



# POLWHELE POST

26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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Dear Parents

I am so proud of all our children for always giving of their best and trying their hardest. This week 20 runners went to the cross-country regionals at Westonbirt – quite a journey from Truro – in the most awful weather. All were excited to represent the school and took a pride in their behaviour and appearance. Every competitor did an amazing job in dreadfully muddy conditions and we are proud of each one of them. In the end, not everybody can win their race – and we are a tiny school from the end of Cornwall so I never like to get my hopes up too high. However, this year Tommy won the U9 event – he is regional champion – Bertie came second in the U11 race and Josh also came second in the U12s. This is truly remarkable. All three will be off to the nationals in Worksop, on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. I suspect a lot of training will be going on in the meantime. Congratulations to you all.

Whilst we are being bombarded with illnesses, we are pleased to share with you the new Cornwall Family Health Advice service, launched this week. Please use the link in the notices section of the newsletter to access their services.

I am also delighted to tell you that we are now an Operation Encompass school. This service means that if anything adverse happens in a child's life to which Police are called, the school is informed in confidence so that we can support them through any difficult times. If you would like further information, please speak to me as safeguarding lead or use this link:

<https://www.polwhelehouseschoollearning.com/wellbeing--safety.html>

Next week, besides the U11 footballers taking part in the regionals (good luck to them all) we will be announcing our entries for the national poetry competition. Miss Topsey and I had a wonderful time reading some absolutely stunning entries – it was really difficult to choose. What a range of opportunities the children have.

Best wishes

Mrs Hilary Mann  
Head



A flavour of the regional cross-country event.



This week Year 3 staged a 'Read-In' in the hall. The children were invited to bring in a cushion or teddy and then find the ideal position for ten minutes of reading. A range of furry creatures stayed with them for lessons afterwards, but Bear (pictured) was the only one to actually complete his own 6 times tables test. (Not bad, but needs to work on 6x8!)

# NOTICES

- **March 4 Martha:** Polly lost her sister in tragic circumstances 3.5 years ago. This week it has been her 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday and Polly and her family and friends are taking part in a big walk to keep her memory alive and raise money for Georgia's Voice, a charity which works with young people going through what Martha and her family suffered. The walk will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> January. If you would like to walk alongside Polly and her family, or donate to Georgia's Voice, please talk to Polly or her mother.
- **Cornwall Families health information:** Please use this link: <https://www.polwhelehouseschoollearning.com/wellbeing--safety.html>
- **Information for parents:** For information on our curriculum, including careers, RSE, Life Skills and all the DfE guidelines, please visit <https://www.polwhelehouseschoollearning.com/teaching--learning.html>
- **Inter-school Invitation Cross-country:** 24<sup>th</sup> February. Teams (Y3-8) will be announced 2 weeks before. Please keep this date free.

## KEY DATES FOR THE LENT TERM:

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### JANUARY

- 30<sup>th</sup> 14:30 U9 football v Bosvigo (home)  
31<sup>st</sup> U11 ISA SW football at Launceston

### FEBRUARY

- 2<sup>nd</sup> 16:00 U12 football v Truro School (home)  
16:00 girls' football club v Truro School (home)  
4<sup>th</sup> Fencing: SW age group  
6<sup>th</sup> 08:45 Polwhele Parent Group U9 cross country v Truro Prep (away) time TBC  
7<sup>th</sup> U11 cross country v Truro Prep (away) time TBC  
9<sup>th</sup> ***Inter-house pancake race***  
**Half term 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> February**  
21<sup>st</sup> U11 football V Truro Prep (home)  
24<sup>th</sup> Polwhele House Invitation Cross Country  
25<sup>th</sup> British School s Team Championships (fencing)

### FEBRUARY (contd.)

- 26<sup>th</sup> 14:30 Indoor athletics v TP & THS at Truro Prep  
27<sup>th</sup> U9 football & netball v Truro Prep (away)  
28<sup>th</sup> U13 girls' football v THS (home)

### MARCH

- 6<sup>th</sup> U11 football & netball v St Joseph's  
7<sup>th</sup> World Book Day  
16:00 Parents' Evening  
8<sup>th</sup> World Maths Day  
16:00 Girls' Football Club v Penryn  
13<sup>th</sup> 16:00 Parents' Evening  
14<sup>th</sup> Science Day  
15<sup>th</sup> 16:00 Boys' & girls' football v CSIA  
17<sup>th</sup> LPJS fencing, Truro  
20<sup>th</sup> 17:00 Lent Term Show  
21<sup>st</sup> Y3&4 trip to Farm & Country Day  
23<sup>rd</sup> 10:00-12:00 Open Morning  
25<sup>th</sup> Junior Maths Challenge  
27<sup>th</sup> PAS theatre trip  
28<sup>th</sup> **Term ends at 16:00.**  
**No after school provision or clubs**

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