

# Mawnan CE VA Primary School Newsletter



*Using our God-given gifts to let our light shine*



Our core Christian Values: *Compassion, Hope, Peace, Perseverance, Respect, Trust*

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## Mother's Day Breakfast

This morning we had a very special Mother's Day Breakfast. Thank you to Jacky, Katie and staff who helped to make this event so lovely and thank you to all our female guests and pupils who attended.

We would like to thank Matt at Varfell farms for the huge donation of beautiful Daffodils! Thanks also to thank Sally, Zinnia, Lizzy, Vikki and Mel for the incredible flower donations and to our wonderful PTA, kitchen and parent helpers this afternoon: Anam, Vikki, Zinnia, Emily P and Holly.

We wish you all a very enjoyable, calm and relaxing Mother's Day.

**Save the date** - Father's Day – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June.







Tuesday 21st March is World Down Syndrome Day.

Down syndrome is a genetic disorder. It occurs in about 1 in every 1200 live births per year. Down syndrome occurs due to the presence of an extra chromosome. Instead of the usual 46 chromosomes, a person with Down syndrome has 47 chromosomes. This extra chromosome is found on the 21st pair, which is why World Down Syndrome Day is on the 21<sup>st</sup> of the third month of the year.

Tilly in Year 2 is a treasured member of our school community and she has Down syndrome so on Tuesday, we will be learning more about Down syndrome as well as celebrating Tilly and our own personal uniqueness by wearing **our brightest odd socks.**





The year 5 children have been involved in a very exciting collaboration with Little Inventors and Falmouth University's sustainable product design course.

The final inventions that were designed from these sessions were then taken to the product design first year students who have been working on their model making skills and creating actual models of these inventions. You can see all the inventions here:

<https://www.littleinventors.org/events/little-inventors-x-falmouth-university/info>

There will then be an exhibition to showcase all the wonderful work and final models on **Thursday 23rd March 2023. 4pm-6pm at Falmouth University.** It would be wonderful if as many of you can join as possible to celebrate this brilliant collaboration. The exhibition will be open for at least a week after as well.

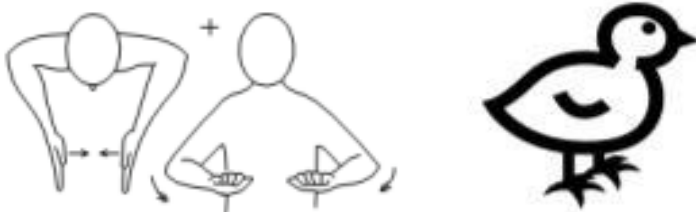


## Makaton sign of the week



The sign and symbol of the week is '**Chick**'

Hands move forward towards each other, then flap arms.



## Upcoming Events

Please put these dates in your diaries:

### March 2023

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup>: Iranian New Year**

**Tues 21<sup>st</sup>: Down Syndrome Awareness**

**Day: ODD SOCKS DAY**

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>: Tempest Class Photos**

### April 2023

**Mom 3<sup>rd</sup> – Fri 14<sup>th</sup>: Easter Holidays**

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup>: Return to School**

## Attendance

This week, **two** of our classes reached our attendance target of 98% this week.

Oppie – 96.67% 1 - late

Topper – 95.17% 0 - late

Pico – 98.39% 0 - late

Fusion – 98.57% 2 – late

Dart – 96.50% 1 - late

Well done Fusion Class for having the highest attendance this week.

## Parent Teacher Meetings

We have our second round of parent teacher meetings for this academic year planned for next week (for all classes except Pico Class).

Thank you for booking your meetings, please ensure that you know the time of your appointment and arrive on time. Your child's teacher will share the zoom link via class dojo on the day of the meeting if you have requested an online meeting.

We are really looking forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress.

## Hockey League



Mawnan 0 – 3 Kennel Vale

Mawnan 0 – 1 Flushing

The team all played really well, everyone got stuck in and worked hard. Everyone worked well as a team, rotating positions and substituting in and out of the game when needed.

Their Coach Tom is really proud of everyone for their hard work, commitment and attitude at training and the games.

## Eucharist

Next Tuesday the whole school will be walking down to St Michael's Church for our annual Eucharist service with Rev Johanna.





## Shared Reading

This morning after our collective worship assembly, our pupils had their Friday morning shared reading. It's wonderful to see the pupils read together, share their stories and discuss their chosen reading books.



## Ofsted Parent Review



We normally ask you to complete a questionnaire at this term's parent teacher meetings and this year we would be incredibly grateful if you could complete the Ofsted Parent View online questionnaire, if you haven't already.

Our Ofsted inspection window is very overdue as our last inspection was in 2017. The information gathered through Parent View will play a valuable part of our next inspection. Thank you so much for your support with this.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

## Youth Speaks

Our Youth Speaks team travelled up to Bodmin on Saturday to compete against the top teams of Cornwall and Devon. The team performed absolutely brilliantly and did themselves proud! Well done team! ✨

## Year 6 SATs

### Message from the Standard and Testing Agency about Year 6 SATs timetable change.

An additional bank holiday in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will take place on Monday 8 May 2023. As this date had previously been announced as the first day of the 2023 key stage 2 (KS2) test week in England, a change to the KS2 test schedule next year will be necessary.

