# Newsletter



# Newsletter - Summer Term 1 July 2024



It has been brilliant getting to know everyone this term and I am thrilled to have now taken on the role of Headteacher at Oak Tree on a permanent basis. I want all parents to know they can reach out to me if they need to so please do get in touch (my email address is kate.martin1@oaktreeschoolcornwall.co.uk) and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Some highlights from this half term have to be:

- Watching the music performances on our Awards Evening this was just amazing and a real highlight for me! Not just for my time at Oak Tree but for the whole of my academic year. What a brilliant way to show what the positive relationships staff have with pupils can help achieve. Well done to all pupils involved - you smashed it!
- Having so many pupils involved in Sports Week (especially Sports Day and the Swimming Gala) and seeing the resilience, effort and fun that was on display there, as well as real sporting talent! Again, well done to everyone involved.
- The London trip I didn't get to go this year, but seeing the photos and hearing the stories it was great to see how much fun the pupils had. What an experience!

I am aware that there have been some questions about any changes being made in school as a new Headteacher starts, so again, I would like to let you know that in September I will be holding some parents events so you can meet with me and we can discuss any concerns you have (or any positives you want to share moving forward!). The preliminary date for these will be Wednesday 11th at 3.30pm and Wednesday 18th September at 6pm. We will confirm these in the new academic year.

I'm looking forward to getting to know you all better 🙂



Key Dates for your Diary



**Last Day of Summer Term** Students finish at 12:30pm

24th July 2024

**GCSE Results Day** 22nd August 2024

Autumn Term 1 5th September 2024

Half Term

21 October 2024 to 1st November 2024

All key dates will be uploaded on our website. To view our news and events please click here.



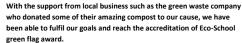
# **END OF YEAR MESSAGES**



#### ECO-COMMITTEE

Over the past year students have been finding ways to improve our sustainability, having identified three areas for development: healthy living, biodiversity, and litter. Action plans were implemented by the committee in these three areas, which included:

- Building bug hotels.
- Bird feeders
- Planting complementary plants for pollinators.
- Litter picking.
- Beach cleans.
- Produce growing
- Gardening club



Well done to all the students who have been engaged in the Ecocommittee, every idea put forward has helped shape Oak Tree into a more sustainable school.



### PORTH SAXON

Our class has been busy exploring local parks and beaches, we've enjoyed the great outdoors and soaked up the sunshine when its been shining. Our arts and crafts sessions have been filled with creativity and fun.

We've also had an amazing time in forest school, learning about nature and the Cornish summer landscape. As we continue to enjoy these sunny days, we wish everyone a fun and safe summer!

**Porth Saxon Tutor Team** 



### **GUNWALLOE**

Gunwalloe have been busy! We have seen incredible levels of academic engagement and some truly endearing friendships being formed. I'm so proud of the group for consistently pushing themselves out of their comfort zones and trying new things. We have tried new foods, sports, subjects, trips and friendships. Communication has been our big focus this term and the class now readily communicate their feelings to staff in a positive and productive way! This has enabled us all to be much more mindful of each other and build some lovely relationships.



### PERRANPORTH 1



Perranporth has had a brilliant summer term. We enjoyed reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and compared it to the original screen play. In Science we learnt about properties of different materials. In Maths we have learnt about Properties of Shape and understood how to use a protractor. This term we enjoyed our first Sports Day together as a class and it was fantastic to see students trying their best. We've focused on being kind, trying our best and being tolerant and respectful to each other this term. We hope you have a fantastic summer break. We are looking forward to seeing you in September.

#### LUNDY BAY

Lundy Bay has had a great summer term. We have enjoyed sensory time, where students have explored and engaged with different textures and materials. enhancing their sensory development. We've focused on helping everyone get used to school routines, making sure all our students feel comfortable and confident. Have a wonderful summer everyone!



### POLLY JOKE

Pollyjoke class had a wonderful summer term, filled with lots of great learning and exciting offsite visits. We particularly enjoyed finishing our class novel, "Code Name Bananas" by David Walliams, which kept us entertained since Easter. I hope you all have a fantastic summer, and I look forward to being your tutor again next academic year!



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JR and Josh recently had a great time on school camp at Trencrom Scout campsite. Nathan enjoying some hangout time at Concrete Waves in Newquay as part of our building positive relationships work. Have a lovely summer from the Trelissick Team.



### LUSTY GLAZE

As the academic year draws to a close, we celebrate the incredible achievements of the Lusty Glaze class, who have excelled in Maths and English. Beyond the classroom, they have created wonderful memories with trips to the beach, swimming adventures, and an inspiring visit to the Eden Project. Well done to everyone for a fortestic year!



