

## Simon Hague



Dear colleagues,

This terms newsletter is a celebration of all the things that make Crofty schools great. I believe that Crofty is proof that schools can come together, work as a single organisation and still retain their unique and individual characters. You will also read about the shared team and the work they are doing in the background to support our schools. Whether it's IT, premises or finance, they are committed to making us as efficient and effective as possible so we can all focus on what matters, the best possible learning for children and staff.

As another extraordinary year ends we can't ignore the fact that, in order to provide these exceptional experiences for the children, staff have had to work harder than ever. The impact of covid lingers but what is inspirational is how our staff have, yet again, risen above it to deliver the very best for our children. I want to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you and wish you a restful summer break. Best wishes

Simon Hague

Chief Executive

## A message from the Crofty Members

'Another year has passed swiftly and if we thought last year was difficult this one has surpassed it. Partial lockdown and Covid rife so that just before Easter many schools were closing classes and year groups. Two week later no more Covid so it is all back to normal! Factor 50 for sports day as well as weather forecasting, SATs again, transition days at last and end of year events. Many of you will have performances inside on what may turn out to be the hottest days of the year. Risk assessments for children and parents both inside and outside the building. The good news is that we are back to normal apparently with all staff and students in school, mostly. So all this has brought about even greater strains on the system as you try to appoint staff and get everyone back up to speed for normality!

The great news is that, as always, you have all been brilliant and all our students get the best deals from the staff of Crofty. Everyone gives of their best and more and we wanted to say thank you again for managing it all so well. It does take its toll so make sure that you get a lot of the six weeks holiday entitlement you so richly deserve. Who knows, when you return you may have a Secretary of State for Education who lasts more than 24 hours and they may even understand what the needs of our students are! There is a job at No10 that any of you could do!

A big thank you for another brilliant year in the most difficult of circumstances.'

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/>

### Weeth



Year 5 and 6 went to the Isles of Scilly for their residential. For many of them, it was the first real time that they stayed away from their family as the year 3 and 4 camps could not take place due to the pandemic.



Although we got wet on many of an occasion throughout the week, the micro-climate of the Scillies meant that when the rain stopped and the sun came out, we soon dried up.



The highlight of the week for most of the children was the exhilarating rib ride. They zapped across the sea, caught air and did some insane donuts. The smiles on their faces and the loud cheers could be seen and heard from the quay as they returned.

We walked through a nature reserve to find 'Treasure beach' one evening. This is notorious for being able to find sea glass wherever you look. The children collected as much as they could to take home.

The week ended with a talent show overlooking the sea. This was a memorable week and a great way to finish the academic year.



## Pennoweth



At Pennoweth some incredible murals have appeared in our outside spaces.

The geography ambassadors and some school councillors alongside Jenny Nightingale (illustrator) formed a working group. This group had planning and designing sessions and

even took part in some of the painting and mural installations. The working group had accurate, bright, interactive and colourful as their design criteria. They created designs for 2 different compasses, 2 different world maps and a graffiti style mural with #TeamPennoweth on.



to locate various places all over the world. The compasses have been used to consolidate their position and direction learning in maths and PE too.

A team of four Year 5 students represented Pennoweth at the Cornwall Schools Maths Olympiad last Thursday, held at Nexus in Camborne. This year's event was the biggest so far, with 40 schools from across Cornwall attending and taking part in a day of Maths investigations, discoveries and challenges, followed by a fierce competition in which all 40 schools took part. It was tough but Team Pennoweth worked together brilliantly, putting their skills to the test and battling to win 2nd place! We are so

incredibly proud of them - a huge well done to #TeamPennoweth - you really were 'in this together'!

## Roskear



This term at Roskear, Year 6 have been busy practising for the end of year school play. This year we are performing *Mystery at Magpie Manor* by Mary Green and Julie Stanley. This brilliant Downton-meets-Poirot musical production brings comedy, song, mystery and 1920s' dance routines together in one performance.

Set in the 1920s and steeped in legend and intrigue, Magpie Manor is in a great state of disrepair and Lord and Lady Pica



must take drastic action to save their crumbling manor house. However, the

family heirloom they wanted to auction has disappeared! Cue the entrance of Inspector Spectre aided by none other than Agatha Christie – can they solve the mystery and save Magpie Manor?



## Treloweth



Treloweth have continued their support of “Go Cornish” this term. Their song “Cornwall, My Home” has won first prize in the Cornish music section of the Gorsedh Kernow young people’s awards 2022.

The press release is below:

*Gorsedh Kernow is delighted to announce the winners of this year’s awards. The judges were overjoyed with the quality and sense of pride in Cornwall, its landscape, history, culture, and people in this year’s submissions. In particular, they were delighted to receive whole school projects from Trythall School, glorious singing from Treloweth School as well as creative and imaginative individual submissions from Cusgarne school.*



*“It is always uplifting to see the children’s submissions. They bring colour to the day in so many ways. Splann!” Pol Hodge, Grand Bard*

*The winners will receive their awards along with the adult award winners in a special ceremony in Hayle in September.*

**The Award winners for 2022 are:**

**Yeth Kernewek** – Cornish Language

1<sup>st</sup> Prize

Trythall School *Y’n Kammow a Gewri – In the Footsteps of Giants*

**Ilow Kernewek** Cornish Music

1<sup>st</sup> Prize

Treloweth School – *Cornwall My Home*

**Film**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize

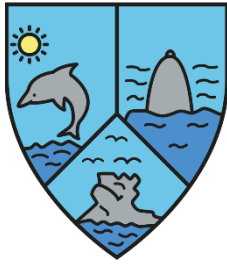
Jemma Chaisty *Holing in Kernow*

Highly Commended

Rosie Etherington *Interview with my Pappy*



## Portreath



Portreath School held a special week at school to celebrate the Queen's Platinum's Jubilee. The week started with everyone wearing red, white and blue. The queen inspired artwork the children produced was fantastic and a selection was exhibited at St. Mary's Hall in



