

## **CEO Newsletter July 2018**

As we approach the summer break, the good news stories still flow in.

We are delighted that our schools have done so well in the recent SATs. Our outcomes for Reading across the Trust are amazing with 81% of children reaching the Age Related Expectations measure. In Maths more children than ever before have achieved the Greater Depth judgement which was the aim of our Trust wide More Able Maths groups. It is good to see so many of our schools, who have targeted specific areas for improvement, seeing the fruit of their efforts. Congratulations to the pupils and their staff.

Mullion School has won the South West Regional Pod Games Award from GCSEPod. The award is for the school whose pupils use it the most (access the most podcasts/presentations), and they came 4th in the whole country winning a shield and £150. Mullion also received their award from the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust for being in the top 20% of schools nationally for pupil progress, for the 3rd year in a row. In addition they have also been re-accredited our Inclusive Dyslexia Friendly School Status, passing with flying colours! Congratulations to Mullion for this array of achievements!

Congratulations to Garras and Sithney Schools, who have been awarded the Youth Sport Trust SILVER Quality Mark for their commitment to physical education (PE) and school sport at both schools and the Healthy Schools Award. "We are absolutely thrilled to have been awarded the SILVER Quality Mark from the Youth Sport Trust, which recognises our commitment to delivering the best possible sporting experiences for the young people at our school. There are a whole range of educational, health and wellbeing benefits from delivering high quality PE and school sport, and we see on a regular basis that when it is delivered well it can transform the lives of all pupils."

To gain the Healthy Schools Award, Garras and Sithney submitted a joint application focussing on the success of their Swim offer and Open Water Swim programme. The Awarding Body said, "This recognises the hard work and dedication that you and your team have demonstrated in supporting the wellbeing of your school community. It is an excellent and innovative project, with good vision. Congratulations! This award is thoroughly well deserved and we are delighted about your success."

A team of pupils from Helston Community College – Jenny, Miles, Thea, Ciaran, Sarah and Thom – together with Dr James Allen are through to the national finals of The Big Bang Competition to be held at the NEC, Birmingham in March 2019. The award of a place at the finals is a great achievement and testament to the hard work by the young people alongside the support they received from the staff team at Helston Community College. The finals take place at the Big Bang Fair each year and are a unique opportunity for young people to present their STEM projects to a panel of judges, alongside a wide audience of visitors – the Fair welcomes about 20,000 people each day – and to compete for a range of awards. There is huge media interest in the Fair and the competition in particular, with coverage across local and national media. At a time when STEM skills are in great demand, The Big Bang Competition is all about celebrating young people's project work in those areas. The young people who participate learn a huge amount over the course of their participation. Some of the previous winners have gone on to represent the UK in international competitions in the USA, China and across Europe; to appear on national television; to study STEM at the highest levels; to work in some of the biggest companies; and to set up their own businesses.



Godolphin school has had a visit from the Romans! The children were put through their paces, learning about life as a Roman soldier. They marched as a contubernium and then in the famous testudo formation. The children were taught about the weapons used and their Latin names.



Throughout the day they children were given 10 key dates in Roman history to learn. The day concluded in a battle with 2nd contubernium, led by Claudius Maximus against a wild tribe of Celts led by Boudicca. The

discipline and training of the Roman army ensured they won each battle, but the Celts had a great time screaming wildly and dying in a spectacular fashion! A big thank you to the parents and family members that supported their children in the making of some outstanding shields. They looked incredible!

Year 5 and Year 6 pupils from Crowan Primary School have had their story writing published in a new anthology. Having attended creative writing sessions at The Writers' Block at Cornwall College, Camborne with professional writers from KEAP and The Story Republic, the children were invited to a special presentation evening to coincide with National Writing Day. Some of the children shared their work with the parent audience before each was awarded a certificate and their own copy of the new book. Hannah Vaughan from T J International which covered the cost of printing the anthology said: "Supporting literacy at the grass-roots level in Cornwall is something we've always been passionate about. We hope that seeing their stories in print will serve to nurture creative writing talent in the future."

Children from across Key Stage 2 at Crowan Primary School will be performing in the Mediterranean Biome at The Eden Project. The children have been rehearsing a specially choreographed 'Space Dance' to entertain the visitors at this iconic attraction in a former clay-pit near St. Austell. The attraction is hosting a range of events throughout the summer season linked to space exploration and discovery.

Godolphin has been successful in bidding for a National Lottery 'Awards For All' grant of £10,000!!! They are planning to use the money to further develop the adventure play area, adding new equipment and making the space usable all year round with an all-weather surface. Although the grant will meet the majority of the cost, the school will also be allocating some of its Primary Sports Premium funding towards the project. As you can imagine, the school and its pupils are very excited about the news and will be watching and waiting with anticipation.

Crowan Primary School has a similar plan having received a £2,000 grant from the Clowance Trust and invested over £5,000 of its Sports Premium funding in developing the outdoor learning environment for the Reception and Key Stage 1 children at the school. The build will include: a lookout tower, a mini mud kitchen, a pulley-crane and water-wall with pump, a little-movers up-and-over climber, balance walk, step-challenge and clatter-bridge, a construction area and covered seating. The build will make a wonderful addition to the resources the school has for social and interactive play and will contribute to the children's physical well-being through opportunities for imaginative and creative learning.

Over the summer there is a lot of building work scheduled, much of which will be hidden from view. Several schools will be receiving updates on a range of things: toilets; roofs; boilers; windows; changes to internal layouts; work on their grounds etc. I would like to thank the Estates team in anticipation of the planned works.



One building project that is very much in public sight is the work at Helston on the new build. It was a joy to have our first site visit and see the view from the top floor. One of the Helston students is capturing the changes on a daily basis, taking a photograph for every day of the building works. Over the summer, the roof will be going on over the first section and the remaining steels will be erected. The project is on track for its Summer 2019 completion date.

The other exciting news is that the work for the Keskowethyans Multi-Academy Trust to join us as part of Southerly Point Co-operative Multi-Academy Trust is also on track for September. We are looking forward to working more closely with our colleagues, and the pupils and parents of Coverack, Grade Ruan, Manaccan and St Keverne Schools in the coming year.

Thank you to everyone for their hard work and support over the past academic year.

Wishing you all a very enjoyable summer holiday.

Kind regards



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