

Spring Term 1 *February 2023*



SLT Message

Hello everyone, I hope you are all keeping safe and well. Lots of excellent learning & teambuilding activities have taken place across the school this week, one of which involved a trip to Richard Lander School for a 5-a-side football tournament. Oak Tree fielded two teams who both conducted themselves brilliantly and scored a hatful of goals - well done to all of those involved! Next week, our student's will be learning all about the Middle East as part of their cultural week experience.

Thank you for your continued support & have an enjoyable weekend.

All the best,

Jack

Key Dates for your Diary

Monday 6th February
Cultural week - The
Middle East

Monday 13th- 17th
February
Half Term

Thursday 9th March -
Lets talk sensory
workshop for
parent/carers

Monday 13th March -
Lets talk SRE workshop

Continue reading for more info on..



Kernow King

Oak Tree were lucky to have Kernow King visit us last week. It was excellent and the students and staff thoroughly enjoyed the show!



Craft Community

A parent of Oak Tree School has started up a crafting community who have been very busy knitting and crocheting squares to combine into blankets.

The idea of the community is to bring a little warmth to families. They have kindly offered to donate blankets to families of Oak Tree School! (Please see picture of the blanket attached).

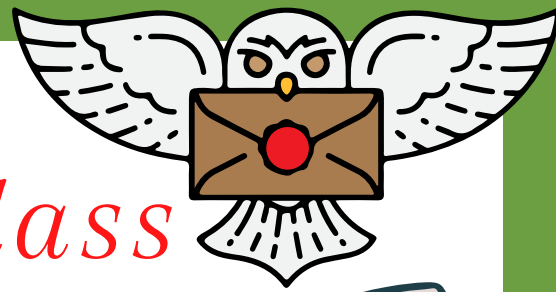
If you would like to receive a blanket please respond to this email and we can get this arranged.

A huge thank you to the crafting community!



Class News

Polly Joke class



Polly Joke this week has seen some really positive changes to the group welcoming in another student. In English we have continued reading Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone, producing some lovely comprehension work and expanding our vocabulary. We are starting to work hard on our fractions, decimals and percentages. In humanities we have continued to look at the expansion of the British Empire, following on from the Zulu Wars to the 1st Boer War, along with finishing off the story of Buddha. We have really enjoyed our offsite lessons engaging bush craft, building positive relationships within the group. The group also continue to excel in their swimming lessons.

Next week we are continuing with Harry Potter, our maths and The British Empire. Next week is also cultural week where we are learning about The Middle East where we will be looking at a number of different aspects of Middle Eastern life



Football Fixture

Let's

GO!



Oak Tree football team visited Richard Lander School this week to play a friendly football game against them. OTS played extremely well!





Perranporth Class

Film Review

Avatar way of Water.

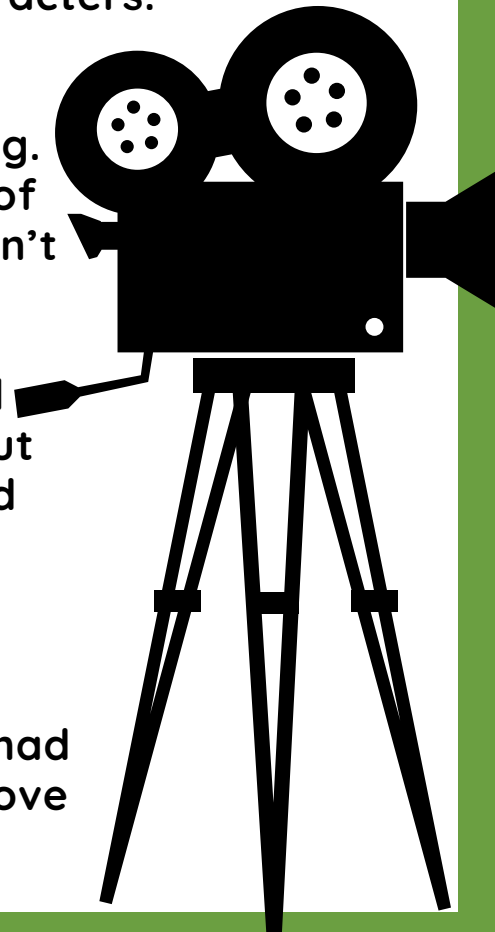
For our arts award we went to Truro cinema to see Avatar. We had a private screening which was amazing. Everyone loved the film and we had a great time.

