

**Simon Hague**



Dear colleagues, what a year!

As you know this year has seen the Crofty family of schools grow significantly. Whilst this has meant an increase in the amount of work both in schools and behind the scenes, this growth has been hugely positive. Our new Crofty colleagues have embraced the networks and learning opportunities with enthusiasm, making our professional communities more vibrant than ever.

As usual this term's newsletter is a celebration of everything that makes our schools great places to learn. Please take the time to look through and share the joys and successes of each of our schools.

Having read those please read Tamsin's section. Our children have done us proud in the statutory tests this year, in fact better than we've ever achieved before as a trust. Absolute proof in my view that when we collaborate in the right way across our community of schools, we really can make a bigger difference.

Enjoy the summer break, take the time to rest and recover, you have earned it.

Best wishes, Simon.

### **A message from the Crofty Members**

'Once again it is my pleasure on behalf of all the Members to thank staff, students and parents for making the past year such a success. It is even harder this year than it has been before and in addition Crofty has grown with the very positive acquisition of seven additional schools who are adding yet more richness and diversity to our Learning Cluster. This will create greater opportunities for collaboration for our schools, children and their families.

I have enjoyed the opportunity to write these articles, but this is my last one. After 34 years involvement in the Camborne area it is finally time to retire and step down from the Members Group. I enjoyed my time as head at Rosemellin for 24 years followed by 10 years of working for CAPH and within that time I was two years as Chair of the Crofty Co-operative until the move to a multi academy trust. I started teaching in Liverpool nearly 50 years ago and as I have now well passed my 'sell by date' it is time to leave it to others.

It has been a privilege working with you all and I feel honoured to have been part of a journey that has been for the benefit of every child in our community. Many of us can remember the CPR Excellence Cluster which was the start of collaborative working. What a Trust that would have made!

Thank you all for making my time so enjoyable and I wish you all the success you deserve in the future.'

Best wishes

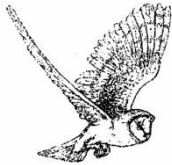
Ian Bruce (On behalf of the Crofty Members)

## School news roundup

Lots of the schools sent in more than one news item for this newsletter. To see these news stories please visit the news page.

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

### Garras



#### Royal Visit

Garras School were delighted to receive an invitation from the CEO of the Children's Sailing Trust (CST) to be part of a Royal visit to Trevassack Lake on the 17th May. The visit was part of the 25-year celebrations for the CST. Mrs Hains and Mr Sturges went along with the sailors, who got a chance to show off their skills in the water before they met HRH Sophie, Duchess of Edinburgh.



### Treloweth



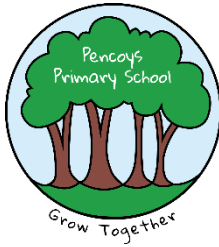
#### Cornish Singing

This term at Treloweth, Year 2 worked incredibly hard on their Cornish singing and performed on the BBC Welsh Songs of Praise. They proudly showed off their newly learnt Cornish words on camera and looked fantastic. Their performance and learning can be seen on BBC iPlayer on the S4C channel in the episode called 'Dechrau Canu Dechrau Canmol – Cernyw'. Click on the link below to view the episode.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p0fthkh9/dechrau-canu-dechrau-canmol-cernyw>



## Pencoys



### Portreath Beach

On Friday 16th June, Pencoys visited Portreath beach. From our very youngest Nursery pupils to our oldest year 6 pupils. Living so close to the coast we, at Pencoys, value the importance of children knowing and understanding their locality. Following a visit from the lifeguards earlier in the year, pupils were able to experience first-hand the

role of the lifeguards, the meaning of the flags, and practice, with supervision, the water safety rules. The vision for the trip came from the school council who, with the support of the community, raised the funds and manpower to make the memorable trip possible. We now know and can confidently say that every child at Pencoys school has been to the beach! And the children know they live near the Atlantic ocean!



## Parc Eglos



### Year Parc Eglos Singing Events

This week, Parc Eglos children have been involved in two big singing events. On Saturday, children in Year 4 performed in the National Armed Forces Day celebrations, which took place in Falmouth. The children sang several songs they had been practising, together with a song called The Colours Come Back, which they had written specially for the event, in collaboration with local singer-songwriter Ryan Jones. We were so proud of our Year 4s, who sang on two different stages during the afternoon, giving superb performances and bringing a tear to the eyes of many people with their beautiful song, which is all about missing a family member who is away on active service.