### PORTHLEVEN

In Porthleven this week we have been working on building new relationships with staff and maintaining positive friendships. We have been very lucky with the weather and have been out and about exploring the local community.

We are looking forward to working together more in September and smashing the year!



### **TOLCARNE**

This term Tolcarne have been learning about the Victorian's, exploring the differences between life as a Victorian and life in the modern day. Tolcarne have continued to explore Cornwall as part of Forest school and Outdoor Ed. Tolcarne also had the opportunity to visit Truro Museum as part of Egyptian Cultural week, they loved learning how to mummify a body. Tolcarne have continued to create wonderful friendships this term through their shares experiences of camp, exploring beaches and lots of trainsporting.



This term, Helford and Trebah have continued to settle into their new classrooms in Acorn House. They have been working hard developing their reading skills in phonics lessons learning new sounds each week. In maths, the children have been enjoying a variety of activities to increase their understanding of number and place value. In PSHE, they have been discussing and completing activities to show their understanding of friendships and how to be a good friend. The class loved their Sports Day morning at Threemilestone park this year, competing in a range of sports such as egg and spoon race, three-legged race and javelin!







# **PARENT & CARER**



### PENTEWAN

What a first week (or so) we have had already. We have been knuckling down in our learning in English and Maths as well as being engaged in a wealth of creativity in the music room and art lab. School camp has been a huge success for our students and singing round the campfire under a blanket of stars was a huge highlight as well as participating in some independence via using the local bus service, heading into Truro. We have a wonderful heard of students this year and a positive team around them that are eager to get stuck in next vear.

Sam. Mark. Katv. Andv and Meg!



#### FISTRAL

Fistral have had an adventurous week! Not only have we had camp and an awesome beach day but we have also moved into our new classroom- Fistral! So team Penhale is not team Fistral!

At camp, we amazed each other with our awesome ax throwing skills and climbing up netting to reach the top of a tree, all highlighting just how athletic we are! We then settled down for the evening with a BBQ and hot chocolate, before settling into our tents and enjoying a good nights sleep (some) in the nature. The beach day highlights were a great rounders match, demonstrating some belter hits from the team. We then finished our camp experience with a dip in the sea, jumping in the

Once back in school, we had a movie day whilst settling into our new classroom- a fabulous way to end the week!



#### CARNE

In Carne this week we have been focusing on staying expected and building positive relationships with lots of Uno games, board games and imaginary play with toys and lego. Focusing on sharing and how to be a kind friend. We have also been enjoying the sunshine playing outside with the rugby ball. Next week we are excited to finish the term with a cinema trip to see Inside Out 2 with a picnic at the park as well as a pizza party to say good bye to a TA that we are sad to see leaving the team in September. Myself (Emily) and Sam will be excited to see everyone back in Class in September.



### CASTLE

This term Castle have been working really hard in making sure our new class is as friendly and welcoming for the students as possible. Castle have done lots of work this term in PSHE looking at online safety and what we can and shouldn't share on social media. Castle students have also been looking at the differences and importance's between equity and equality. The Castle students have also been working very hard in English looking at poems, how we read them and how we right them.



Hello from the Watergate Team! We have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know you all over the last two weeks while enjoying some brilliant outdoor activities. As a tutor team we cannot wait to get started in September and create some fantastic memories while achieving our targets. We hope you all have a lovely summer, see you soon! From Kieran, Courtney, Joe, Clive, Jenny, Steph



Both staff and students of the new Portreath tutor group have loved moving into the new room with a blank canvas to make the class their own. The first week was spent organising personalised areas for the students to keep their work and making the displays in the room as they would like. Alongside this, students also completed lessons meeting their new teachers for the coming academic year and produced some fantastic work. Students took part in an activities day for camp building some fantastically positive relationships with the new staff that will be part of the Portreath tutor team. Students and staff have planned an all day green time which they are all excited for and making sure they keep on track with their work so they can enjoy the day before we break up for summer holiday.

## GODREVY 💆



Godrevy class have been making the most of the sunshine and going to the beach, track and skate park. The class have made huge improvements with their progress and skills in each of these areas. The class enjoy reflecting on where they started at the beginning of the year and comparing it to now. The class have also been excited and focused on their science lessons, which included growing their own pea shoots with varied growing conditions, to see the effect of light, temperature and water.

#### **SUMMERLEAZE**

Summerleaze staff have enjoyed getting to know the students over the past few weeks and have been impressed with the class' resilience to the change of both building and staff.

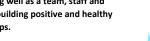
The class have engaged well with their new timetables, and everyone has enjoyed studying topics such as DT and ASDAN Enterprise. In English, we have started to study a new text 'Of mice and Men' which we will continue in September.

