# Curnow School

# Newsletter

### February 2024

Quite incredibly we are half way through the academic year and I cannot believe how quickly the time has gone ( they do say time goes more quickly as you get older!!).

Thank you to Crofty for sharing your trips out to the shops and functional physical skills. Post 16 thank you for sharing your enterprise project and college learning—excellent effort from everyone!

We have our first practice walk this weekend at Perranuthnoe for the 2024 Ten Tors team. We will be easing them in with a 2 hour walk along the south Cornish Coast. This event is huge in the South West and open to young people from the age of 14. The Ten Tors event in May will be on the local news so look out for team Curnow!

Finally, there are lots of events coming up so take a look through the newsletter, including a PHSE and Relationships and Sex Education parents meeting at Curnow School.

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### Dates for your diary!

Easter holiday - 29th March to 12th April

School coffee morning for parents—see flyer on page 15 for details

#### Lower School

27th March—The Tree performance (children only)

March 28th—Dance show for parents PM greater details to follow

**Upper School** 

Flambards trip— Wednesday 12th June



## Lower School News



#### **Crofty Class**

In Crofty Class this term we are learning about My World. Using real life contexts we are learning routines and how to communicate in social settings. We started with shopping!









We adapted the story The Shopping Basket by John Burnigham to make lists using photos and symbols. We visited the local shop , asking for help find the things we needed and helping to pay and pack.



# Lower School News







We have been working hard on our functional physical skills in PD sessions . This term our topic has been Football, through a sensory approach we experienced the signs and sounds of a stadium match and played along to chants and songs to really get us motivated to move.















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Communication is key to everything we do in Crofty Class. We all love our daily phonics sessions, learning about letter sounds and environmental sounds, making sense of the world or sounds around us.





We also learn to use symbols and photos to help us learn new language. Adults help us by modelling these symbols in lots of different contexts throughout the day. You can access FREE training and resources through the project core website at https://www.project-core.com/professionaldevelopment-modules/









# Upper School News



This month at Upper School Godrevy Class have been running their Curnow Lite Lunch Business and Enterprise to raise money for our end of year prom. P2 group have been making soups, chilli and stir fries. We have been collecting orders from around the school. Practicing our cooking, money and service skills alongside making posters to advertise and using our writing skills to add names and decorations to our packaging.

















# Upper School News













P1 have been making and selling dessert pots that have been very popular. We shop for our ingredients before making our desserts. We have been providing a trolley dolly service to classes.







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Some of the students have been going to college to prepare for their transition. Each week, we experience a different college lesson as part of a college class. This week, it was a creative lesson of gravity art. We eat our lunch at the Metro, the college canteen: some students are now fully independent at choosing and paying for their college lunch. After lunch, we have leisure time in the Common room: time to choose table football, puzzles and other games.





## Health News!



ChatHealth Parent Line 5-19

ChatHealth Young

People 11-19

#### **TEXT 07312 263 096**

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TET 07312 263 499

ChatHealth

www.cornwall.gov.uk/chathealth

Get confidential health and wellbeing advice and support

**Chat**Health

From Monday 15 January 2024, we have introduced a quick and easy way for young people and parents / carers to contact Health Visitors and School Nurses in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

There are three advice lines as follows:

- young people aged 11-19 : 07312 263 096
- parents / carers of children aged 0-5: 07312 263 423
- parents / carers of children and young people aged 5-19: 07312 263 499

Users can send a message, anonymously if they wish, to Health Visiting and School Nursing to get confidential help and advice about a range of health concerns, including:

- Sleep
- Child development
- Support with behaviour
- Toileting
- Feeding and nutrition
- · Keeping safe and healthy
- · Childhood illnesses and support with medical conditions at school
- · Emotional, mental health and wellbeing
- Relationships
- Smoking and vaping
- Drugs and alcohol

The messaging service is available Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays) from 9am to 5pm. When a message is sent to the numbers, an automated reply confirms the message has been received. A trained healthcare professional will reply to the message during office hours within 48 hours.

Alternatively you can can contact the service via:

- Telephone: 01872 324261
- Email: hvsnadvice@cornwall.gov.uk

### Personal Development



Every 2 weeks we will be introducing a new focus for Personal Development. This links closely with our PSHE offer and with the Curnow Code. It also supports our work on Promoting British Values (see next page for additional information on this).

We will be sharing the themes for these weeks through this newsletter, please contact the class teacher if you would like more information on what class groups are doing to promote learning in the theme areas.

### Lower School Themes -

What makes us happy or sad?

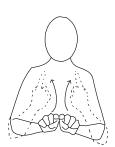
Remembering the rules.

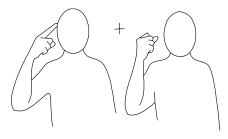
### Upper School Themes -

Be a friend to everyone.

Everyone is different.

### Some of the key signs we will be learning—



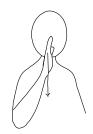


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# Promoting British Values



When we teach about Democracy in school we use a range of activities to show how everyone can have a voice, but that sometimes tour voice can be overruled by the majority! Examples of this would be deciding which book to read at the end of the day or choosing a recipe for a cooking session. We have elected school council members who will canvas opinions across the school and take their findings to meetings, therefore representing the views and opinions of their peers. Sometimes tough decisions need to be made and the students learn that being an elected council member is not always an easy or popular job!

### Attendance



At Curnow we recognise the importance of attendance, the impact that good attendance can have on both academic and social outcomes. We recognise that there will be differences in how illness will affect your child and we thank you for keeping us updated in a timely manner about when and why your child is off of school. We hope that the poster below will support you when deciding if your child is well enough to attend. Please contact the school if you are unsure or would like to discuss any issues that you are having regarding attendance.



### Events



Commissioned by the NHS



### Parent Support and Education Workshops: Introduction to Sensory Processing June 7th and 14th 2024 Old School Centre, Nance Lane Illogan 10.00am - 1.30pm

In order to attend this workshop you will need to be available for both days and complete an eligibility questionnaire.

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parent-support-and-educationworkshops-introduction-to-sensory-processing-tickets-715441222957?aff=ebdssbdestsearch

Free event being held right next door to Lower School! This course still has some places, registration requires completion of a questionnaire, please find details and booking information on the Eventbrite link.

It was a bit difficult to find on the site, if you move the map to hover over Redruth area and ask it to search the area the course will come up. Heartlands event is already full.

### Events









### Parent coffee morning.

We would love as many of you as possible to join us for this coffee morning and to learn more about our PSHE and Relationships and Sex Education offer in school. This is a chance for you to learn about the curriculum content and delivery, see some of the resources that we use and ask Beccy, our PSHE lead, any questions that you may have.