On Monday, children in Year 4 and Year 6 travelled to the Hall For Cornwall to take part in The Big Sing. We spent a happy day learning lots of different songs, along with many other children from different primary and secondary schools from across Cornwall, before performing them all together in the afternoon. There were young musicians accompanying us on stage, as well as some young singers from Cornwall Youth Choir helping us to learn the songs. We had a wonderful day!



## Godolphin



### Sports Day

Sports Day was a huge success and was enjoyed by the children, staff and spectators alike. The weather stayed kind to us, and we were all grateful for a few clouds which kept it slightly cooler!

It was a busy afternoon with every pupil in school joining in with incredible energy and determination, earning themselves stickers for their efforts and house points for their teams.

The overall winners this year were Crofty.

Well done to everyone, and a special well done to Crofty for winning the trophy.

As usual, we presented some awards for individual pupils for their sporting achievements this year.



- KS2 Sportswoman: Jenifer and Luci
- KS2 Sportsman: Tyler and George
- KS1 Young Sportsman: Billy
- KS1 Young Sportswoman: Lily
- Penny Forester Cup for Sporting Endeavour: Sorrel

Many thanks to the PTA for the refreshments offered during the afternoon. They raised £180 towards school funds.

Thanks also to all the parents/carers and other family members who came and watched and supported, to all the staff who helped with the running of the activities and to all our amazing children for taking part with such good teamwork and commitment. Thanks to the parents who offered to help pack-up at the end of the afternoon.

Well done too to the 30 plus parents and carers who took part in the wet sponge parent relays! Great fun was had by all!

We would also like to say an extra special 'thank you' to Mrs Jones, Mr Hosking and Mrs Stevens for giving up their time during the year to run the after-school sports clubs which have taken place, enabling children to participate in further sports activities outside of school hours.



Well done to everyone!

## Roskear



### Residentials at Roskear

This half term, our Year 3s and 4s ventured off on their residential trip. We travelled all the way to Plymouth via coach.

While in Plymouth, Year 3 went to The Box Museum, where the children learnt all about prehistoric artefacts and ways of living. There were some fantastic things to see.

Year 4 spent their day at Dartmoor Zoo, taking part in a classification workshop. We learnt all about the different ways of classifying animals. The children were so knowledgeable!



Year 5 had an early start on Monday 19th June as they headed off to the Isles of Scilly for the week! We set sail on the Scillonian and for many of the group it was their first time on a boat.

The week was jam-packed with activities such as kayaking, stand up paddle boarding, a fast-paced 'rib' ride and a trip to one of the other islands - Tresco.

Over the week the children (and staff!) walked almost 60 miles, so we were all very tired by the time we moored in Penzance on Friday. Everyone

had a fantastic time and great memories were made by all.

Year 6 had a whistle-stop tour around London at the end of last half term. After an early start and a long coach ride, their first stop was the Tower of London!

The second day was action packed! After a delicious breakfast, we headed to the Natural History Museum. Afterwards, we saw the city's landmarks from the water on our Thames River Cruise, then from high above on the London Eye! After a quick dinner, it was off to the theatre to watch 'Wicked'!

Our final stop before the long journey home was Hamley's - the children thoroughly enjoyed all the different floors of toys! The parents were then treated to a rendition of 'Sweet Caroline' as we drove back into school. What a great trip!



## Rosemellin



### Armed Forces Day

Service children from across some of the Crofty Mat schools came to Rosemellin on Friday 23rd June to celebrate Armed Forces Day. It was a time to share our experiences of being part of a military family and take part in fun activities. The children were greeted by the Help the Heroes and RNRMC Drake's Cat mascots, had the opportunity to try on a range of military attire and look at what a ration pack contains.



Although most of the children had never met before, they all had something in common and quickly began chatting to each other and sharing stories. We look forward to the next event.



## Illogan



### School's Football Week

At Illogan we took part in School's Football Week in partnership with ProDirect Sport. The initiative was designed as an opportunity for schools, teams and clubs from across the country to embrace schools' football and the wellbeing benefits it provides to pupils and players.