We are looking forward to having some fun as a group next week when we head to Camel Creek for All Day Green Time and hope everyone has a fun and restful summer ready to hit the ground running in September!

Best wishes Paul, Meghan, Ross, Kyle and Claire



Here in Polperro we have had a lovely start. The boys are engaging in all of their GCSE lessons and in their curriculum. They are working well as a team, staff and students, building positive and healthy relationships.





# **PARENT & CARER**



# **NEWS & WHATS ON:**

# **OUR CLASS DAY AT PIZZA HUT**

'WE WON THE READING INCENTIVE, IT WAS SO WORTH IT'

#### WHAT DID WE WIN?

We started off not very encouraged but as a week or two went by we became determined to win and even at one point ended up being tied with another class which made us more determined to read even further.

As the last 2-3 weeks went by, I ended up reading loads and on the last few days of summer term 1, I ended up reading for 2 hours earning our class our well-deserved victory! I don't regret any of it, as the trip was well worth it and the food was amazing!

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#### **HOW WE GOT TO PIZZA HUT**

We took a nice walk to where the other classmates were which was at Threemilestone park and gathered them up and then made our way down to Pizza Hut, the walk from school to Pizza Hut took a good 20-30 minutes but as we had to pick up the others it took us about 2 minutes longer, although we still managed to arrive 30 minutes early! So, to make sure we could entertain ourselves until the place opened, some of us went on our phones while others paced, the time seemed to move slowly but when those sweet 30 minutes were up it felt amazing!

#### WHAT WE DID INSIDE PIZZA HUT

With the £100 that we had which was provided by the school, we spent it on the endless buffet and let me tell you now, how amazing it was! They had different flavours of pizza and drink, they even had strawberry flavour Pepsi, I liked mixing the flavours Pepsi, first it was strawberry and cherry, then it was cherry and lime and after that it was coke floats. The pizza was really tasty and the best one (in my opinion) was the Hawaiian pizza! After the pizza and drinks, I had ice cream which is also when I made my coke floats! I decorated the ice cream with many different toppings, from chocolate sauce, smarties and sprinkles to shape my edible decoration, it was fun to design!

#### REFLECTION

Reading the 'Oak Tree 80' books was so worth it, I read The Hobbit while Sebastian read the Grim Tales (I also read some of the Grim Tales) they were both really interesting books and when I think about it, all that reading was so worth it! Not only was it good for our brains it was also good for earning the grand prize! If I could, I'd go back in time to live those sweet few hours over and over again!

Thank you for reading my review on how things went, it was fun typing this up, as it was eating all that pizza and ice cream and drinking the Pepsi (it was really fun!)

I hope this can encourage more people to read and reap the rewards that it can give!

# PARENT AND CARER

YOUNG PEOPLE CORNWALL - FACEBOOK





















#### **Drop in & Play - Parenting Open Sessions**

Join us for tea, coffee and biscuits and the opportunity to speak to our friendly parenting team, who can offer support, advice and information. It will also be a chance to meet and chat with other parents. Children are welcome to come along with you and there will be an opportunity for play. On specific dates, we will also have guest from SENDIASS to offer information and advice to parents/carers of children who have or may have special educational needs.

Date:	Time:	Venue:
Monday 29th July 2024	11:00-13:00	Perranporth Family Hub
Tuesday 30th July 2024	09:30-11:00	St Dennis Family Hub
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2024	10:00-12:00	St Blazey Family Hub - with SENDIASS
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2024	14:00-15:30	Trelander Family Hub
Thursday 1st August 2024	13:45-15:15	Newquay Family Hub
Monday 5th August 2024	12:30-14:00	Perranporth Family Hub - with SENDIASS
Wednesday 7th August 2024	14:00-15:30	Trelander Family Hub, Truro - with SENDIASS
Thursday 8th August 2024	10:00-12:00	The Lighthouse Family Hub, Falmouth
Thursday 8th August 2024	13:30-15:30	Newquay Family Hub
Monday 12th August 2024	10:00-12:00	The Park Family Hub, Falmouth
Wednesday 14th August 2024	13:30-14:30	St Paul's Family Hub, Truro - with SENDIASS
Thursday 15th August 2024	10:00-12:00	The Lighthouse Family Hub, Falmouth
Thursday 15th August 2024	13:45-15:00	Newquay Family Hub
Thursday 15th August 2024	13:30-14:30	St Austell Family Hub
Monday 19th August 2024	11:00-12:00	Perranporth Family Hub – with SENDIASS
Tuesday 20th August 2024	09:30-12:30	St Dennis Family Hub
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August 2024	10:00-12:00	Newquay Family Hub - with SENDIASS
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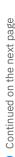


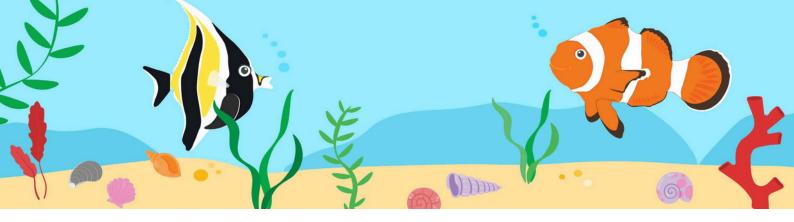


The Time2Move Holiday Programme provides fun physical activity and healthy food for children aged between 5 and 16 years old during the school holidays in Cornwall.

