

# 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 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Good Afternoon!

We have had another busy week! We have learnt about Nowruz (Iranian New Year), enjoyed a special Eucharist service and celebrated Downs Syndrome Day!

We also had Parent Teacher Meetings this week which enabled our incredible Teaching staff to discuss and show parents the superb progress that the children have made. They are a true credit to you.

## Health and Safety

A number of upper key stage 2 children are arriving at school unaccompanied by an adult just before 8:30am. Our school gates open at 8:35am and classrooms open to the children at 8:40am.

Please do not send your children into school before 8:35am as the playground is unsupervised.

## Upcoming Events

Please put these dates in your diaries:

### **April 2023**

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

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

### **May 2023**

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup>: Coronation Bank Holiday**

**Fri 5<sup>th</sup>: Coronation Celebration – Non-Uniform Day – Dress as Royalty**

**Tues 9<sup>th</sup> – Fri 12<sup>th</sup>: Year 6 SATs**

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> – Wed 17<sup>th</sup>: Yr 4,5 & 6 School Camp**

**Mon 29<sup>th</sup>: HALF TERM**

## Attendance

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

Oppie – 98.52% 0 - late

Topper – 100% 0 - late

Pico – 98.06% 0 - late

Fusion – 99.64% 0 - late

Dart – 100% 0 - late

Well done Topper and Dart Class for having the highest attendance this week.

## 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/>

## Hockey League

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Our Hockey team continue to make us proud, working hard as a team with a great attitude! They are improving every week and this was their best game to date. Well done!

## Penryn Partnership – 7 aside Netball Competition

Mawnan 6 – 12 Kennall Vale

Mawnan 2 – 15 Mabe

Mawnan 12 – 14 Perranaworthal

The girls played 10 minute matches each way against three teams and played so well with 100 % effort. Well done girls.

## Air Ups

Air Up drink bottles have become increasingly popular. We would appreciate it if you could name label the bottle and encourage your child to take full responsibility for this expensive item.



## Nowruz (Iranian New Year)

On Monday afternoon during collective worship Anam (Eleena's mum) came to talk to us all about how her family celebrates Nowruz (Iranian New Year) which started on Monday at 9:24pm.

The children were very enthusiastic and asked some brilliant questions.



The special table is called a **Haftsin** and is an arrangement of seven symbolic items that all start with the letter s.



We are incredibly grateful to Anam for sharing this special event with us. Thank you!

Thank you also to Kate from the deli, Sabzi, in Falmouth who provided the Persian love cake which was enjoyed alongside other Persian treats by Oppie Class!



## Gardening Club and Bulbs

Thank you to all those who donated the beautiful bulbs for this event and Zinnia who planted these bulbs during Gardening Club in or School garden.



## Eucharist

On Tuesday, the whole school walked down to St Michael's Church for our annual Eucharist service with Rev Johanna. It was a wonderful Eucharist service and it was extra special because it was the first time that we had all been in the church as a whole school since before the pandemic.

We are very grateful to Rev Johanna for leading our service, to our family of helpers for supporting us and to our brilliant children for shining so brightly!





Thank you for supporting World Down Syndrome Day on Tuesday.

A special thank you to Year 2 for presenting a brilliant assembly on valuing our uniqueness, what Down syndrome is and how we can be a good friend to someone with Down syndrome. Their public speaking skills were very impressive.



# Newquay Zoo Trip

On Thursday Oppie and Topper class had an adventurous trip to Newquay zoo.

They were learning all about animal classifications, learning the difference between mammals and reptiles.

The children really enjoyed looking at the maps to see what country or continent the different animals came from and were especially interested in whether or not they were endangered.

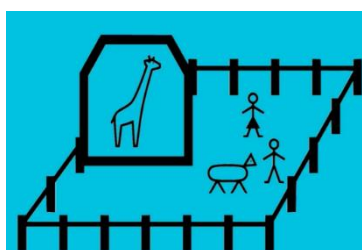
It was an exciting, educational and enjoyable day!