With this being a huge success, with engagement from ALL of our children at Illogan, Miss Rapsey won a package of prizes for our school from ProDirect soccer.

This included:

- 1 x fully customised Nike kit for 15 x kids
- 1 x set of customised Nike staff kits for 5 x staff
- £500 voucher to spend on equipment at ProDirect Soccer
- 1 x Trial Van visit to the school
- 2 x teachers invited to Coaching Clinic at St Georges Park





Miss Rapsey and Mrs Seary visited St George's Park in May for a training day with coaches and members of the Lioness England Team. This has given them further skills and knowledge to share with our children and has allowed them to provide even better football provision at Illogan.

Miss Rapsey and Mrs Seary came away feeling extremely inspired to continue improving the opportunities for football and sports at Illogan School.

We look forward to receiving our kit for the children and staff, spending our voucher on sports equipment for our school and in September getting our van visit!



## Pennoweth



### Isles of Scilly

Last week, our intrepid year 5 adventurers set sail for a week's camp in the Isles of Scilly. After an incredibly early start on the Monday morning, we boarded the Scillonian in Penzance; the crossing was 'slightly choppy' but after 3 hours we landed in St Mary's harbour and began to explore this beautiful treasure of an archipelago.

Over the course of the week we took part in many activities and met many people who live across the islands, discovering the joys and complexities of island life. We explored many gardens and nature reserves and at times felt as though we were in a tropical paradise. We discovered many different beaches and coves and marvelled at how beautiful and clear the waters were. We visited numerous places across several islands including; Tolls Island, Porthellick burial chambers, St Agnes Island with The Gugh and the Sandbar that joins them, the airfield, the Garrison, St Martin's Island and the 'Daymark', the school bases on both St Mary's and St Martin's and many many more. We were also lucky enough to have demonstrations and workshops with Joff - the plastic free lobster pot maker, Sam – the farmer and ice cream maker, the local police and the local coastguards all of whom complimented our children on how well behaved and engaged they were.



We are incredibly proud of our children. All of whom embraced everything we did with smiles and determination. Camping was new to many and they were all quick to learn everything they needed to do to be comfortable and successful in the field! I was particularly impressed with the rapid improvement in the washing-up skills across the week!!

We arrived home on Friday night, thoroughly exhausted, slightly damp from the rain on the last day and with slightly sore feet (we walked at least 40 miles across the 5 days!!) but still everyone was smiling and still doing us proud right up until the last minute.

Well done everyone and here's to the next adventure.

## Sithney

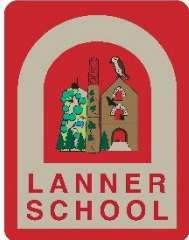


### Bristol Camp

Children in Y5/6 at Sithney have had an amazing camp in Bristol. They visited Wookey Hole, the Aerospace Museum, SS Great Britain, had a boat trip, visited the MShed museum, watched the Lion King at the Hippodrome and finished off with a trip to Longleat on the way home. A very busy three days but the children enjoyed it immensely.



## Lanner



### Summer Fayre

Thank you to all of our community here at Lanner. We had an amazing summer fayre this year on the school field (a first). We had everything from pony rides to bouncy castles to nerf gun walls. A huge thank you to Little Eden Entertainment for providing all the bouncy castles, candy floss machines and much more. The whole event was amazing and the children all had a truly wonderful time.





## Porthleven



### Shadow Puppets

Year 1 & 2 had a visit from Royal Central School of Speech and Drama with their puppetry production which explores some of the big questions children ask, reflecting curiosity, nature and connection. It was a joyous and magical experience for all involved, especially those who have never seen a

theatre show before.



The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit especially the part in the hall.

They loved the shadow puppets and the different voices and songs they sang. The element of moving round the hall to different areas really kept the children engaged. The use of the bed creating the screen for the shadow puppet was really unique and surprised the children to keep them involved and engaged even more Royal

## Halwin



### Beam House

What a busy summer term we've had at Halwin school. Our 5 and 6 children recently returned from a fantastic time away on their residential trip to PGL Beam House in Devon.

The children engaged in a variety of activities including trapezing, rock climbing, archery, zip wiring and rifling to name a few.



Spending a few days away from home has helped build the children's confidence and expand their social skills.

