

# Mawnan C of E VA Primary

# Newsletter



Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Dear Families,

We have had a fantastically productive week at school.

The development of the school garden is progressing rapidly. Thank you to our team of volunteers who worked over the bank holiday weekend to move this project forward. We are now reaching the final phase of this brilliant project and we need your help. If you would like to get involved please let Miss Pridmore or Zinnia know. This afternoon Pico Class will be working with Zinnia to do some planting.

In this week's newsletter we will be informing you of some recent staff appointments, some staffing changes and our staffing structure for the next academic year.

Have wonderful weekend,

*Miss Pridmore*



## Upcoming Events

Please put these dates in your diaries:

**May**

**29<sup>th</sup> PTA Walking Fayre**

**31<sup>st</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> June – Half Term**

**June 2021**

**7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> – Closure Days (School closed to everyone)**

## Attendance

Four classes reached our attendance target of 98% this week. Well done!

Oppie –	96.67%	0 - late
Topper –	100%	1 - late
Pico –	99.11%	1 - late
Fusion –	98.66%	0 - late
Dart –	100%	0 - late

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

## **Deputy Headteacher**

Following recent interviews, we are delighted to share that Mr Barnes has been appointed as our permanent Deputy Headteacher.

Since joining Mawnan School in September 2016, Mr Barnes has made an invaluable and immeasurable contribution to the school, not only as an exceptional class teacher but also as an inspirational curriculum leader. Mawnan School and the educational provision that we provide for our children has benefitted significantly from Mr Barnes' curriculum development, leadership and innovation, his high expectations and aspirations for every learner and his tireless ambition to make Mawnan school even better.

We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated and forward thinking member of staff and we are confident that this appointment will further strengthen the school's leadership and success. Thank you Mr Barnes for all of your hard work to date and good luck in your new post.

## **Topper Class Staffing Changes**

This is Mrs Scott's last half term with us as she finishes on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May. We are incredibly grateful to Mrs Scott for the amazing contribution that she has made to the school over the last year. We wish Mrs Scott the very best with her future travelling plans and thank her sincerely for all of her support.

After the half term, Mrs Davies will continue to teach Topper Class Monday – Wednesday and Miss Pridmore will be teaching the class on Thursdays and Fridays.

## **Mrs Churcher**

Mrs Churcher will be returning from her maternity leave on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July. She will be returning full time and will be going into Topper Class. This is because she will be the Topper Class teacher going forward.

## Staffing Structure for 2021-2022

Class	Class Teacher	Classroom Support
<b>Oppie</b>	Louise Wylie	Wendy Timmins and Claire Atkins
<b>Topper</b>	Ellen Churcher	Miranda Tricker
<b>Pico</b>	Polly Blight	Sharon Ellis, Helen Bate, Sarah Joule and Hannah Martin
<b>Fusion</b>	Ross Barnes (3.5 days) & Victoria Davies(1.5 days)	Amanda Shepherd and Angela Alexander
<b>Dart</b>	Catherine Prosser	This post will be advertised shortly

Mr Barnes has been appointed as the Assistant Maths Hub Lead and Primary School Mastery Lead for Cornwall. This is a phenomenal achievement for Mr Barnes and an excellent opportunity for the school. The new role will mean that Mr Barnes is out of class for a day and a half a week. We are very pleased that Mrs Davies will be joining the Fusion Class team from September.

### Spilt Year Groups

At Mawnan School, we split our Year 1 and Year 4 cohorts over two classes to ensure that our classes do not exceed 30.

The Year 1 children will learn in Oppie Class either alongside the EYFS children or in Topper Class alongside the Year 2 children.

The Year 4 children will learn in Pico Class either alongside the Year 3 children or in Fusion Class alongside the Year 5 children.

If you have a child who is currently in EYFS or Year 3 please check your emails because we have emailed you to inform you which class your child will be in for the next academic year. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

## Key Stage 2 Spaces

From September, we will have a few rare spaces in all of our key stage 2 classes (Year 3 –Year 6). If you know of any families who have key stage 2 aged children and that want to join 'the best school in the world' please ask them to get in contact.

## Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 School Camp

The government have confirmed this week that Step 3 of the government's [Roadmap out of Lockdown](#) will be progressing as planned, this means that residential educational visits can resume from 17 May. So, we will be going to camp! We will be working on the arrangements over the coming weeks and more details will follow.

## Ofsted Parent View

As you know, our Ofsted inspection window is now open as our last inspection was in 2017. We now have 13 responses on parent view but we'd really appreciate some more.