## Makaton sign of the week



The sign and symbol of the week is 'Zoo'




# Little Inventors

The Little Inventor is a sustainable product design course where three third year Falmouth University Students (Honey, Molly and Issy) delivered inspirational workshops to pupils in our school. The themes for these workshops were oceans, food and health.

The inventions that were made from these sessions were then taken to the product design first year students who have been working on their model making skills and creating these inventions.

Yesterday, pupils went to see their designs which were on show at Falmouth University. It was an amazing event, where the inventors in our school got to meet the students who brought their inventions to life. For more information follow: <https://www.littleinventors.org/events/little-inventors-x-falmouth-university/info>



 **LITTLE INVENTORS TEAM SAYS**

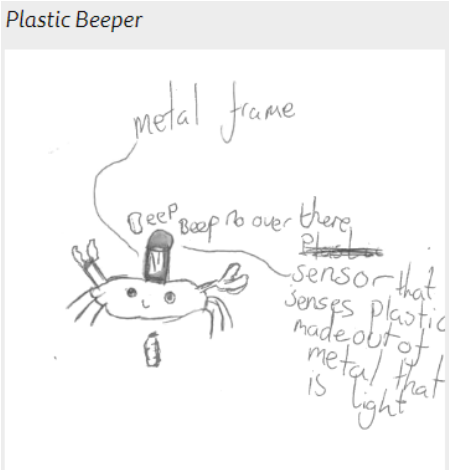
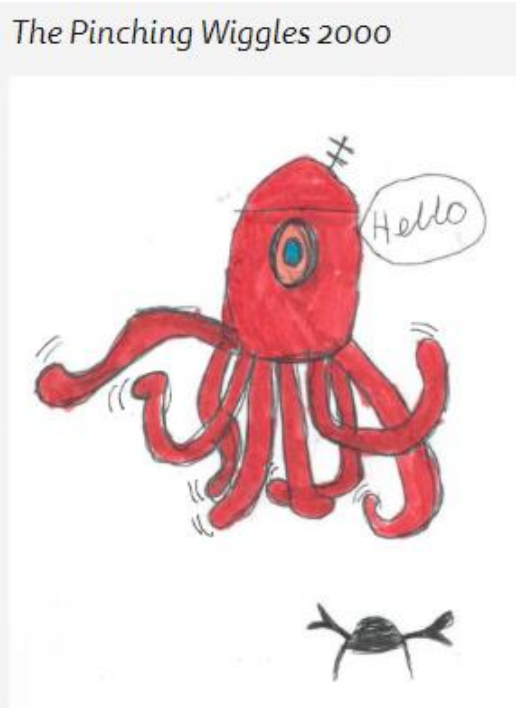
This idea is great Luc! pollution in the ocean and air are big problems right now and you've created one invention that can help to solve all of these problems! Your drawing of the Pinching Wiggles 2000 is really cool and I love the colour that you have chosen for your invention. How does your octopus speak, does it have a human voice or a robot voice? great work Lucas - keep inventing!


**LUC**  
Age 9 • Falmouth, UK

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*I'm designing an octopus has crabs in its head to clean up everything in the ocean and the octopus has a fan to blow away air pollution and create ice from icebergs. PS the octopus can speak*

”



 **LITTLE INVENTORS TEAM SAYS**

This is a really great invention, Joss! A device that lets crabs know when there is plastic near them so they don't eat it is a great way to help sea life be safer. Plastic in the oceans is a real problem for fish and sea creatures, and your invention would be very helpful in tackling that. I like that the device straps onto the crabs head, I think that would look very sweet, like they are wearing a little hat. Looking forward to seeing what you come up with next!

**JOSS**  
Age 9 • Falmouth, UK

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*It is a thing that goes on a crabs head and tells the crab not to eat the plastic it is near.*

”





The medicine giving teddy bear

**MIA**  
Age 9 • Falmouth, UK



**LITTLE INVENTORS TEAM SAYS**

Wow Mia, this is a very clever idea which will be so helpful around doctors or hospitals especially! There's a lot of people who are maybe scared to take medicine and being given it by a giant cuddly bear would be so much easier! What kind of treat do you get after you have taken your medicine? Your drawing is great and the labels help to show all the important features of the The medicine giving teddy bear! Great work Mia, I would love to see some more of your inventions soon!



