

Simon Hague



Dear colleagues,

Well done on another successful term. You will see from this term's newsletter that staff have yet again managed to deliver the highest quality educational experiences for our children, despite all the challenges that life continues to throw our way.

This term saw the return of the "Teach Meet", organised and delivered by Crofty Maths leaders at Treloweth school. If you haven't been to a Teach Meet before, then please try and make the next one, planned for next term. They are a great way to connect with colleagues from across the trust and pick up the latest and best teaching ideas. As usual I was struck by the energy of the people who attended and was reminded of how lucky our children are to have such enthusiastic teachers.

As you know, on January the first, we will be welcoming colleagues from seven schools that will be joining Crofty. Some of you will have already met and worked with our soon to be new colleagues over this term, so I know you will continue to make them feel welcome and included in our growing learning community.

I hope you enjoy your well deserved rest over the Christmas break and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Simon Hague

Chief Executive

A message from the Crofty Members

A very Happy Christmas to you all after another eventful term that has become more normal.

However, saving money on heating and keeping rooms aired for Covid avoidance makes for quite a challenge. It has been great for our communities to be invited back into schools not only for parents evenings but also for those brilliant end of term events.

Crofty is growing and it is exciting to welcome seven new schools from 1st January officially, we are well aware that they have been welcomed and feel welcome. It has been my privilege to visit all the current Crofty schools and I will have met all but one of the new heads by the end of term. It will be great to go forward with all those new teams and it will make for an adventurous and exciting new year.

Enjoy your well earned rest and look after your elf!!

Best wishes

Ian Bruce

(On behalf of the 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/>

Treloweth



An Autumn trail of trees!

Year 1 have been learning about deciduous and evergreen trees in Science. The children went to the woods to investigate what the deciduous trees look like in autumn. The children found lots of sycamore and oak tree leaves on the ground. They compared the colour of the leaves and discussed how they looked different to the leaves which were still on the trees. Finally, we made predictions about what the trees would look like in the summer.

Thankfully the weather held, and the adults were super proud of the children's wonderful interest and amazed by their curious questions!



Pennoweth



Pennoweth tribes

On Wednesday 12th October, Heligan Tribe at Pennoweth had a celebratory trip to their Tribal Garden!

At Pennoweth, we have tribes (rather than houses) named after 4 gardens in Cornwall: Glendurgan, Trebah, Heligan and Eden. After a year of incredibly competitive tribal warfare, Heligan were declared the winners and were treated to a trip to their tribal garden.

Every child from Heligan tribe came on the trip, from Reception to Year 6, and our tribal leaders, Walter and Israel, proved to be amazing role models, leading us around the gardens. We saw some beautiful, exotic plants, farmyard animals and had chance to play on their incredible adventure playground.

Who will be this year's tribal winners as part of TeamPennoweth?!



Rosemellin



Cinema trip

In November, Rosemellin school attended the cinema at RNAS Culdrose as part of their BFBS Into Film Festival 2022. It was extremely exciting to actually go through the main gate and onto a military base. We enjoyed watching Minions 2 with popcorn and a drink in the comfort of our own private cinema!



Reading bus

Rosemellin School was selected as the Cornish school to receive a visit from the travelling reading bus. Our KS2 children were visited by an author and illustrator, Naomi and James Jones, who shared their beautiful books with us. They spoke to the children about the creative process and how they create and publish books and we all had a go at creating our own book illustrations. Naomi and James finished the session by having a Q and A session and both were very impressed by the quality of questions they received from our children.

After school, they remained on hand to give out free books, from the reading 'bus', to the children. To top this all off, Oxford University Press (sponsors of the event) gave our school over £400 worth of books for our school library!

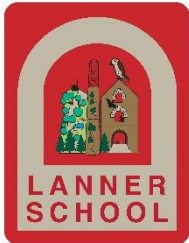


Rosemellin Remembrance Wall

This year, Rosemellin remembered all of those who served for us by creating our own remembrance wall. Each child made a poppy (either red, white, purple or black) and it was displayed in honour of those who dedicated their lives to protect us. We visited the local church to lay a wreath and two of our Year 6 pupil read a poem as a sign of respect.



Lanner



Christmas charities

As we approach Christmas the pupils at Lanner have been thinking about what we can do to make a difference and share the spirit of Christmas by spreading kindness and giving.

With this in mind the children in Year 6 have decided to run a breaktime snack sale to raise money for their nominated charities. With the money they raise, the pupils wish to purchase items for local cat and dog charities (K9 Crusaders and Sue's Cat Rescue) and in addition a small 'tea break' thank you gift to all the staff/volunteers at these centres.



Our Year 4 pupils have been writing letters in their English lessons. They wanted their letters to persuade friends and relatives to support them in raising money for their chosen charity 'Samaritan's Purse' and to enable them to do something kind for a child who is a lot less fortunate than they are. Once their fundraising was complete Year 4 went on a trip to B&M to purchase items such as toys, school supplies, hygiene items and clothing to fill their shoeboxes. These will now be delivered to the most vulnerable children in Europe, Asia or Africa via Samaritan's Purse.