Although the learning journey is ending at Halwin school for our year 6 children, we wish them every success as they make fresh new starts and friendships from September.

## Weeth



### Trips

Here at Weeth we believe that every child is entitled to an education that inspires, motivates and prepares them for the future. For this reason, we passionately believe in providing opportunities for our students to experience activities that inspire, influence

and impact their character and future life choices.



This half-term our students in key stage two have enjoyed the opportunity to take part in residential trips to Porthpean and Beam House in North Devon.

In a three day visit to Porthpean Outdoor Education Centre, children in Years 3 and 4



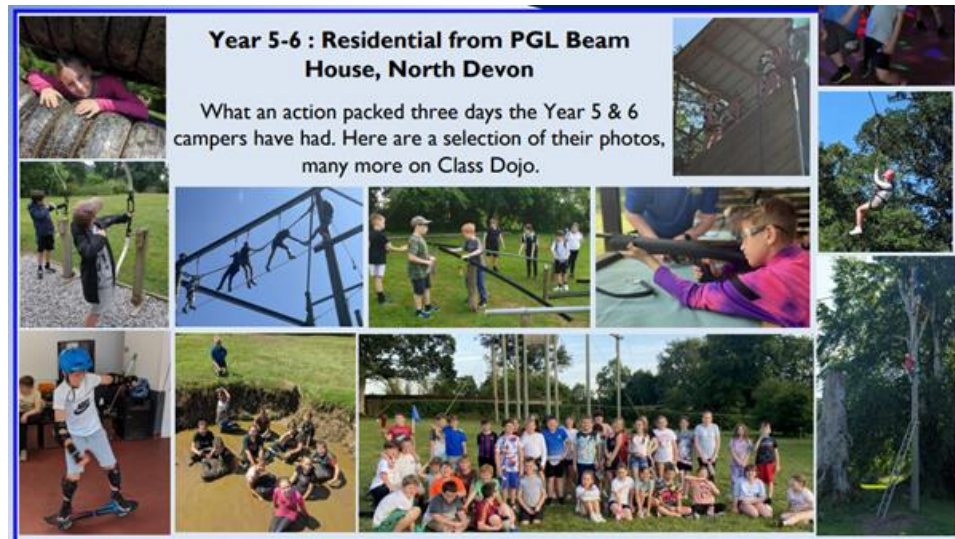
took part in activities that pushed them out of their comfort zone. A high ropes course, Kayaking and canoeing and even a caving experience really tested some of the students as well as climbing, laser tag and a silent disco. Staff were so proud of the group and children were



commended for their fantastic attitude and manners.

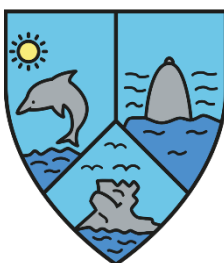
Years 5 and 6 travelled all the way to Devon where they faced the challenges of zip wiring, archery, problem solving and street surfing. We were so proud of their can-do attitudes and the support they showed each other.

Across the school, children have also experienced trips to Eden, Helston Museum, Portreath Beach, Newlyn, Truro Museum and even Flambards. Many memories were made and lots of valuable learning and experiences stored away for future use.



Each week the class decides where to explore next and invites parents and carers to join them on the adventure. So far, they have been able to explore Camborne Recreational Park, where even Mrs Peacock had fun on the slide; they have taken a walk around Camborne spotting signs of Spring and visited the Library for some story telling.

## Portreath



### Theatre for All at Portreath

As a school, we believe that all children should have the opportunity to experience the arts. Children having access to the theatre is important to develop children's cultural capital. Therefore, this year we decided that every child would get to go to the theatre. We were delighted to book Princess



Pavilions at Christmas for the whole school to see 'Sleeping Beauty'. Due to a poorly cast this was cancelled on the morning. However, the wonderful staff of Portreath felt 'the show must go on', so with less than an hour of rehearsal time the staff performed 'Sleeping Beauty' to the school! The children loved it! However, we still wanted the children to have the experience of visiting a real



theatre. Therefore, this summer Oak and Cherry Class went to The Minack Theatre to see 'Calvino Nights'. Sycamore Class went to The Writers Block for 'Katies' Black Hole Adventure'. Then Maple



and Rowan Class went to see 'Hey Duggee' at the Hall for Cornwall. Not only that we brought the theatre to the school. We have had Squashbox Theatre and Scratchwork Theatre into school, as well as the creative parkour group UPG to perform to the children. As a result of all this inspiration, this week the whole school are putting on its very own production. We have created a show, 'The Spirit of Cornwall' which will be a promenade performance concluding with everyone

joining together to sing 'Cornwall my Home'- we doubt there will be a dry eye in the house!



