

For more information and an application form please visit our website:  
[www.sirbenainsliesportscentre.com](http://www.sirbenainsliesportscentre.com)



# Easter

## MULTI SPORT CAMP

*Games - Sports - Activities - Swimming  
and much more!*



### **Dates include:**

April 4th, 5th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 15th & 16th

*Sir Ben Ainslie Sports Centre, Truro School*

**£32**

**per child  
per day**

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# DRAMA WORKSHOP

SIR BEN AINSLIE  
SPORTS  
CENTRE



## DRAMA WORKSHOP

Beauty & The Beast @ The Burrell Theatre Truro School

**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> April

**Time:** 0830 – 1700

**Age:** 7 – 13 Years

**Cost:** £65 for 2 days

A theatre workshop based on the famous fairy tale 'Beauty and the Beast' exploring the characters using dialogue, dance, ensemble work and physical theatre which will create a performance of the story. This workshop will give your child the opportunity to make friends, have fun playing drama games and theatrical exercises and also develop some great drama skills led by our experienced team within the Burrell Theatre at Truro School. There will be an opportunity on the second day to make some props and pieces of costume to use in the performance. Some stage make-up may also be used so please advise of any allergies when signing your child in. Your child does not need any previous dancing or acting experience, just a willingness to be part of an ensemble and have fun! Their work will be showcased in a small performance at the end of the second day enhanced by the use of sound and lighting for parents and carers.

For more information please visit our website: [www.sirbenainsliesportscentre.com](http://www.sirbenainsliesportscentre.com)



[www.viaferratacornwall.co.uk](http://www.viaferratacornwall.co.uk)



Are your children **aged 6-13**, up for fun **outdoor adventures** and ready to learn **new skills** and make friends?

**CHECK OUT OUR ADVENTURE**

**HOLIDAY CLUB!**

This Holiday we're running **climbing, archery, canoeing, zip-lining, adventure quarry games, bushcraft, raft building, quarry-steering and catapulting!** You can simply drop your children off and leave them with us for an **epic adventure to remember!** We offer flexible options to fit around your working day, so you can treat your child to half a day or a full day with us.

We also offer **family days out**: there's the chance to take on the Via Ferrata, the **ultimate high wire adventure** with zip wire, as well as the new Zip Wire Safari! There's also a Cafe, **free nature trails** and a wild play area for under 10's. Check out our website for more.



**VIA FERRATA**  
CORNWALL



# Adult and Child Easter Egg Decorating



[WWW.TRUROSCHOOLCOOKERY.COM](http://WWW.TRUROSCHOOLCOOKERY.COM)

**Saturday 23rd March**

**10:00-13:00**

**£110**



Pastries will be served upon arrival. Next, in a 'cook-along' format, you'll build and decorate your own Easter eggs following Stuart Pate our guest patisserie chef who will share his techniques for a professional finish to your eggs.



Special Guest Teacher, Patisserie Chef- Stuart Pate

# The Great Cornish Model Show



A Celebration of modelmaking talent in Cornwall

Pool Academy, Church Road, Pool TR15 3PZ  
Sat. & Sun. April 13 & 14 2024

Free parking, easy access, refreshments & hot food  
15 model railways plus displays of boats, aircraft, model trucks, buildings & modelling demonstrations

Presented by Helston & Falmouth Model Railway Club



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## Wraparound



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<https://forms.office.com/e/VZUiYbg1Ff>

