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Dear colleagues.

Welcome to the new Crofty newsletter!

This edition has been compiled by Phil Glover, who has kindly agreed to coordinate and publish our newsletters.

As we continue to adapt to the covid world it is more important than ever that we share our triumphs and successes so please be sure to send the stories and pictures to Phil so we can all share and celebrate the great work going on across Crofty.

Take care, Simon.

A message from the Crofty Members

We wanted to say a big thank you to all our staff for dealing and working on in what has been the most difficult term so far. The world outside think that everything is back to normal but in school it has been anything but that. With changes in guidance it has helped a little but the continuing changes in infection rates that are erratic across the Trust make life extremely difficult and planning is a nightmare. Hopefully as immunity increases the absences and disruption will give you all a chance to think about and plan for the future.

The good news is that it is the fun term with all the excitement linked with the 'C' word and the endless search for wise men anywhere in the area will start soon! Keep up the good work and if there are any public performances then make sure that you invite us.

Crofty Members

School news roundup

More news stories about our Crofty schools are available on the Crofty website, on the news page.

Please visit: <https://croftymat.org/category/news/>

Roskear



The children in the Pre-school and Nursery classes at Roskear Primary and Nursery school have settled seamlessly into their new setting routines. Our skilled and nurturing staff have quickly formed long lasting relationships with their key groups. We have been lucky to welcome some new Early Years

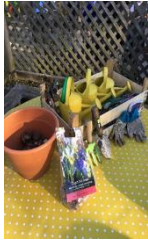
practitioners who have boosted our growing team of staff.

Training on the new Development Matters guidance for the EYFS has enabled our teams to have professional discussions about what the children in our care need the most.

The children have been using their investigation skills in their outdoor areas. Having invested in outdoor suits for every child



and asked parents to provide wellies we are now able to be outdoors in all weathers.



The two year olds have been finding out about water by making their own puddles and splashing in them. They have also been mark making with large paintbrushes and rollers.

Meanwhile, in Nursery the three and four year olds have loved using their green fingers to weed, rake the soil and plant bulbs. They discovered some worms and looked in some non-fiction books to find out more about them.



Illogan



National Poetry Day

Thursday 7th October was National Poetry Day. We decided to celebrate by writing a school poem, with each class writing one line about what they think Illogan School means to them. In assembly on Friday, we then shared this with all our Illogan Friends, we were very impressed (and a little surprised) with how well it turned out.

*Safety, laughter, fun, together we are one,
We work together to dazzle and shine.
New learning every day makes us say yeah,
Excited to explore new things.
We love Illogan School 'cos we love art.
School is fun, we are kind to everyone,
Learning lots and having fun with our friends.*



Rosemellin



Stay Safe Mentors

We are delighted to introduce this year's Stay Safe Mentors. These brilliant mentors from our Year 6 classes will be enforcing positive relationships and providing

support within school and when outside on the playground. They will have a few missions to complete over the coming year so watch this space....we are really proud of you all - well done!



Lanner



George Eustice MP visited for a Q&A session with our Year 6 pupils. He had a tour of the school and was shown our new book vending machine by Morgan.



Treloweth



Earlier this term, the BBC1 prime time programme the 'One Show' paid our Year 5s a visit to launch the Cornish Language project 'Go Cornish'. They were absolutely superb! Their singing, listening and engagement was truly magnificent.



They were a credit to the school and local community.

The class spoke some Cornish phrases, talked about learning and played a game that Miss Reed had shared with them. We unveiled signage in the Cornish language and have recorded the spoken words for the children to hear and learn as they move around the building. Joe Crowley presented the segment. It hasn't been shown on the show just yet but tune in weekdays at 7pm and you might just see us!

Well done to Miss Reed, all staff and especially Year 5.

Pennoweth



On Monday 11th October, the children in years 5 and 6 at Pennoweth school had the opportunity to participate in a heart dissection. After donning gloves and masks and being safely prepared for the lesson, every child had the chance to touch and feel a real sheep's heart! The adults in the room dissected the heart so that children could see the four chambers and the main



blood vessels leading to and from the heart. Children were able to put their finger through the aorta to see how thick and wide the artery was; from squeezing the walls of the heart, they also noticed that the left walls of the heart were thicker than the right as this side pumps blood around the whole body. This experience allowed all children to physically see and touch something that is similar to their own organs and was invaluable to their Science learning.

