



Mawgan-in-Pydar Primary School

Head of School: Miss D Carden

4th April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

I can't believe that we are already two thirds of the way through this academic year! Here is an update of this very busy term.

Staffing

This week we have said goodbye to Mrs Wicks and wished her well in her continued SEND support in other schools. Mrs Olefhile will now take on the school SENDCo role on our return after the Easter holidays.

We also welcome Mrs Chamberlain to the team who is joining us as a teaching assistant. We wish Mr Taylor, who has been on supply with us, the very best in his continued surfing teaching.

Forest School

Class 5 have had wonderful experiences at Forest School this term, extending their scientific knowledge, understanding and skills, developing team building skills, improving their survival skills with shelter, water and food, cooking, climbing and of course as well as having great fun with the UTC team.

Class 3 also had their final session, learning about settlements as part of their Geography work, along with marshmallows and fire lighting. More sessions to come for Classes 1 and 2 in the summer term.

Trips

Class 3 and 4 had a great day at Rough Tor with UTC. They couldn't have asked for better weather! They spent the day learning about geographical features, map reading and using compasses. They also added to their survival skills learnt in Forest School, learning about layering and venting and survival equipment to take on hikes. They navigated the Tors, explored caves and enjoyed the stunning scenery too.

Classes 1 and 2 visited the Eden project this week. Class 1 explored a 'Rainbow' of foods and had great fun in the spiral garden collecting plants to make a rainbow of colours. They then went on to explore the Rainforest Biome and thoroughly enjoyed cooling down under the waterfall and on the steam bridge.

Class 2 learnt lots in their Building in Brazil workshop and had a super time exploring the different shelters in the Rainforest Biome and comparing them to their own homes. Class 2 also cooled themselves down as it was very hot in the Biome. It was a great day in our beautiful local setting.

Sports

We have attended lots of external sports events this half term. Our Year 6 Rugby team did incredibly well this week and came 4th out of 13 teams, coming away with the 'silver runners up' award – an amazing achievement!

Our cross-country runners attended the Cornwall School Games Cross Country finals this time and demonstrated true grit, determination and effort. They all did very well, and we are very proud of them. Those who took part in the heats prior to this were also fantastic!

A team of Y3/4 pupils spent the morning at Bodmin Leisure centre competing in an Indoor Athletics qualifier. They were fantastic at supporting each other and came 6th overall – well done team!

Years 4, 5 and 6 have thoroughly enjoyed their sessions with Cornish Pirates and further developed their rugby skills. We are so lucky to be able to give opportunities like this to our pupils, working alongside professional coaches and players – such an inspiration!

Choir

Some of our choir members did us very proud at the St Piran's day parade. 'Stole the show' were words shared by adults watching 😊 As always, their singing and signing was beautiful!

Science Week

This year we celebrated Science Week with a visit from Callum Bird and Zoe Hilditch who work for Cormac. They did a whole school assembly and then talked about local changes due to climate change, linking with the Science week theme of 'Change and Adapt'. We discussed how we could make changes to our living to be more sustainable and discussed 4 steps: Eliminate, reduce, substitute and compensate. We then looked at areas of local flooding and learned about rock armour, dredging and man-made sand dunes. After that we watched a live demonstration of how to build man-made sand dunes and then had a go at building our own and testing them out.

We are ECO friendly!

This term our ECO councillors have been busy exploring ways to save energy. Each class has 2 ECO councillors who are leading the way with 'Get Energised' – they are finding ways to save electricity with Energy Sparks. Energy Sparks provides extensive opportunities for learning about energy and climate change within the context of our own school. The team are 'competing' against other schools nationally to save as much energy as they can. Watch this space for more information on what you can do at home too to help save energy!

Our ECO team will also be leading the way with our new waste regulations initiative, and we are busy trying to organise a visit to SUEZ recycling and recovery UK to learn more about how recycling helps us to lead a more sustainable life.

World Book Day

On World Book Day we took part in The Ultimate Character Champion Battle: pupils presented their favourite book characters and 'battled out' for the best one in class. We also had some wonderful costumes on the day too.

PTA

Our PTA have continued to work hard behind the scenes organising fundraising events to help fund our wider extra-curricular activities such as Forest School, Surfing etc. The Spring Breakfast was a huge success, yummy food cooked by Bridget and Sharon. The Easter egg hunt and Easter Bonnet parade were fabulous! Pupils went out of their way to make some egg – stremely amazing bonnets this year, judged by Liz and Phil from next door – there were some really creative creations!!

Spring Raffle – tickets have been sent home this week. Please return tickets stubs, unsold tickets, cash and completed counterfoils to school by Wednesday, 30th April. Thank you to those who have kindly donated prizes.

Key PTA Dates

Monday, 28th April at 2:15pm (PTA Meeting). All welcome

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Friday, 2nd May at 3:15pm (Spring Raffle Prize Draw - back playground).

Monday, 19th May at 2:15pm (PTA Meeting). All welcome.

Friday, 23rd May (PTA dress down day) in exchange for items for the Summer Fair.

Friday, 27th June (Summer Fair)

The PTA Need You!

The PTA plays an important role in supporting additional activities, resources and excursions for pupils across the school.

Why not be a part of this amazing group of PTA volunteers? You can get in touch with the PTA via email hello@mawgan-in-pydar.org.uk

Thank you as always for all your support. We hope you have a wonderfully Happy Easter!

Yours sincerely



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