Ministers have considered the situation carefully and have decided that KS2 tests will take place in the same week with tests following the usual order but each taking place one day later than originally planned. As such, the new schedule will be:

- Tuesday 9 May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)
- Wednesday 10 May: English reading paper
- Thursday 11 May: mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)
- Friday 12 May: mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)

The KS2 timetable variation (TTV) window for each assessment will also move back one day, in accordance with this change.

There will be no changes to arrangements for our other assessments, including KS2 teacher assessments, key stage 1 tests and teacher assessments, the phonics screening check and the multiplication tables check. Dates and deadlines for these assessments remain as previously announced.

# Attendance

The children's education has been severely disrupted over the past few years due to the pandemic so good school attendance is even more important.

We do understand there are times when children will need to be absent from school for a number of reasons. As a result, we will only consider authorising absences in the following instances:

- For sickness or ill health
- For medical consultant appointments which fall during school hours
- For religious or cultural observances
- For a family emergency

If your child is absent, please phone or email the school by 9:00am on the first day of absence and provide us with the reason for their absence. The school is obliged to keep a record of absences and these are recorded on your child's report. Unauthorised absence and persistent lateness must be reported to the Local Authority's Attendance and Welfare Officer for further support and action.

## **Holiday during Term Time**

Family holidays during term time will not normally be authorised. No flights or travel arrangements should be booked until the absence has been discussed with the Headteacher. Under current legislation parent/carers taking their child on an unauthorised holiday in term time could be subject to a fixed penalty fine. This is something we would like to avoid happening.

If you decide to still take your child out of school, without permission, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may refer the matter to Cornwall Council who may decide to take legal action against you. A penalty notice can be issued under Section 444A and 444B of the Education Act 1996. This carries a fine per child, per parent, of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the penalty notice may result in Court action. Persistent absences not authorised by the school may result in a

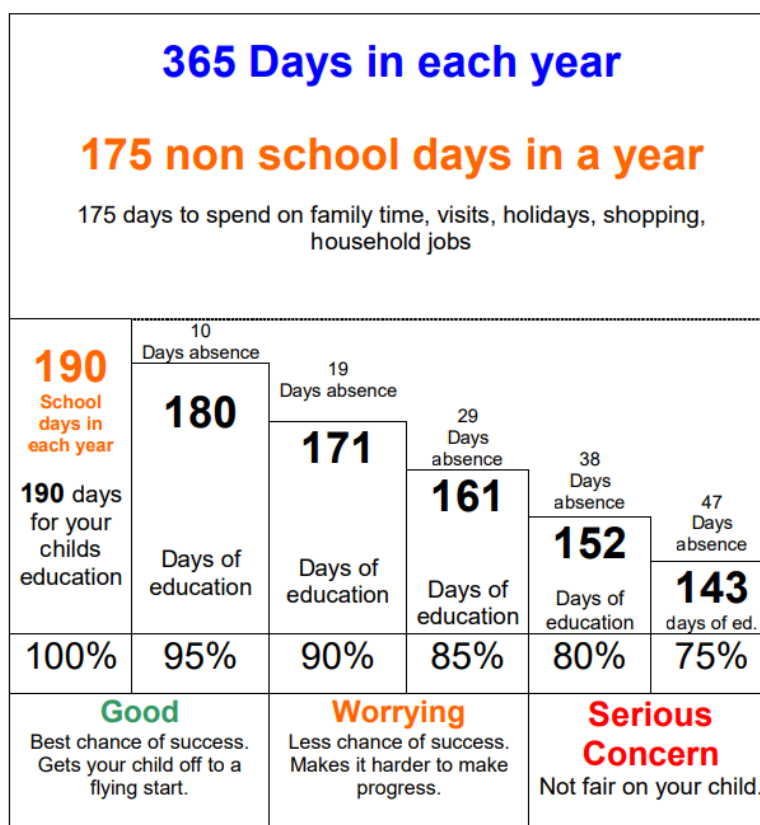
prosecution in the Magistrates Court, leading to fines up to £2,500 and / or custodial sentences. The Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to court.

We have recently had a visit from our Educational Welfare Officer who has expressed their concern at the number of unauthorised holidays that are being taken during term time. This is a plea to ask that you think very carefully before taking your children on holiday in school term time.

If unauthorised absences continue, not only will pupil learning be affected but the management of the school will be questioned by the Educational Welfare Officer and Ofsted.

### **Every School day counts**

**Days off school add up to lost learning  
Don't let your child miss out on their education  
Every school day and minute counts**



**COME TO SCHOOL ON TIME**

## **Term Dates**

Our term dates and closure dates can be found here:

[https://mawnancofeprimary.eschools.co.uk/web/term\\_dates/521213](https://mawnancofeprimary.eschools.co.uk/web/term_dates/521213)





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**MAWNAN CORNISH CRAFT MARKET**  
**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

**We are looking for someone willing to co-ordinate a small team of volunteers to run our popular café throughout the two weeks of the Craft Market.**

**Alternatively, someone to run the café on a commercial basis.**

**If you can help, please contact Val Tunwell on 01326 250802 or [gvtunwell@aol.com](mailto:gvtunwell@aol.com) or Ian Newman on 01326 250334 or [iannewman2002@aol.com](mailto:iannewman2002@aol.com)**

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