

**CEO Newsletter October 2018**

**This month's newsletter is a bumper edition covering the amazing range of activities and developments going on across our schools.**

Just before half term, a Post 16 review took place at Helston. The visiting team were very complimentary about the Sixth Form: 'The students are loyal, friendly, excellent ambassadors, engaged in their learning and proud of their school. The staff work hard. The quality of Teaching and Learning was good and students receive high quality pastoral care and academic guidance from both teaching and support staff.'

Year 8 students at Helston are currently taking part in a series of careers sessions, meeting a range of people who love their jobs! Their first guest was Melissa Thorpe who is working on the development of the space port at Newquay Airport. Melissa shared a range of possible future jobs in the space sector, some of which are very likely to happen in the near future. The Cornwall Development Company is aiming to secure 2,000 jobs in the space sector in Cornwall by 2028, making this sector a very realistic goal for young people in Cornwall. Another visitor was Barnaby Taylor who is a composer who writes music for TV and film. He showed the students clips from David Attenborough programmes that he had composed the music for and talked about the challenges of composing for Disney films.

Garras School have a much-needed new football kit. Mr Birchall, the PE Co-ordinator, found a promotion from the Premier League Primary Stars Kit & Equipment Portal Team. The Nike kit could be designed in any colour, so Garras opted for the closest colours that resembled their school uniform. The children are over the moon with the kit and were proud to show it off in front of our brand new school door.



There was great excitement in the EYFS/KS1 Class at Grade Ruan C of E School when several HUGE parcels arrived. When the children in Starfish Class opened them they found a brand new Cascading Water Play Centre. The amazing water play system, made by Community Playthings, has added the fascinating element of flowing water to their outdoor play area allowing them to explore, experiment and observe – science at its best! Many thanks to the Goonhilly Wind Farm Community Fund for their generous grant which enabled the school to purchase the play centre and to parent Mr Mike Hardy for his help with the grant application. It will give many children hours of enjoyment and learning for years to come and the school look forward to inviting children from the Grade Ruan Playgroup to come to school to use it too.



The children in KS2 at Cury School had a WW1 launch day for their topic this half term. The children were recruited in to the Cury Pals Battalion where they learnt different drills, marching, teamwork and basic

first aid. In the afternoon, the children made poppies inspired by the artist Georgia O'Keefe. They were lucky enough to welcome Chartwells in to school to help us make biscuits that were inspired by WW1.

Cury also had a really positive open afternoon on the 9th October. Parents, grandparents and members of the community came to see the school in action including Mastery maths and topic workshops in the classrooms, a demonstration of a typical after school art club in the hall. The children in Reception and Nursery made delicious biscuits and everyone was encouraged to sample different food supplied by Chartwells.



Year 4 pupils from Parc Eglos School recently enjoyed some sailing taster sessions with the Helford River Children's Sailing Trust. All the children tried their hand at sailing alone, in pairs and in small groups and had a wonderful time. The school hopes to continue with this exciting experience in the summer term.

The West Cornwall Teaching School ran two maths training sessions on 11th and 12th of October, led by Helen Edginton. Helen presented at the Digging Deeper INSET in early September and the Teaching School were delighted that she could follow this up with two inspirational days based on the use of resources in maths, including Numicon. These days were so beneficial for both Key Stage 1 and 2 and proved highly successful. They are hoping to run these days again in the spring or summer term due to the amazingly positive feedback they received from those who attended.



On Monday 8th October, the Year 2 children from Grade-Ruan, St. Keverne, Manaccan and Coverack schools all met at Manaccan School to take part in various Multi-skills activities. The children had to work in pairs, groups and individually. The children were very excited to spend the afternoon at Manaccan School, they made new friends worked well together and behaved impeccably. Thank you to Mr. Studd for organising this event.

St.Keverne School's annual Apple Fayre took place on Tuesday 16th October. The Fayre was a roaring success and included: Apple bobbing, Guess the weight of the Apple Cake, The Great British Apple Bake-off, Guess how many apples in the jar and an Autumnal hamper raffle to name a few. Thanks go to the PTA (FoSKS) for organising this lovely event which raised around £200 for the school.

The pupils and staff at Godolphin Primary School are delighted with their new adventure playground which was installed during the summer holidays, enabled by £10,000 from the National Lottery which the school topped up using a large chunk of its School Sports Premium budget for 2017/18. The all-weather surface, along with the traverse climbing wall, monkey bars, tyre park and exercise bikes have all proved hugely successful, encouraging pupils to adopt more active lifestyles and to take calculated risks in a safe and stimulating environment.

One of the key benefits of this newly transformed area is the ability to use the space all year round, even in damp conditions. As a result, this has created more space in the top playground, allowing different groups of children to fully enjoy a wider range of activities and games safely, including football, basketball and racket sports.

'Playtimes will never be boring again!' (Emily Y5) 'Awesome! Just awesome!!' (Edie-May Y5)



Last week, Coverack children cooked their annual Harvest Lunch. On the menu was vegetable soup (made from vegetables grown in the school garden), home-made bread and blackberry and apple crumble (blackberries picked during their annual blackberry pick). Members of the local community were invited along. Year 6 pupils served the guests and then sat down to eat with them. After lunch, the rest of the school came in and all pupils sang some harvest songs - a perfect end to the afternoon!

In summary, a very busy half term was had by all! Well done to all the pupils, staff and parents who continue to support all we do.



Kind regards

**Donna**