

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 2nd February 2024

Hockey League

Our Hockey Team has displayed exceptional skill and determination in the recent Penryn Partnership hockey league matches. They faced two formidable opponents and emerged victorious in both encounters. I am delighted to share that they secured a 1-0 victory against Flushing School and a 1-0 victory against Mylor School. Their hard work and commitment have paid off, and as a result, we have advanced to the semi-finals, which will take place next week. Please join me in congratulating our talented team for their outstanding achievement.



Health and Safety

We are working diligently to provide a safe entrance and exit to the school premises. To support us in this, we kindly request the following:

- When dropping off or collecting your children, please ensure that the 'keep clear area' is free of cars.
- Please refrain from leaving your car idling. It is important to note that an idling engine can produce up to twice as many exhaust emissions as an engine in motion. We strive to maintain clean air for everyone's well-being.
- Lastly, please discourage your children from playing around cars, in the bushes, or on the school wall.

Safety is our utmost priority, and we appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

I am pleased to inform you that Children's Mental Health Awareness Week will be taking place from 5th to 11th February 2024. This year's theme is "**My Voice Matters**" and aims to highlight the importance of children and young people's mental health. It is a significant initiative set up by the children's mental health charity, Place2Be. We will be incorporating activities and discussions related to this theme throughout the week, promoting positive mental well-being among our students.

Article 12 UNCRC



Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously.





Dress to Express

On **Friday 9th February** we will be supporting Children's Mental Health week. This **will be a non – uniform day** where we would like the children to come dressed to the theme “**Dress to Express.**” Children are encouraged to use colour to express themselves by wearing a colourful outfit or an outfit of their choice to express themselves.

Your Child's Mental Health

Mental health doesn't mean being happy all the time and neither does it mean avoiding stresses altogether. One of the most important ways to help your child is to listen to them and take their feelings seriously.

In many instances, children and young people's negative feelings and worries usually pass with the support of their parents and families. It is helpful for the school to know what they are going through at these times, so that staff can be aware of the need and support this.

Coping and adjusting to setbacks are critical life skills for children, just as they are for adults, but it is important that they develop positive, rather than negative, coping skills.

If you are ever worried about your child's mental health and wellbeing then, just as you would about any concerns that you have about their learning, come and talk to us. Sometimes children will need additional support for a short period – this may be in the form of sessions with our play therapist or a daily check-in with a trusted adult, time to talk through what they are feeling and support in developing ways of moving forward with this.

As always, the well-being of our children is our top priority, and we are here to support them in every way possible. We are sending out two very helpful guides for parents with this newsletter.

Year 3 and Year 5 Sports Hall Athletics

Today our Year 3 and Year 5s had the opportunity to take part in Sports Hall Athletics at Penryn College. They did all sorts of events including running relays, vertical long jumps, soft javelin and much more!

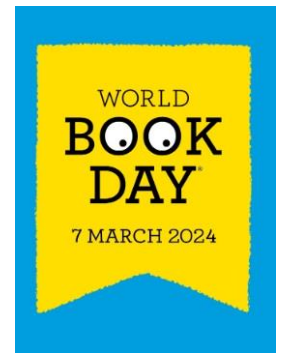


It was great fun and enjoyed by all!

World Book Day

Every day is world book day at Mawnan School! We put high quality books at the heart of the Mawnan curriculum to ensure that our children develop a love of reading from an early age, as reading is the key to successful learning.

We want to take this opportunity to thank you all for supporting your child with reading at home. **On Thursday 7th**, we would love it if the children came in dressed up as their favourite character from a book. Please try to keep it simple and try your very best to reuse and recycle rather than buying anything new.



