

Curnow School



Newsletter

September 2022

Welcome Back!

I know I seem to say it about every month but does anyone know where September went? What a very busy start back we have all had—Curnow has welcomed a total of 13 new pupils this year and as with every year we are already so proud and impressed with how well they have all settled into their new school and routine.

Classes are busy planning for lots of exciting learning in the Autumn Term—and it is lovely to see an update from the lovely Sennen and Mylor (our brand new class at Upper) in this newsletter.

Before you know it we will be busy planning for Christmas, I am almost too worried about jinxing it...but we are keeping everything crossed to be holding our first Christmas Fayre in quite some time!

Until then, enjoy the slightly fresher mornings while we try to hang on to that sunshine for a little longer!

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Dates for your diary!

Lower School

12th October—Drumming Workshop

Upper School

19th October—Harvest Festival

4th November—Culture day USA

Half Term Dates

24th-28th October



Lower School News



This month we will be hearing from Sennen class and seeing all of the exciting learning that they have already been doing this term!



Not wanting to let go of the summer we have been enjoying outdoor learning as much as possible. It has also given us the chance to meet some new friends from Illogan school which has been a lot of fun!



Lower School News



Our teachers have been giving us lots of opportunities to use our senses to explore fun learning activities and to support us to make relationships with the class team and with each other.

Lower School News



We have been working on our co-ordination for different purposes.



Lower School News



Another of our skills that we have been working on is coordinating our hands with our vision. We do this in many sessions such as TACPAC, creative development lessons and through play.

Upper School News



This month we will be hearing and seeing from our new Upper School Key Stage 2 class—Mylor and how well they have all settled in to life at Upper School (both staff and pupils).



Making the most of the outside area and exploring the equipment together.

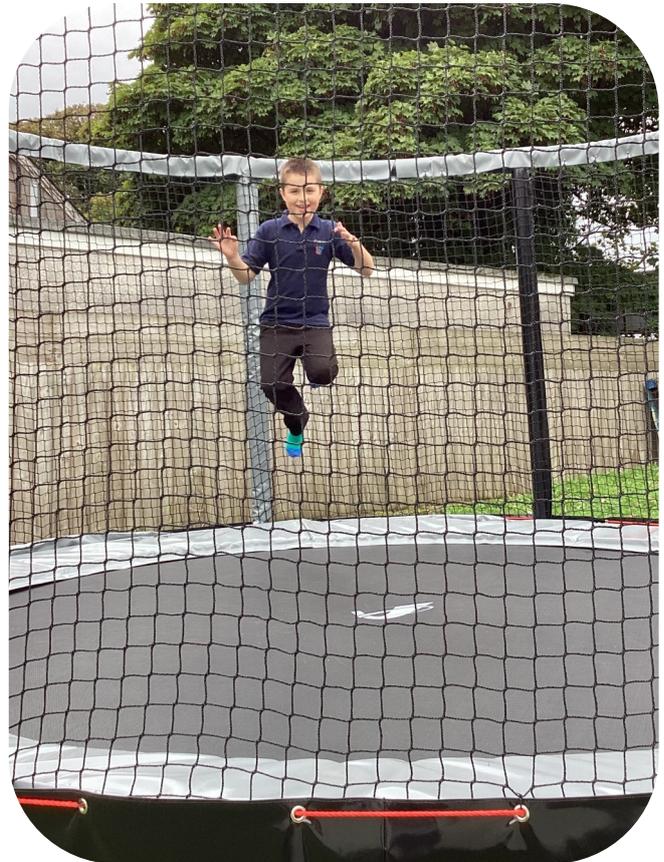
Igor waving as he cycles pass and lyla looks like she has the boys sorted on the swing!

Upper School News



The trampoline has been a real hit, an opportunity to use up lots of energy and see who can bounce the highest!

Alex is enjoying exploring the different equipment and the whole class is looking forward to making new friends and trying new activities.



Upper School News



We have been learning in our new classroom, learning our letter of the day. We have also been exploring the other learning areas such as the music room and the new library

Upper School News



The teaching team led by Sue and Sam (on a Friday) with Ayla, Leigh and Matt supporting the learning in Mylor.

We are all looking forward to an exciting year ahead at upper school!

Curriculum focus—English



This month's focus is **English**. English covers the areas of **Reading, Writing, Speaking** and **Listening**, or **Communication**. Sam Murray is the school's English co-ordinator, e mail smurray@curnowschool.org.uk.

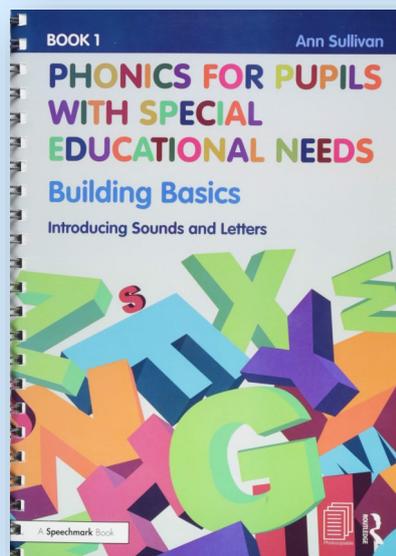
WRITING

Writing at Curnow can take many forms. We encourage early mark making skills as an early writing skill and often a source of pride and enjoyment. We may work on different materials to support your child to write a message such as alphabet shapes or using a keyboard. We will also work on fine motor skills and handwriting skills. Some students will use symbols and photographs to write their message.



READING.

Reading instruction will combine phonics, comprehension activities, learning about print in the environment and learning about books and stories. We use a range of materials to support our teaching including Phonics for Pupils with SEN and See and Learn materials.



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Help me at home with my reading by—

- Reading to me and sharing books and materials.
- Modelling reading behaviours.
- Pointing out print in the environment.
- Playing word games eg changing the end of the line in a rhyming song

Help me at home with my writing by—

- Modelling writing, let me see you writing lists or making a note on the calendar.
- Celebrate my writing attempts and model the correct spelling or formation alongside.
- Encourage me to write for different purposes, even if it I am still at the scribble stage, eg writing a birthday card.

Help me with my communication by—

- Learning some Makaton signs.
- Using my method to communicate with me eg use the choose board when asking if I want orange or blackcurrant.
- When using pictures use ones with as simple a background as possible.

COMMUNICATION.

We will work hard to find the best communication system for your child and develop that alongside you to support all of our students to reach their communication potential. Some of our students will work best with electronic devices, some may use symbols and



others will make choices and show preferences using switch devices or eye gaze. We use Makaton signing through the school day to support understanding and communication, this year we have introduced Makaton Monday, practicing and learning a sign each week.



School News



Happy Retirement



After an incredible 32 years service we said goodbye to Di as she heads off to enjoy her retirement. Thank you Di, the staff and children at Curnow will miss you!

Other news...



The Lost Gardens of Heligan will be opening their doors for relaxed sessions for families with a child/children with disabilities or additional needs on the following dates—

Father Christmas session, Tuesday 20th from 10am-11am

Heligan Night Garden, Thursday 8th December from 4.30-7.00pm .

For more information, please call Heligan Reception on 01726 845100 selecting option 6 to speak to a member of the team or visit the events page of Heligan.com.



Other news...



And finally.....we currently have both **Teaching Assistant positions (31¼ and 20 hour posts)** and **Lunchtime Supervisor positions** available and would love your support in spreading the word if you know anyone who would be interested in working at our lovely school!

For more details please head to the school website:

www.curnowschool.org.uk

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