“ It's a giant teddy bear but it's a robot that gives you medicine so you aren't scared to take it. And when you're done you get a treat. You can also get a hug when you are done and it also comes out when you need your medicine. ”



**ISSY**  
Age 9 • Falmouth, UK

“ This is a fishing boat. Where the arrow is pointing is a sensor for fish. It can tell if the fish have laid babies or not, if they haven't they are let go so there is more and more fish in the sea, so there is not a chance that they would go extinct. ”



**LITTLE INVENTORS TEAM SAYS**

Issy, this is great invention! What a clever way to make sure the fish population doesn't get over fished. Making sure the fish that you catch have lived a long life and have had babies means that there will be more fish to replace the ones you catch. It sounds like a very responsible way to go fishing. Well done, Issy, looking forward to seeing what you invent next!

Fishing Boat Sensor



The OctoPod 2000

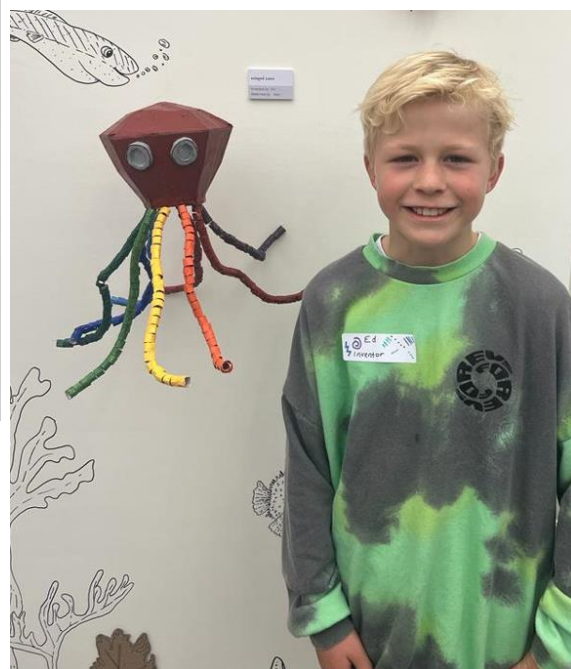


**LITTLE INVENTORS TEAM SAYS**

Wow Ed, I want to explore the ocean in The OctoPod 2000! You would be able to see all the different animals that live in the ocean and see the beauty under the water. Collecting plastic and oil is so important to our oceans which are suffering from pollutants, so your invention is a brilliant helping hand in cleaning it all up! It's also very important to allow our fishes to become adults before we fish them, so the feature that tells fishermen to go away is good idea! Keep Inventing Ed!

**ED**  
Age 10 • Falmouth, UK

“ It has lots of tentacles which do lots of different things to save the ocean from harm and you go in it and control it by buttons in the pod. ”





**LITTLE INVENTORS TEAM SAYS**

Wow, Marley, what a great invention! Rubbish in the seas and oceans is a real problem, so creating an invention for crabs to get rid of the rubbish in the sea is a great solution. Not only is this invention good for the whole planet and the environment, it is especially good for sea creatures. Jet packs to get away from sharks sounds fun and I bet they would be very grateful! Well done, Marley, keep inventing!

**MARLEY**

Age 10 • Falmouth, UK

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A crab that picks rubbish. There is a sucker that sucks the rubbish into a pipe and then it makes jet packs for all the sea creatures so they can get away from sharks. There is a sensor to find animals.  
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### Crabtastic Picker



**LITTLE INVENTORS TEAM SAYS**

Wow Teddy what a great idea to protect the ocean! The fish can now have a safe space to hide and live with the help of your invention. Your invention also protects the corals from harm, which is so important for our planet! You've thought about the fish and their homes, protecting both! I wonder what the fish will get up to in their new safe home. I love the colourful drawings and the detail. Keep inventing Teddy!

