

Curnow School



Newsletter

September 2023



Welcome back!

I am extremely proud and excited to be welcoming pupils, parents and carers back to the start of the 2023-24 academic year. Many of you already know me (as I have been here for quite a few years!) but for those who don't I look forward to meeting you over the coming weeks and months. It has been amazing to see all the pupils, new and old settling in to their new classes and routines and how quickly this has happened.

Every class has lots of exciting learning activities planned for this year which I'm sure will be shared through Class DoJo and the newsletter. We will also try to share information and support that we feel will be useful to the pupils and their families of the school.

Please do get in touch with me if you have any questions or queries and we all look forward to a great 2023-24!

Dates for your diary!

Lower School

Flu Immunisations—
Monday 9th October

Communication workshop
for parents—Thursday
12th October—10am—
11.30 am

Upper School

Religion and culture day
Daya—20th October

Table cricket starts—
Wednesday 4th October
(defending County champions)

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Lower School News



This September we thought it would be nice to introduce our new starters for this year. We have 10 new pupils at Lower, a new teacher and 2 new teaching assistants, so lots of new faces beginning their journey at Curnow, we hope that you are all settling well!

I am Bertie and I am in Tehidy class.
I like small world people and animals.



My name is Hector. I am in Tehidy class and my favourite thing so far is trampolining.



I am River and I am in Tehidy class. I am loving being able to explore all of the new toys and activities.



Hi, I am Lucifer and I am in Tehidy class. I love making new friends.



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Hi, I am Rowan and I am in Tehidy class. I absolutely love being outside, especially in the sand pit.

My name is Paige and I am in Tehidy class. As you can see I love music and dance, I love bubbles too.



Meet Lisa, our new Teaching assistant in Tehidy class. She has settled in really well and is enjoying getting to know all of our youngest children.



Louise is our new teacher, teaching in Eden Class. She has previously taught in a special school so has a wealth of experience to bring to the post. She has quickly become a valued member of our team.



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My name is Neo and I am in Eden class. I like being outside, I especially like the swing. I also like writing.



I am Emilia and I am also in Eden Class. I have been enjoying exploring new toys, I love small world play and dinosaurs.

This is Ruby, a new Teaching Assistant in Sennen Class. She has been working hard getting to know the children and staff and is enjoying her new challenge.



Jess is a new Teaching Assistant in Crofty class. She is very excited to be joining our staff group and is enjoying learning her new role.

Upper School News



We have some new starters this year at Upper School too.



Hi, I am Lucy and I am in Tolcarne class. I love horses and I also love to draw.



Hey, I am Ted and I am in Post 16. I am really enjoying re-connecting with old friends and making some new ones, I also like football.



Meet Ruth, a new Teaching Assistant in Tolcarne class. Ruth has previous experience of working in special education and secondary schools and is excited to be starting at Curnow Upper.

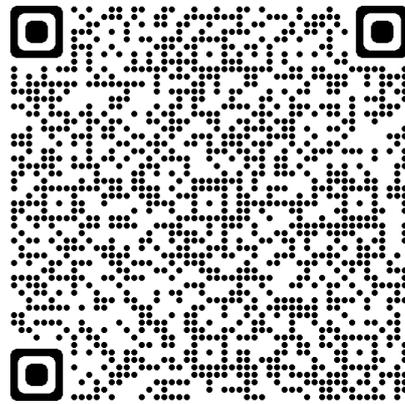


Its lovely to have Becky back with us after gaining experience in another setting. She is based in Fistrall Class as a Teaching Assistant and it feels like she has never been away!

Fundraising



Our lovely Hector is doing a sponsored walk this weekend, walking a mile for every year of his life as doctors said he would unlikely walk before school age! What an amazing boy! Good luck Hector!



https://www.justgiving.com/page/ayeasia-macintyre-1693658321165?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fayeasia-macintyre-

Story

I'm going to walk 5 miles of the coast path to raise money for Naval Children's Charity because they do so much to help me and my family.

The Naval Children's Charity: We are proud to support several thousand children each year, either with individual grants or through community support and resources. We place the child at the centre of our work, seeking to improve lives in the longer term based on health, wellbeing, security, education and life chances. While many children and their families who we help may be facing difficulties, our role is to try and make things better. A high percentage of the children, or their parents, supported by us are bereaved, disabled or ill. You can help us to help them.

School focus— Safeguarding



At Curnow we give safeguarding the upmost priority in all that we plan and do. During our most recent training days all staff were required to attend safeguarding training, including the administering of medication and first aid training, giving them the tools and knowledge that they need to keep your child safe whilst in school. Whilst the poster below will show you who the school safeguarding leads are, the key message is that;

Safeguarding Is Everyone's Responsibility.