Illogan



Sports

Illogan School have had a fantastic start to the academic year with our sporting achievements. Illogan won the Crofty Cross Country Competition with 9 of our children qualifying. We then succeeded

in bringing home the winning trophy from the Crofty Mixed Football Tournament where we have also qualified into the Peninsula finals. Our netball team was awarded 3rd place at the Crofty Netball Tournament where they tackled 6 games (winning 4 in total) and finally, some of our Y1 and Y2 children made a brilliant effort in the most recent KS1 Crofty Multi Skills Competition.



It has been wonderful to see so many of our Illogan pupils engaging in competitive sports and representing our school with skill and determination. We look forward to seeing what the year brings for our sporting superstars!



Roskear



Pupil Leaders

Please welcome our new pupil leaders at Roskear School. Together they make the School Council and represent pupil voice across the school. They meet regularly to make decisions, such as fundraising for events or discussing what new playground equipment there should be.

This term they decided to set up a suggestion box for pupils and they will oversee the running of it. Recently a group of 6 KS2 pupil leaders attended the Camborne Youth Conference to share their opinions around Camborne's redevelopment plans. Some of them have now shown a keen interest in becoming a Youth Town Councillor. Keep up the good work Roskear School Council!



Pencoy's



Eden Project

Year 4 pupils performed at the Eden Project, on the main stage, to a live audience, at a prestigious event (Anthropy Conference), in front of many high profile celebrities, political and business leaders from across the country.

Pupils performed with Darcey Bussell (Ex Royal Ballet Dancer and Strictly Come Dancing Judge) The performance lasted 30-45 minutes and was adult-led.

Having only had six dance sessions - the pupils were amazing! The event linked with our school vision, values and curriculum as the agenda is to create a 'Vision for Britain' which promotes the arts and creativity; our capacity for good; our future generations and our planet.



Weeth



Remembrance

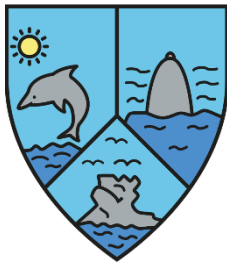
This half term we held a very special Remembrance Day Assembly to remember all those whose lives have been lost and affected by wars and conflicts. We were able to observe the 2 minute silence together in the hall and were very proud of all the children who showed great respect throughout the time of reflection. Thank you to our Year 6's who led the moment of silence by reading from the Laurence Binyon's poem, "For the Fallen" and for reading our reflection.



A small group of our Year 6 children were also able to attend the Royal British Legion – Youth Remembrance Service at Camborne Parish Church War Memorial and lay a poppy wreath on behalf of Weeth School.



Portreath



The Romans

What a fantastic week the children had this term! They were completely immersed in Roman life for a week; creating their own Roman shields, writing historical narratives about Roman Britannica and of course our day with a Roman soldier!

The children learnt so much including remembering 10 important Roman dates, the Latin names for parts of the Roman uniform and then how to battle the celts!



Shared services team news roundup

IT across Crofty



Microsoft

All the schools have now been moved over to the Microsoft cloud. The new telephone system is now in place in all nine schools, with work on four of the school's systems being carried out during the summer break.

Brighter Futures

As part of the move to the cloud many staff received new laptops. The laptops were purchased from HP who run a scheme call Brighter Futures, that allowed us to trade in our old working equipment for a substantial discount and help support their Forest Carbon project.

In total so far we have earnt 38 carbon credits to support Tom's Wood with this scheme. More information is available here: <https://brighterfuturesedu.com/>

Finance



Financial Audit

Crofty completed another successful financial audit this term, for the sixth year running. A huge thank you to all the school-based administrators who helped make it such a success.

See Rewards

With Christmas not far away don't forget to make use of the "See Rewards" scheme that is available to all Crofty employees.



It offers:

A salary sacrifice electric car leasing scheme

High street discounts including 4% off supermarket shopping and lots more.

Instructions are available on our website, please visit: <https://croftymat.org/seerewards/>

Any problems please contact us at finance@croftymat.org or call on 01209311135 option 2.

Salary sacrifice electric car



This term our first member of staff received their salary sacrifice electric car. It is a beautiful blue Peugeot 208, Martin is very happy with it.

If you would like details on how to get your own electric vehicle, please contact us using the details above.

Estates and compliance team



Health and Safety Audit 2022

The Local authority carried out an external audit of our health and safety processes this term.

The auditor was very impressed with the progress that the Trust has made over the last couple of years in developing and implementing our policies and procedures. In particular, he was very impressed with the level of

engagement at every school with the Trust-wide procedures for training and risk assessment.



Average for academy trusts in Cornwall. **83%**

Crofty trust management of Health and Safety. **97%**

Crofty school specific Health and Safety. **96.09%**

Fire



A fire at a Rosemellin school caused it to close for the day.

Fire crews from Tolvaddon, Falmouth and St Austell were sent to investigate, and saw that one of the school buildings was "heavily smoke logged". With the aid of breathing gear, further inspection revealed the cause to be an electrical fire that had already burnt itself out.

All the children and staff were safely evacuated, thanks to the quick thinking of staff and emergency services, damage to the building was minimised.

Pennoweth school

Despite the recent weather the new expansion project is on track to be completed for the beginning of the 2023/2024 academic year.

This exciting project includes;

- Four new classrooms.
- New office and admin space.
- A hygiene room.
- New WCs to serve the classrooms.

