



POLWHELE POST

24th September 2021

Dear Parents

As I write, Years 5 and 6 are travelling to Gweek to see the seals and take part in workshops. Next week the Pre-prep are off to the Eden Project for the day with learning opportunities planned in, and Years 3 and 4 are taking part in the Hall Walk with a farm trip. Years 7 and 8 have to wait a little longer for their trip to Falmouth but I am certain that it will be well worth it. Surfing and Pre-prep ballet at Jason Thomas Dance have been a tremendous 'hit' with the children (and staff). All-in-all we are spreading our wings and exploring our environment, using Cornwall as our classroom and letting the learning happen in context. Seeing excited children (clutching bags full of lunch and sun cream) clamber onto coaches, full of excitement, is worth every minute of risk assessment and planning. My thanks to the staff for all they have done to make the children's experience so rich – and also to the children for making it all worthwhile.

Year 6 parents have asked for a meeting to discuss our plans for moving up to educate children to GCSEs in Year 11. This will be a meeting just for the current Year 6 parents and the details will be shared with them when they have been organised. However, it is worth confirming that this is Polwhele's intention: the current Year 6 will be the spearhead of our move upwards in age range. There is plenty to discuss and create but we are all delighted that parents are keen to work with us on this journey and welcome your input.

Since we have changed the format of the Polwhele Post, it is worth noting that the menu is available each week on the school website <https://www.polwhelehouse.co.uk/parent-portal/weekly-menu/>. I know that some children really benefit from knowing what's on the menu before they leave home.

Thank you to those who have already offered to talk to the older children about your careers. I am very keen to have a wide variety of experiences, routes and current jobs so that they understand that there is not one path to a destination (nor just one destination!) Please consider sharing your journey and let Liz Jones know when you would be available to talk with our upper years. This can happen at any time throughout the school year and we're prepared to be very flexible with timings.

Mrs Hilary Mann
Head

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS



Defenders of the Forest Update

Year 1 - 4

Hello, my name is Molly and I have been a Forest School Teacher for almost three years now. My life is full of Storytelling, Sustainable Projects, Map Making and Treasure hunts inviting young wildings to welcome their souls to nature and see just how it nurtures us. We shall be welcoming Autumn in all its earthly glory besides making Phenology Mandalas, gathering around a cosy fires amongst foraged treats. There will be nature crafts based on ancient wisdom and the stories they shared as well as a chance for us to share ours too. There will be den building, natural paintbrush making for an Autumnal mural enrapturing all of Autumn's colours and so much more to explore. Through foraging and frolicking amongst the fauna and the flora, there is much to be curious about. Let's find wonder as we wander. Let's forage and see what we may find.

Year 5 - 8



Hello! I'm Charlie, a Bushcraft and survival instructor. I've taught and practiced the skills I will teach you from the Arctic to South America and lots of places in between. By Christmas time you will have mastered many skills such as firelighting, shelter building, navigation and many more - be ready, I'm going to test you all on everything you learn! It's going to be challenging, adventurous... and fun!

KEY DATES

SEPTEMBER

- 28:** Equestrian Scholars - Dressage
- 30:** Y3 & Y4 Trip: Hall Walk – Fowey
Pre-prep trip to The Eden Project for 'The Rainbow Route' workshop

NOVEMBER

- 09:** U9 Rugby & Netball at Polwhele
- 10:** U11 Rugby & Netball at Truro Prep
- 11:** Remembrance Day
U9 Tag Rugby
- 12:** Children In Need
- 16:** U9 Cross-Country at Truro Prep
- 17:** U11 Cross-Country at Truro Prep
- 23:** Equestrian Scholars Equine Trip
- 25:** French Day
- 25:** Y1 Hearing Tests
- 29:** Equestrian Scholars
Dressage to Music - AM

OCTOBER

- 01: 09:15** Harvest Festival
- 05:** U9 Rugby & Netball at Truro Prep
- 06:** U11 Rugby & Netball at Polwhele House
- 12:** Individual Photos
- 13:** U11 Tag Rugby
- 19:** Equestrian Scholar - Equine Trip PM
- 21:** Y5, 6, 7 & 8 Trip – National Maritime Museum
- 22:** Hero Day

DECEMBER

- 01:** Performance Evening
- 03:** School Dressage Competition
All Riders & Scholars
- 07:** KS1 & PAS Panto Trip
- 09:** Year 8 Christmas Dinner
- 10:** Pre-prep Production/Nativity
- 14:** Christmas Lunch
- 15:** Carol Service
End of Michaelmas Term

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE APPOINTED MONITORS THIS YEAR

Art – Milo Willis & Finlay Thomas
Maths – Elian Quinney
Music – Kai McNichol-Jones
Pre-prep – Yusuf Aly & India Simpkins
Science – James Crombie & Samuel Rowe
Sports – Daniel Ashby & Jacob Wright

KEY INFORMATION

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Please ensure all Year 7 & 8 pupils continue to carry out lateral flow tests twice weekly. If you need any lateral flow kits please pop into the office and collect them

FENCING FOR PARENTS

Any parents interested in joining an adult fencing group on Friday evenings, from 6.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. in the school hall are invited to drop in to have a look at what we do and to meet some of the members on Friday 15 October. Note that the club has no kit to loan, so anyone deciding to take up this sport, would need to equip themselves.

GROWING CORNWALL'S FUTURE



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