Portreath



Oak Class created their own films linked to their work on Anglo Saxons. They then had an award ceremony (The Oakscars!) After walking down the red carpet, they premiered their films and received awards. Writing scripts for the films was a wonderful tool to motivate the children with their writing. The films showed the



models of the Anglo-Saxon houses that they created in groups. During the making of these houses the classroom was filled with straw! Miss Baseley was very proud of all the children and feels we have some documentary makers in the making! We are hoping to pop a couple of the videos onto our website for everyone to enjoy!

Weeth



On 7th October Weeth school celebrated World Poetry Day by setting our children a challenge. Each of the teachers (and a special guest) disguised their voices and appearances and performed one of their favourite poems. The children enjoyed listening to the poetry whilst trying to identify the mystery performer. They now want to set the staff a challenge by performing their own.



Pencoys



Year 4 enjoyed starting their learning about the Mayans. They made Maya hot chocolate, headdresses and played the ancient ball game Pok-a-Tok.



Year 1 had a super time in their learning launch. Dinosaurs had been frozen in ice and caused much excitement. They used charts to identify them and drew sketches of their dinosaurs.

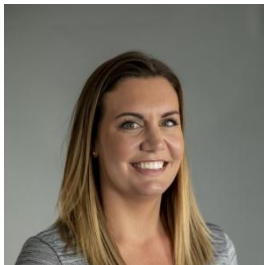
Shared services team news roundup

IT across Crofty



The move of schools to the Microsoft cloud has successfully continued this term. Rosemellin have been moved and Illogan's move will be completed by Christmas. Crofty has invested over £20K so far this year in replacing out of date staff laptops following the Trust's Hardware Refresh plan. More hardware investment is planned this year, primarily focused on bringing staff devices up to date. Portreath has had a complete network upgrade, including switches and wireless access points, at a cost of £41k. Crofty managed to access the DFE "Connect the classroom" programme so that this work was fully funded.

Finance



Crofty have just completed their 5th Annual Audit. The Audit was conducted by Griffin Auditors and took place over a week in September.

The auditors look at all aspect of finance, as well as HR and personnel records. It went very well.



The Cycle to Work scheme is designed to help you save money on a new work bike and spread the cost of the bike over monthly tax-free instalments through your employer. Now most schemes also offer you the chance to purchase an electric bike (e-bike) if you're looking for something to give you an extra boost on your commute. If you are interested in the cycle to work scheme, contact us on 01209311135 option 2.

Also did you know you can get a subsidised membership at Carn Brea Leisure centre? When registering please quote Crofty for the discount. Any problems once again please contact us.

You can also contact us at finance@croftymat.org

Estates and compliance team



Excited pupils from Pennoweth school donned their site gear and picked up a spade to signal the start of the major extension at their school.

The £1.9 million project is being carried out to meet the growing demand for places in the local area. It will increase the school intake capacity from 315 to 420 pupils.



The new single storey extension, built by Midas Construction, will consist of 4 new classrooms and a small hall. It will be joined to the existing school by a new glazed entrance lobby and reception area, as well as a new covered walkway.

With work now under way on site, the aim is for the transformation to be complete in time for the start of the new school year in September 2022.



Mark Jones, Operational Director at Midas Construction, part of the Midas Group said: "It is fantastic to see the pupils so excited about the changes being made to their school and we were delighted to be able to involve them in signalling the start of work on site."

At Crofty we are delighted that the building work to extend Pennoweth has started; the design is fantastic and will provide significant benefits to our current and future children along with the wider community.

LED lighting

Out of the nine schools within the Trust only one (Lanner) had up-to-date LED lighting. During the summer holidays the Trust invested from reserves to upgrade the other 8 schools with LED lighting to not only enhance the environment for pupils and staff, but also to reduce energy consumption and reduce CO2 emissions. The table below shows the estimated cost benefit per annum as well as the CO2 reduction per school.

The total tonnes saving is equivalent to 111 hot air balloons full of CO2 per year!

School	Annual Savings	CO2 Savings PA (Tonnes)
Illogan	£1,941.00	5.9
Pencoys	£4,777.00	14.4
Pennoweth	£5,857.00	17.4
Portreath	£2,951.00	8.8
Rosemellin	£3,845.00	12.6
Roskear	£8,407.00	25
Treloweth	£7,045.00	20.4
Weeth	£2,483.00	7.4
TOTAL	£37,306.00	111.9

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⌘ **FdA Learning and Education**

⌘ **FdSc Mental Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People**

⌘ **BA (Hons) Advancing Practice (four pathways available)**



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"The best thing was being able to put my new understandings into practice and see the positive effects on the children I work with."

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