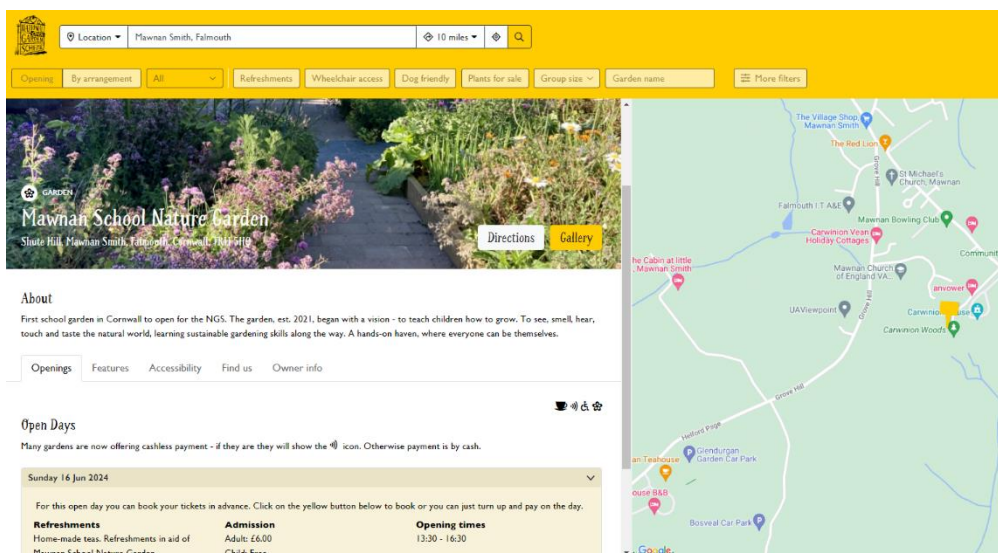
National Garden Scheme – Save the Date!

We have some exciting news to share with you regarding our beloved school garden. As you are well aware, we take great pride in our beautiful garden and the endless opportunities it provides for our children. It is with great joy that I announce Mawnan School Nature Garden will be hosting an open garden event on **Sunday 16th June** through the prestigious National Garden Society Scheme.



This is a momentous occasion for us as we are the first school garden in Cornwall to open for the National Garden Society. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the dedication of Zinnia, who has worked tirelessly to create this magical space. Please mark the date in your calendars and come join us for this special event.

Go to <https://findagarden.ngs.org.uk/> and type in Mawnan Smith for more details.



Dates to Remember 2024

<u>2024 Dates</u>	<u>Event</u>
Friday 9 th Feb	Dress to Express Non-uniform day
12 th - 16 th Feb	Half term
Mon 4 th - Fri 8 th March	Parent Teacher Meetings (a google form to sign will be sent out to parents nearer the time)
11 th – 22 nd March	Year 3 and Year 4 Swimming lessons (a google form has been sent out to parents for children attending)
29 th March –12 th April	Easter Holidays
19 th April – 24 th May	Friday CST Sailing lessons – Term 1 (6 Sessions)
Thurs 25 th April	TEMPEST: School Class Photos
Mon 6 th May	Bank Holiday Monday
27 th – 31 st May	May Half Term
7 th June – 5 th July	Friday CST Sailing lessons – Term 2 (5 Sessions)
Sun 16 th June	National Garden Scheme Open Garden
19 th – 21 st June	Year 4 & 5 BF Adventure School Camp
26 th – 28 th June	Year 6 Porthpean School Camp
Fri 5 th July	Sports Day
Fri 12 th July	Sports Day (reserve date)
22 nd – 24 th July	School Closure Days
Thurs 25 th July	School Summer Holiday

All dates and events can be found on our School website Calendar:

<https://www.mawnanschool.com/web/calendar/430674>

Statutory Test Dates for 2023-2024

KS2 SATs 2024

Here are the dates for when the National KS2 SATs will take place in May 2024.

Test	Date
English grammar, punctuation and spelling test Paper 1: short answer questions (45 minutes) Paper 2: spelling (15 minutes)	Monday 13th May 2024
English reading test Paper 1: Reading comprehension (60 minutes)	Tuesday 14th May 2024
Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic (30 minutes) Paper 2: reasoning (40 minutes)	Wednesday 15th May 2024
Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning (40 minutes)	Thursday 16th May 2024

Phonics Screening Check for Year 1 children

Year 1 children will complete their phonics screening check in the week beginning Monday 10th June 2024.

Multiplication tables check (MTC) for Year 4 children

Year 4 children will complete the multiplication check during the week commencing Monday 3rd June 2024.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you about the importance of regular attendance, particularly during the statutory testing period. Therefore, I kindly request that you refrain from booking any holidays or non-essential activities during term time to ensure that your child is able to participate fully in their learning.