Portreath. The children were excited to gather items for the time capsule that was provided by Tranquility. The children wondered what the people of the future will think when they dig it up! Hotch Potch provided art and drama workshops for the children. There was a crown making contest and all the children got to wear their crown whilst taking part in a whole school fun run. All the children received a special book, a commemorative badge, and some stickers to mark the Jubilee and the Parish Council presented them all with special seeds to grow. Gwel-an-Mor donated a tree that has been planted on the field. As well as finding out lots about the queen and her reign, the children also focused on learning about the concept of time. Thanks to Dawn and Lisa, the children enjoyed a Cornish picnic on the field on Friday to round off the week- a memorable week that the children will be sure to treasure.



## Rosemellin

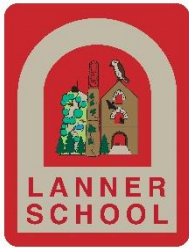


The year 6 children took part in a six week course with artist, Justin Wiggins. They explored the language of plants and creating their own living graffiti as a legacy to their time in Rosemellin.

Well done, Year 6 artists!



## Lanner



On July 5<sup>th</sup> we had Will Keating from the Oggymen in. Doing whole school sea shanty concerts.

A big thank you to Will for a wonderful day of music and laughter. The children loved it. "Oggy oggy oggy..."



## Illogan



### Year 6 Residential

After the disappointment of losing our booking at Porthpean Outdoor Centre, the school swiftly activated Plan B. An activities week like no other! Here are a few highlights from our weeklong trip.

### Plymouth National Aquarium – Sleeping with Sharks



After a morning of field games that included capture the flag and a tug-of-war competition, our Year 6's boarded the coach to spend the afternoon and evening in Plymouth. Our first activity exploring the Plymouth Barbican area and locating links to our Slave Trade topic from Autumn term. The children were incredibly thoughtful about the information and were astounded at the links that Plymouth had with the trade. After lengthy discussions, an exploration of the shops and perhaps the odd ice cream, our pupils then descended on the aquarium to start part two of our visit.



The children partook in a number of activities around the aquarium which included a guided tour and information gathering. It was then time for the children to bed down for the evening and enjoy our aptly themed 'Finding Dory' film in front of the shark tank.

### Watersports at Elemental, Swanpool

We couldn't have picked a better day for our visit to the beach. After suiting up and checking our children's buoyancy aids, we descended on the beach to try a number of different water sports including Coasteering, kayaking, canoeing and paddleboarding. It was safe to say our children were thrilled with their water activities where many overcame fears and even managed to achieve their water safety certificate during the day.



Our day was then finished off with a BBQ back at school and an evening of camping on the field.



## Zorbing, Archery Tag, Dodgeball and Nerf Wars!



For the penultimate day of the week, the children (and staff) enjoyed a selection of activities kindly provided by Sporty Stars. Whilst children set about playing Zorb football (and skittling one another), the other group tested their archery skills through tagging each other with (soft) arrows. Once again, the weather was outstanding and by the evening both pupils and staff were crawling to their beds.

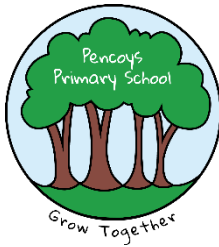


However, we still made time to make our own Pizza from scratch before enjoying another film.

From disaster to delight, the Year 6's will never forget their Illogan residential!



## Pencoy's



### Year 6 Production at Pencoy's.

I can honestly say that I think it might have been the best one yet! The Year 6's at Pencoy's, blew audiences away with truly exceptional performances of 'Ellie Billiot'!



It was a musical story of a Cornish girl and her dream to become a miner. Set in 1986, we were all transported back to a time of walkmans, Woolworths pick n mix and fluorescent leg warmers. The audience was wowed with incredibly choreographed dances, fantastic costumes and beautiful singing - not to mention a whole host of cheesy jokes! We couldn't be prouder of the children who excelled in every possible way, coping with

hundreds of costume changes in incredible heat and delivering their lines with brilliant comic timing.

Lifelong memories which will be cherished.

Mrs Craig



## Shared services team news roundup

### IT across Crofty



It has been another busy term with the move of schools to the Microsoft cloud continuing successfully. Portreath, Lanner, Weeth and Roskear have all now been completed. Pennoweth will be moved into the cloud in September.

After a thorough tender process the new phones have been installed at the Crofty head office, Lanner, Pencoys, Pennoweth, Portreath, Rosemellin and Treloweth schools. The rest of the phones will be installed over the Summer holidays.

This means that all schools will be working in the same system for computers and phones by the end of September 2022.

### Finance



Don't forget to sign up to the new staff discount scheme "See Reward". 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 once again please contact at [finance@croftymat.org](mailto:finance@croftymat.org)

Just a reminder that 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.

### Estates and compliance team



Smart meters are being installed across all the Crofty schools. These should be ready for September and help with our drive to save energy and lower our carbon footprint.

Pennoweth are having their kitchen fully refitted this summer.

Weeth is have a new ceiling installed in their hall and toilet upgrades.

Roskear and Lanner are having paintings works completed over the summer break.

Illogan are having an upgrade to their playground with a new basketball court and line markings reinstated.

Portreath and Treloweth have had new fencing, matching those installed at Rosemellin to help with safeguarding.

There are various health and safety projects going on to address issues with tree across the schools.

As always there have been numerous minor works carried out across all the Crofty schools this term.