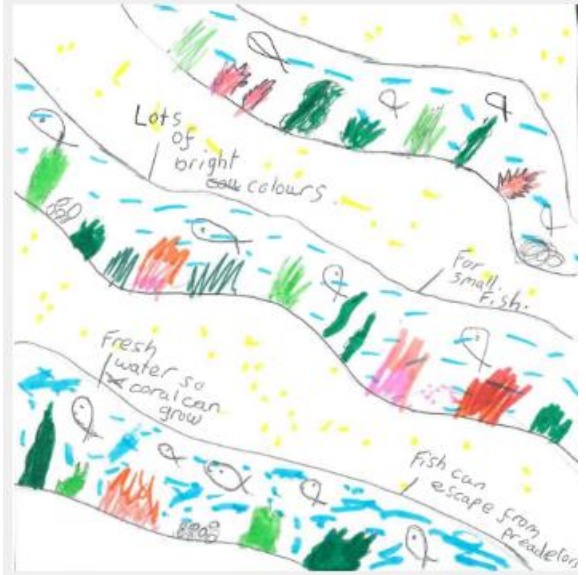
**TEDDY**

Age 10 • Falmouth, UK

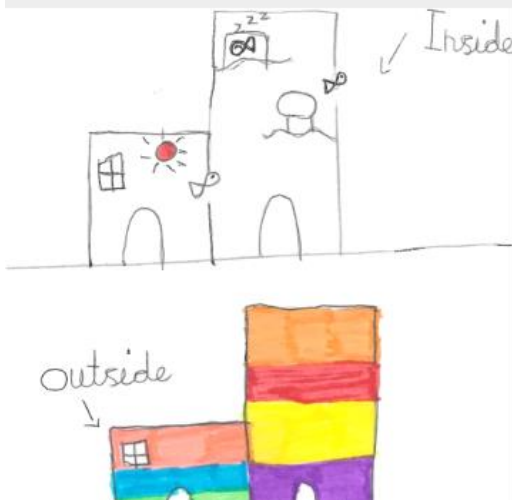
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Fish from the sea can come into the tube to escape from predators and there is fresh water in the tubes and because of the fresh water the coral can stay alive.  
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### Fish Tubes



### The Fish Protector



**LITTLE INVENTORS TEAM SAYS**

Olivia, what a great invention! The Fish Protector looks like it would certainly help fish be protected from scary predators. Your picture makes the Fish Protector look like a lovely place for fish to take refuge, a little bed so they can rest and windows so they can see when the danger is gone. The fact that it is VERY colourful is a great idea, the fish won't lose sight of it in their times of need! Great Work, Olivia, keep inventing!

**OLIVIA**

Age 9 • Falmouth, UK

“  
FALMOUTH  
The fish live inside and there is an alarm as well for when predators are coming. Also VERY colourful.  
”



# 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**

<p style="font-size: 1.2em; color: blue;"><b>365 Days in each year</b></p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; color: orange;"><b>175 non school days in a year</b></p> <p>175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs</p>					
<p style="font-size: 1.5em; color: orange;"><b>190</b></p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; color: orange;">School days in each year</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">190 days for your child's education</p>	<p style="font-size: 0.8em;">10 Days absence</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em;"><b>180</b></p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Days of education</p>	<p style="font-size: 0.8em;">19 Days absence</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em;"><b>171</b></p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Days of education</p>	<p style="font-size: 0.8em;">29 Days absence</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em;"><b>161</b></p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Days of education</p>	<p style="font-size: 0.8em;">38 Days absence</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em;"><b>152</b></p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Days of education</p>	<p style="font-size: 0.8em;">47 Days absence</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em;"><b>143</b></p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">days of ed.</p>
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
<p style="color: green; font-weight: bold;">Good</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start.</p>		<p style="color: orange; font-weight: bold;">Worrying</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress.</p>		<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">Serious Concern</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Not fair on your child.</p>	

**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)