

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 10th March 2023

School disco

We would like to say congratulations to Anam for successfully planning her first event as Chair of the PTA. Dance competitions, games, candy floss, glow sticks and incredible dance moves all made for a fantastic and fun school disco!



It was a great success and **raised over £500** for the PTA! Thank you to all the children who put on their dancing shoes and made it all worthwhile!

We would also like to thank the following PTA members, parents and staff who volunteered and helped at this event: Vikki, Tim, Lizzy, Holly, Jo, Emily, Annabelle, Natalie, Sarah, Sam, Rae, Ruth, Miss Pridmore, Mrs Martin, Mrs Atkins, Mrs Watson, Mrs Timmins, Miss Prosser, Mr Barnes.





The children even enjoyed dancing to classics like YMCA, Hey Macarena, ending the night with The Conga!



Friday, 17th March 2023 at 7.45am.
(Arrival between 7.45am and 8.10am)
You are invited to join us for our
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ALL children of female guests having breakfast must join them by having a breakfast on that day.

Children's breakfasts cost £3 per child to be paid for through ParentPay.

Adult's breakfasts cost £3 and can be found as a Payment Item on ParentPay.

Please complete the Google form & make payment by Wednesday, 15/03/2023.

Numbers are limited to 96 adults and children, so please book early to avoid disappointment. Due to our limited capacity this event is not for younger (non-school age) unless this is totally unavoidable.





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

Each week has had a new theme and design brief to fulfil: oceans, food and health. Children then received feedback from the little inventor's team and made changes.

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 '**Spring**'

Hands move up and fingers fan out



Spring



Upcoming Events

Please put these dates in your diaries:

March 2023

Fri 17th: Comic Relief Day

Mon 20th: Iranian New Year

Tues 21st: Down Syndrome Awareness Day

Wed 22nd: Tempest Class Photos

April 2023

Mon 3rd – Fri 14th: Easter Holidays

Mon 17th: Return to School

Attendance

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

Oppie – 98.89% 1 - late

Topper – 99.31% 0 - late

Pico – 96.77% 2 - late

Fusion – 93.21% 0 - late

Dart – 90.50% 1 - late

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

Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent Teacher Meetings will be taking place the week commencing Monday 20th March.

Please ensure you make a note of the date and time of your Parent Teacher appointment.

KS1 SATs meeting for Year 6 Parents

We would like to invite you to a meeting regarding the Year SATs. It will be held in Dart class on **Tuesday 14th March at 3:30pm**. This information session will allow you to understand how we are preparing the children for SATs, what the expectations are, how you can support your child and to answer any questions you may have. We will also have sample past papers for you to have a look at.

There will be another member of staff in school to provide childcare, if they are not already at a club on that day, so that you can attend the meeting.

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.

Adventure childcare and family days out at Via Ferrata Cornwall this Easter Holiday!

Are your children aged 6-13, up for fun outdoor adventures and ready to learn new skills and make friends? Check out our [Adventure Holiday Club!](#)

This Easter Holiday we're running **adventure quarry games, zip-lining, climbing, archery, bush craft, catapulting, raft-building, canoeing and coasteering in the quarry!** You can simply drop your children off and leave them with us for an epic adventure to remember! We offer flexible options to fit around your working day, so you can treat your child to half a day or a full day with us.

We also offer family days out: there's the chance to take on the [Via Ferrata](#), the ultimate high wire adventure with zip wire, and there's also a Cafe, free nature trails and a wild play area for under 10's. Check out our [website](#) for more.



MAWNAN CORNISH CRAFT MARKET
Saturday 29th July – Saturday 12th 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 or Ian Newman on 01326 250334 or iannewman2002@aol.com

**Thank you.
Mawnan Memorial Hall Trustees.**

Big Moments of summer fun!



For all 5 – 8 year-old boys and girls

Give your little star a summer of big moments, making new friends, learning new skills and creating new memories.

Every participant receives their very own personalised kit bag including bat, ball, cap and t-shirt!



Sign up today at

allstarscricket.co.uk or at the centre