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/>

## Pico WWF Fundraiser

A massive thank you to Team Pico for raising an incredible £180 for the WWF.

We have been learning all about animals, deforestation and the problems with unsustainable palm oil. The children have felt extremely passionate about raising awareness and helping to make our world a better place.

Thank you to all the amazing Pico families, children and staff who have kindly donated. The £180 has allowed us to adopt three animals. Pico all voted and have chosen to adopt an orangutan, a tiger and Amur leopard.

Thank you again, Miss Blight.



## MPS Society Awareness – Wear it Blue Day!



MPS Awareness Week

10–16 May 2021

Let's get #EverybodyIn

Next Friday (14<sup>th</sup>) is **Wear it Blue Day** at Mawnan. We would like to invite all of the children to come into school dressed in blue sporty clothes. We will be having a collection on the gate for the MPS Society and the children will be taking part in some fun active challenges.

This MPS Society is particularly important to the Mawnan School Family because this is the charity that supports children and families with ultra-rare diseases like Sanfilippo Syndrome, which Stan in Pico Class has.

## Mawnan School Supporting Christian Aid Week



Next week is also Christian Aid Week and this year is Christian Aid's 75th Anniversary. Rev Johanna, our vicar, will be walking 75 miles during Christian Aid Week (10-16 May). She will be joined by all sorts of groups from local Churches and communities, and praying for Climate Justice as they go.

Johanna says "Walking 75 miles in a week is quite a challenge, so I am very grateful to everyone who has agreed to walk with me. I am especially looking forward to walking with children from our wonderful school. Their support will keep me going, and it will really help children like Onesmus and Michael in Kenya.



Onesmus, 15, loves school. He hopes to be a teacher when he grows up. Every day after school, he walks for half an hour to collect water from the nearby earth dam for his family.



'Before the earth dam, we had to walk to a river far away,' he says. 'It took three hours to walk there. I didn't have enough time to do my homework. Now I am happier we have the earth dam.'

Now, Onesmus can spend more time learning at school because he doesn't have to walk so far to collect water. He also uses water from the dam to grow tasty fruit at home, like avocados and pineapples. Onesmus takes great care to water his plants.

Sadly, because of climate change, many plants in Kenya don't get enough rain water and can't grow. 'It hasn't rained properly for a long time,' he explains. 'When it rains, I will feel happy.'

Christian Aid is supporting all the children in Onesmus' village to plant trees. Onesmus is teaching his little nephew, Michael Jr, how to plant a tree sapling and water it every day, so it can grow tall, strong and green.

Onesmus' teacher is happy to see him watering his plants and doing well at school. 'The dam has made a big change,' she says. 'The children are able to concentrate, because they have water. Water is life.'



You can support the children's walk and Christian Aid by donating through the school or online at [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/j-clare1](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/j-clare1) **We will be having a collection on the school gate on Tuesday morning.**



# ACTION CALENDAR: MINDFUL MARCH 2021



## MONDAY

**1** Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness

**8** Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture & smell of your food

**15** Stop, breathe and just notice. Repeat regularly during the day

**22** Walk a different route today and see what you notice

**29** Notice what is working today and be thankful that this is so

## TUESDAY

**2** Notice five things that are beautiful in the world outside

**9** Take a full breath in and out before you reply to others

**16** Get really absorbed with an interesting or creative activity

**23** Tune in to your feelings, without judging or trying to change

**30** Mentally scan down your body and notice what it is feeling

## WEDNESDAY

**3** Start today by appreciating your body and that you're alive

**10** Get outside and notice how the weather feels on your face

**17** Look around and spot 3 things you find unusual or pleasant

**24** Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do

**31** Notice the joy to be found in the simple things of life

## THURSDAY

**4** Notice how you speak to yourself. Try to use kind words

**11** Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee

**18** If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down

**25** Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted

## FRIDAY

**5** Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day

**12** Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying

**19** Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today

**26** Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible

## SATURDAY

**6** Bring to mind people you care about and send love to them

**13** Pause to just watch the sky or clouds for a few minutes today

**20** Celebrate the International Day of Happiness [dayofhappiness.net](http://dayofhappiness.net)

**27** Have a device-free day and enjoy the space it offers

## SUNDAY

**7** Have a 'no plans' day and notice how that feels

**14** Find ways to enjoy any chores or tasks that need doing

**21** Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else

**28** Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are

"Mindfulness means that we commit fully in each moment to be present" - Jon Kabat-Zinn



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS



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