Who's Who— Curnow Safeguarding



Everyone is responsible for ensuring that children feel safe in this school

If you have any concerns please contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead: Rob Armstrong

email: rarmstrong@curnowschool.org.uk

Call **01209 215432** during term time or MARU **03001231116** out of hours

Designated Safeguarding Leads



Rob Armstrong

Acting Headteacher: Curnow School

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Sam Murray

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Safeguarding Officers



Helen Jones

Safeguarding & Whistleblowing Governor

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Emily Birch

Online Safety Lead

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Further information including our policies and procedures can be found on the school website—www.curnowschool.org.uk



KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN EDUCATION

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



A child means everyone under the age of 18.



Children need the right help at the right time to address risks



Remember 'it could happen here' where safeguarding is concerned.



We are all responsible for the welfare of children and keeping the environment safe, whatever our job.

What is safeguarding?

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is defined as: protecting children from maltreatment; preventing impairment of children's health or development; ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care; and taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.



What do I need to do?



ALWAYS ACT

in the best interests of the child. Never promise confidentiality.



KNOW HOW

to identify children who may benefit from early help.



KNOW THE DIFFERENT

types of abuse and neglect, so that you can identify children who may be in need of help or protection.



Know what to do if a child tells you they are being abused or neglected.



Know who the Designated Safeguarding Lead is and talk to them as soon as you are concerned.



Everyone must read:
Keeping Children Safe in Education Part One and Annex A.
Child Protection policy
Staff behaviour policy



Any staff member can make a referral to children's social care, but they should inform the designated safeguarding lead as soon as possible.



If a teacher finds Female Genital Mutilation appears to have been carried out on a girl under the age of 18, the teacher must report this to the police.



All concerns, discussions and decisions made and the reasons for those decisions should be recorded in writing.

Staff Behaviour



If you are concerned about the behaviour of any staff member, you should speak to the headteacher. Concerns about the headteacher should be referred to the Chair of Governors.

Whistleblowing



If you're worried about poor or unsafe safeguarding practices, or potential failures in the school, talk to the Designated Safeguarding Lead, any senior leader, or the Chair of Governors. If you feel unable to talk someone in school, you can call the NSPCC whistleblowing helpline on 0800 028 0285 or [email: help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk).

For consultancy, training and advice, go to www.safeguardingschools.co.uk

School Attendance



Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of my new role, I would like to introduce myself as your school **attendance officer**, although I think that most of you will know me in my other guises!



You will no doubt have heard in the press recently that there is an increased focus on school attendance by the Department for Education who wish to ensure that children attend school as much as possible. It is important that we report pupil attendance to parents throughout the year—this will be shared with you using the Parent Progress Meeting format. We are reviewing data regularly (via fortnightly safeguarding meetings) and we may be contacting families to offer support, where appropriate, if we become concerned about low attendance. Equally, if you are concerned about your child's attendance, please contact me to discuss.

We fully recognise the challenges that might impact on attendance for our students and are committed to working with you to ensure that your child is able to attend for as many days as they can. We are happy to help where we can and wish to work in partnership with you to allow your child to gain as much as they can from their time in school.

As a reminder, please ensure you report any absence daily (by 8.30am wherever possible) if your child will not be in school stating the reason why (we are not able to accept messages sent via transport). We require at least two, preferably 3, contact numbers and we will call home if we do not hear from you on the morning of the absence. This is for you and your child's welfare.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me,

Sam (smurray@curnowschool.org.uk)



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TUESDAYS - YOUTH DANCE CLASSES

Upbeat, fun dance moves and tunes

Wesley Chapel, Camborne

4.30 - 5.15pm Under 12s

5.30 - 6.30pm 13yrs+



WEDNESDAYS - CALM AND EXPRESSIVE

Gwealan Tops, Redruth

6.30 - 7.30pm - All Ages

FRIDAYS - ADULT DANCE CLASS

Upbeat, fun dance moves and tunes

Wesley Chapel, Camborne

1.30 - 2.30pm



£3 PER PERSON

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MAKATON SIGNING CHOIR

We are an inclusive choir made up of friends, family members, teachers, mums, dads, carers, grandparents, children, professionals and support workers of Makaton users.

No previous singing or Makaton experience needed.

Open to everyone!

WHEN: Every Tuesday 7pm, starting 12 September to 19 December 2023

WHERE: Redruth Community Centre, Room 1

 07922 530878

 makaton@talkmorecornwall.co.uk

 www.talkmorecornwall.co.uk

 Makaton Training Cornwall



It's not too late to join! A lovely way to learn to sign and who doesn't love a good sing song!



Introduction to using a Total Communication Approach to support your child's communication



what



Do you want to know more about the strategies used in school to support children to communicate?

why



Would you like to learn some key Makaton signs and find out more about how symbols and objects can support your child to communicate?

who



Who can attend?

Anyone can attend. There will be a focus on parents/carers of children in the Early Years or those new to SEN settings.

when



Thursday 12th October 10 – 11:30 am

where



Curnow Lower School



biscuits

Refreshments will be provided

I have a question



For more information, please contact the school or Specialist Intervention Team (SIT)