One of the best parts of the film that Sethan enjoyed was when the characters learnt how to ride a water dragon. Alfie enjoyed the explosions and action. George enjoyed the part where the natural ecosystem got destroyed by the bad guys, because it was cool. The class also enjoyed the part where the whale hunters arm got ripped off.

We all enjoyed the water aspect of the film. In the first film it was more about the avatar world but the second film went more into the characters.

Sethan wasn't sure about the first hour of the film as it was a bit boring. Alfie wasn't sure about the change of colour in the avatar and George didn't like the characterisation of Grace's daughter.

Sethan would definitely recommend the film to others, it is a long film but it is good. George would recommend this film to others and Alfie would recommend this film to under 7's. Sethan thinks that a 12a is an appropriate rating for the film. We really enjoyed the fact that we had the screen to ourselves and would love to go again.







Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility

Wink App - 'Make New Friends & Chat'

Concerned About this app?



SAFETY

Safety and Privacy:

- There are limited privacy and safety settings. Users cannot restrict who can contact them and there is no option to make an account private, but they can block and report users
- Wink users often include sexual themes and references to alcohol and other drugs. To address this, the platform uses technology to scan for inappropriate images
- Ineffective age verification means users may not be who they say they are
- The reward feature aims to create habits and is designed to hook users

AGE

Age Verification:

- Google gives Wink a 'parental guidance' rating
- Apple gives Wink a 12+ rating
- Wink's Terms of Service require users to be 13+ but there is no effective age verification
- Users input their date of birth, but if it shows they aren't old enough (under 13), they can then re-enter a fake date of birth

HOW IT WORKS

- Users create profiles on the platform that will link to their Snapchat account (linking their Bitmoji (avatar/character))
- Users see a 'swipe interface' where 'swiping right' expresses interest, and 'swiping left' displays the next available profile
- Profiles can be filtered by age and country but at the time of writing, not by precise location
- Users can play games that link them with other users
- Gems (which are the in-App currency) can be earned by logging in, sharing the app or playing games

Cultural week 8th - 10th Feb MIDDLE EAST

Weds/Thurs/Fri - Extra Option
Wednesday and Friday usual main meal will be available



Herby Quinoa, feta
and pomegranate
salad

Wednesday 8th February



Indulge in a Za'atar
Croissant, Golden &
Glazed

Thursday 9th February



Delicious
pomegranate chicken
with couscous and
pitta

Menu

Please see the changes to the
food menu on Weds 8th,
Thursday 9th and Friday 10th
for cultural week.

Students will be learning all
about the middle east!



Family Worker Drop In Sessions

Early Help FW Drop In Sessions 2023

Need support with your child -

- How to better understand your child's needs & behaviours
- Advice on positive parenting and how to keep your child safe
- How to better understand the importance of routines for your family

If you would like to be able to talk in confidence, just pop along, we are here to help and support you.

All parents and carers are welcome.

Family Worker Drop In Sessions

Perranporth Family Hub
Liskey Hill
Perranporth
TR6 0EU

Wednesdays - 25th January, 22nd
February, 29th March & 26th April
9.00am to 10.00am

St Pauls Family Hub
Moresk Road
Truro
TR1 1BP

Thursdays - 12th January,
9th February & 9th March
2.00pm to 3.00pm

Contact us for more information

Email: carriack.familyhubs@cornwall.gov.uk
Call: 01872 322661



North Cornwall Family Worker Drop In Sessions

For support with your child:

- How to better understand your child's needs and behaviours
- Advice on positive parenting and how to keep your child safe
- How to better understand the importance of routines for your family

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Family Worker drop-in sessions at Bodmin Family Hub on 2nd Thursday of the month between 09:30 - 11:30.

Thursday 12th January 2023
Thursday 9th February 2023
Thursday 9th March 2023
Thursday 13th April 2023

Family Worker drop-in sessions at Launceston Family Hub on 3rd Thursday of the month between 09.30-11.30.

Thursday 19th January 2023
Thursday 16th February 2023
Thursday 16th March 2023
Thursday 20th April 2023

To book a 30-minute slot call 01872 326592 or email:
northcornwall.familyhubs@cornwall.gov.uk