## Trannack



### Trench Stew

As part of our World War I topic our Yr5/6 pupils looked at the kind of food soldiers could make for themselves on the front line. We made trench stew, this contained potatoes, carrots, parsnips, stock and corned beef. It was actually very tasty, especially as it had been cooked over an open fire. Also, whilst eating we took a little time to reflect on what it would have been like in the trenches when the soldiers had a moment to eat, this was quite moving.





## Shared services team news roundup

### School Improvement



Learning is a key value of Crofty so I wanted to take some time to recognise and celebrate what this means for us.

I know that at this time of year assessment results from EYFS to Year 6 are keenly awaited. This year, our results as a Trust are better than they have ever been and are in line or above National in every measure. This is a clear reflection of the hard work, dedication and high expectations from every member of staff. Thank you all for your drive to support every child to learn well.

The value of learning applies equally to the adults within our organisation and there are a few whose achievements this term I'd like to recognise.

Jade Bright, Lucie Clarke and Kim Rogers have completed a very thorough 18 month coaching course with NCE. I know this course was very rigorous and time consuming but equally beneficial to the school and Trust.

Well done too to our "graduates" from Unleashing Excellence. This has been a really exciting leadership course including some formal training and visits to outstanding schools beyond Cornwall. Well done to Kim, Richard, Daryl, Tim, Rachel, Morwenna and Alex.

There will be a new training brochure ready for September which will include opportunities for TAs, teachers and other staff to keep learning.

### Shared Services an Operations Update



Firstly, can I start my thanking everyone for making me feel so welcome, both at the Shared Services Office but also those of you I have had the chance to meet out in the schools.

The Summer term as always has been a busy period for the Operations Teams. Estates have been working extremely hard to ensure all the Summer works get delivered to budget and more importantly in a timely fashion. The structure of the school year provides very few opportunities to get significant estates work completed and therefore the summer holiday presents the best opportunity each year. This year nearly all our schools are having some works completed, we have new roofing planned at Parc Eglos, Sithney & Trannack, PV Array systems been installed at Lanner and Roskear to mention just a few of the projects which are planned. So, this Summer when you are enjoying a cocktail by the pool please raise a glass to Steve, Nathan & Mel who will be working extremely hard this summer.

The IT Team have completed the majority of the transfers to Microsoft Teams this term and will be working hard over the summer to prepare the data for both Porthleven and Parc Eglos to ensure their smooth transfer to Teams early in the Autumn term. The IT Team have also spent time this term making sure all the school websites are following a standard layout. Martin and Phil will be working hard to ensure hardware purchased this term is set up a ready to go live in our schools from September.

Rachel and Becky have also secured a number of new deals this term ensuring the limited funding we received goes as far as possible, these have included, a new cleaning contract, supply insurance, catering for Parc Eglos, waste collection, hygiene services and both gas and electricity deals. This only represents a fraction of the work the Procurement Team do but provides you with a flavour of the areas they have focused on this term alongside their normal work to monitor and ensure our current contracts are delivered as per the Trusts expectations.

The Finance Team have been working hard in the background, both Maria and Stacey have had to get to grips with new systems and be part of the team that selected the new finance software the Trust will operate from September. There are training sessions for the new software planned for the start of September which all those required to attend will have received invites for.

Caroline is beginning to find her feet in her new HR role. This is a new role and therefore there is lots for Caroline to get her teeth stuck in to. However, Caroline would like to remind everyone that she does not bite and encourages staff to please contact her with any HR related queries they may have. I know Caroline has lots of new ideas she plans to introduce next term so watch this space.

Finally, I must not forget the work that Vanessa does in her role as PA to the SLT. Vanessa only joined the team in January, but it is already very evident that with her experience and knowledge she will bring lots of expertise to the wider team and in turn the wider Trust.