Mawnan WI 'Annual Pancake Races'

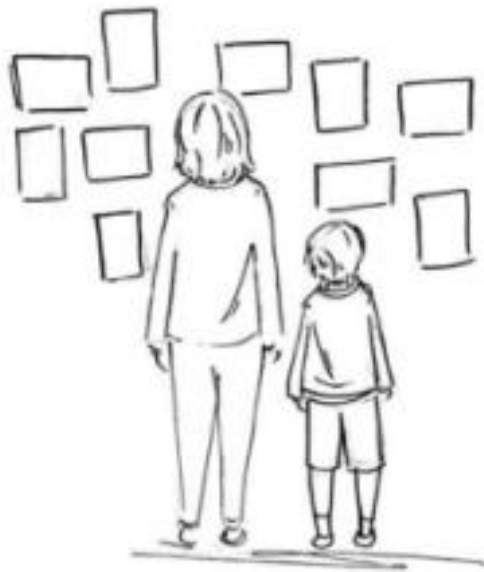
Children and adults in the village are invited to come along to Mawnan Memorial Hall for the Annual Pancake Races which will be held on Tuesday 13th February at 1.30pm.



We are one of a very few villages in Cornwall where this tradition is still celebrated so please come along to keep it alive! There will be races for pre-schoolers and for all other age groups. Previous experience is not required and practising at home is allowed. We have some special heavy-duty pancakes (made from a secret recipe) which are non-stick and can be tossed high in the air!

This event is free. We hope to see you there.

Mawnan WI



MAWNAN SECRET POSTCARD PROJECT

Mawnan school is delighted to announce a unique fundraising event for our wonderful village school.

The Mawnan Secret Postcard Project will see hundreds of original postcards featuring a huge range of subjects and media created by artists both local and further afield.

We are looking for artists to create an original postcard to be donated and exhibited in our exhibition (which we hope will be in early May 2024 - date and venue to be confirmed soon).

All postcards will be displayed anonymously (signed on the reverse) and sold for a fixed fee per card with all money raised going towards a new library for our incredible village school. We have already had a huge amount of interest and started to collect some beautiful postcards from artists far and wide. We are looking forward to a very exciting community event.

Enquiries and postcards to Alex at postcardproject@mawnanschool.com
(Blank Cards available)

Postcard Project, Mawnan School, Shute Hill, Mawnan Smith, Cornwall, TR11 5HQ

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 6th February is Safer Internet Day but at Mawnan, every day is a safe internet day!

We are incredibly fortunate to have Mrs. Shepherd, our passionate and highly skilled computing leader. She has designed an engaging and relevant computing curriculum that not only captivates our children but also equips them with the knowledge to navigate the internet safely.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers>

This week, our e-safety focus for parents is parental controls and filters. We hope this information supports you in protecting your children when they are online. *Please see the email attachments for further information.*

What Parents and Carers Need to Know About Parental Controls

Streaming songs with explicit lyrics. Watching videos featuring adult themes or bad language. Downloading apps or games that they're not quite old enough for yet. When a child uses a smartphone – either their own or a parent's – there are all kinds of harmful content they could unlock, either through natural inquisitiveness or by sheer accident.

The parental controls you'll find on most smartphones are an excellent way of minimising this possibility. They don't completely remove the element of risk – but they do significantly reduce it. Our #WakeUpWednesday guides this week walk you through the process of setting up these potentially invaluable filters on iPhone and Android smartphones. They are attached to the newsletter.



FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS

Come and take part in our EdVenture half term provision, offering children a fantastic opportunity to build friendships through team sports and outdoor adventures, and explore their creativity with themed group games and arts & crafts.

TUE 13TH - THUR 15TH FEB

3 DAY SUPER CAMPS **5-7 YEARS | 8+ YEARS**

**FEATURING A RANGE OF
ACTIVITIES INCLUDING:**

**DODGEBALL, DEN BUILDING, GYM,
PAPER PLANE WARS, ARTS & CRAFTS,
DANCE OFF, FOOTBALL, GYMNASTICS,
CAPTURE THE FLAG, BOARD GAMES,
FILMS, TEAM CHALLENGES
& LOTS MORE!**

**JUST £75 FOR 3 DAYS
OR £30 A DAY**



MON 12TH & FRI 16TH OCT

FULL/HALF DAY CAMPS: **BASKETBALL** **FOOTBALL** **COMIC BOOKS** **AND MORE...**



FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE COURSES & HOW TO BOOK:

WWW.MYEDVENTURE.CO.UK
01326 372379



**PLAYERS
and
KEEPERS
WANTED!**

Come train, play and have fun with our Girls Team, players current in year 6

Cornwall Youth Football League

**TRAINING- Mondays 6-7
Penryn College**

**Email -
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