The programme is fully funded by the Department for Education and is for children that are eligible for benefits related free school meals. It is known nationally as the Holiday Activities and Food Programme.

Here you'll find everything you need to know – whether you're a parent or carer, looking to book a session or request SEND support; or an activity provider, looking to register for the programme.



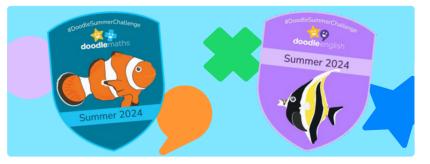


# The Doodle Summer Challenge

1st of July - 31st of August 2024

#### Earn a pin badge and certificate!

Between the **1st of July - 31st of August,** Doodle are running two exciting aquatic-themed Summer Challenges
— the DoodleMaths Challenge and the DoodleEnglish Challenge!



Both Challenges are designed to encourage a few minutes of daily Doodling, keeping your child engaged over the summer and boosting their skills. Plus, they can **earn exclusive rewards** by taking part!

#### How to take part

#### 1 Create and/or link your account

If you haven't already, create and/or link a parent account to your child's school account. To find out how, see the reverse of this flyer or visit help.doodlelearning.com and search 'how to link account'.

#### 2 Register for the Challenge

From the 1st of July, visit parents.doodlelearning.com and press Register for the Challenge next to your child's name for one of both Challenges.\*
The last day to register for and begin the Challenge is the 18th of August.
3 Doodle 'little and often'

Once you've registered, encourage your child to earn 750 stars (or 600 if they were born on or after 01/09/16) and use DoodleMaths and/or DoodleEnglish for 14 days\* between the 1st of July - 31st of August.

\*These 14 days don't need to be in a row. A day of use is defined as completing at least one exercise between 00:01 and 23:59.



Once they've reached their target, claim their rewards by visiting <a href="mailto:parents.doodlelearning.com">parents.doodlelearning.com</a> and press Claim reward. The last chance to do this is midnight on the 31st of August. Your child's rewards will be sent to their school once the Challenge has come to an end.



Tag us and use the hashtag #DoodleSummerChallenge

For more information, please visit <u>doodlelearning.</u> com/challenge.

Any questions? Please visit help.doodlelearning.com and press on the green circle icon to chat to our team.

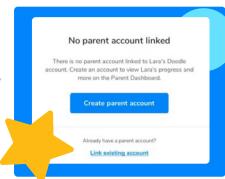
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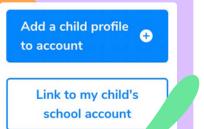
Creating a parent account is really important (and really easy!). By doing this, you'll be able to enter the Summer Challenge and claim your child's rewards by visiting parents.doodlelearning.com, our online parent hub.

# How to create and/or link a parent account via the Doodle apps

- 1 Log in to any of the Doodle apps using the username and password provided by your child's school. If you're not sure what these are, please contact your child's school rather than creating a new account for them.
- 2 From the Learning Zone, click on the arrow icon in the top left-hand corner of the screen
- 3 Select Settings and press Parent details
- 4 If you're new to Doodle, choose **Create parent account.** If you already have a Doodle account, click on **Link existing account.**
- Enter your details to link your email address to your child's account









# How to create and/or link a parent account via the Parent Dashboard

- 1 Visit parents.doodlelearning.com
- If you're new to Doodle, click on **Create account** and follow the instructions. After you've done this, log in to **parents.doodlelearning.com**. If you already have a parent account, log in to **parents.doodlelearning.com**.
- 3 Once you've logged in, hover over My Account and select Child Details
- 4 Click on Link to my child's school account and enter the username and password provided by your child's school. If you're not sure what these are, please contact your child's school rather than creating a new account for them.

  Good luck, and happy Doodling!

\*The Challenge available will depend on your school's Doodle subscription.

If you'd like to join both Challenges but your school does not subscribe to
DoodleMaths or DoodleEnglish, a home subscription can be taken out in the
subject you're not subscribed to. To receive 2 FREE weeks of a home subscription,
please visit doodlelearning.com/challenge-offer.



# PARENT AND CARER

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