I have included a picture of the almost completed works at Sithney to clad the Elliot Huts. Although not looking its best yet it will give you a sense of the actual practical input our operational staff have.

Have a great summer, hopefully I will be able to get out to more schools next term to see how things are working and how we can make things work better moving forward.

Regards Sean Pinhay CFOO - Crofty MAT



## IT across Crofty



It has been another busy term for the IT team.

We have moved four schools into the cloud since Easter (two left to do after the summer break)

Three school have had new interactive screens installed in their halls – (Porthleven, Parc-Eglos, Pennoweth) with one more to be completed during the summer holidays.



We have purchased and configured Chromebooks for multiple schools to increase availability for students.

We are gearing up to a busy summer holiday of installing further interactive screens, iPads and network equipment.

## Business and Procurement



### C16 – Eco Summit

On July 6th Crofty held its first Trust wide Eco event at Pennoweth School; the C16 (short for Crofty 16) Summit. Pupils from every school were chosen to attend as their School's Eco Warriors.



The children attending were treated to four guest speakers. All four speakers had a focus on helping the children learn more about the environment and what we can do working together as a Trust to help minimise our environmental impact. First up was David from ClearVue. Clearvue is a smart meter technology that we have installed in our nine original schools. David talked through the technology and showed some data to the pupils showing how Weeth and Rosemellin School have made a significant impact through their energy saving efforts; Rosemellin School saved a whopping £5,096 on electricity this year and Weeth £3,068! The good news is that our other 7 schools will be having the technology installed in the summer holidays, so from September all of us can track the changes we are making to reduce our carbon footprint.

Next up we had Chartwells who cater for most of our schools. Their Executive chef attended and told us all about wonky veg and why we should be eating it! Then the children took part in a 'cook off', making stir fry! An amazing buffet lunch was served up by the Chartwells team, including pasties which were made from 'leftovers', easy cheesecakes with slightly past their best strawberries and lots of wonky vegetables made into amazing dishes.

After lunch we met the team from a company called Undercover, who explained what zero emissions means and talked through different types of renewable energy. They showed a video of a zero-emission laundry and talked about how technology can be used in reducing emissions.

Finally, Sustrans came to talk to us about the emissions we create when we travel in cars to get to school! Dave, the speaker, is a keen biker and is going to be working with Crofty to find solutions to get everyone to school in more ecofriendly ways, including helping with bike skills!

To end the day, our most energy efficient school Lanner - as judged by the energy providers - won this year's 'Council Cup'.



This is just a taster of the day! The Trust Council also agreed on climate superheroes, pledges for the next year and heard about lots of competitions and awards to work towards. Information about all this will all be sent on to each individual school and we will keep you up to date of the progress we make!



If any School would like to run its own mini Eco Day, or have a couple of speakers come to their assembly, just let us know; we would love to help out.

We are already planning next year's summit! If you have any ideas of great guests that could come and speak to the council, please drop us an email! We are looking forward to having our Gas recorded very soon and getting the technology into the 7 new schools in September.

## Estates and compliance team



### Pennoweth Expansion

After a long program of buildings work children and staff are excited at the prospect of using the new facilities at Pennoweth at the beginning of next term.



The new accommodation will provide:

- Four new junior classrooms
- A new multi-purpose small hall
- New office and administration space
- A brand new accessible hygiene room
- New WCs



The work to improve all of our schools continues throughout the summer break. Some of the larger projects taking place include:

Trannack - Roof replacement, phase 1 Fire Upgrades - part doors and compartmentalisation



Halwin - Phase 1 fire upgrades - part doors

Sithney - Full replacement of pitched roof covering, upgrades to modern fire doors, cladding of Elliot hut

Garras - Install boundary fencing within key locations, new double doors to the Elliot hut

Godolphin - Pre-school classroom (main building) full refurbishment, replacement of ceiling grid, upgrade of lighting to LED, sand and varnish flooring, paint, new furniture, make good plaster.

## Speech and Language



Clair, our Crofty Speech and Language Therapist, has been checking in with the children with speech and language needs this term. She has been amazed at the incredible progress many of them have made over this school year, thanks to your hard work and dedication with delivering interventions and supporting them effectively in class. We are building an army of skilled, committed staff to support our children with speech and language needs, and together we are achieving great things!