

# Curnow School



# Newsletter

April 2024

Having been Interim Headteacher from September 2023, I am incredibly proud and honoured to have been successful in my interview prior to the Easter holiday and being appointed as the Headteacher of Curnow School.

I fully understand the responsibility and accountability that comes with this role and I am determined to ensure that as a school we continue to focus on every child, providing an outstanding educational offer for all.

I am looking forward to working with the wider community of the school and to be able to share the exciting development and practice through our newsletter as well as listening to the voice of our pupils, parents and carers.

We are looking forward to a great summer term and hope the weather responds with a bit of sunshine and warmth over the next few weeks.

**Rob Armstrong—Headteacher**



Dates for  
your diary!

## Bank holiday

6th May

## Inset days

7th May

## Half term

27th—31st May

## School coffee morning for parents

Friday 17th May

9.30—11.30

## Upper School

Flambards trip—  
Wednesday 12th June

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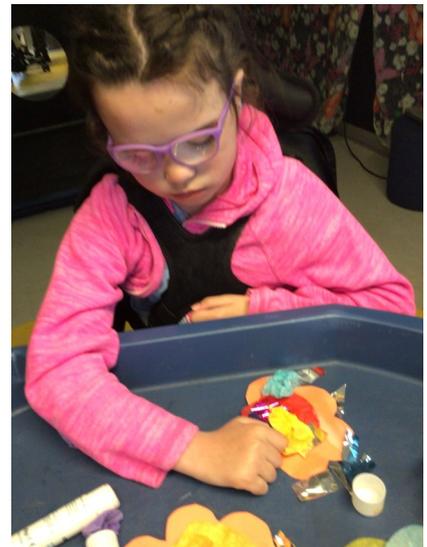
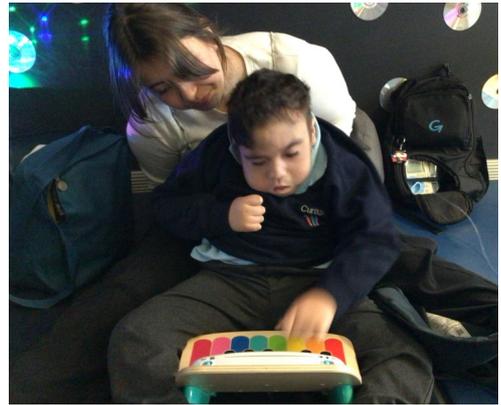


# Lower School News



## Sennen Class

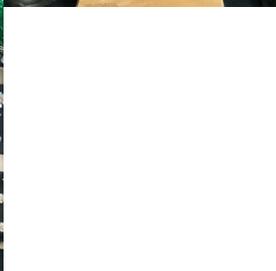
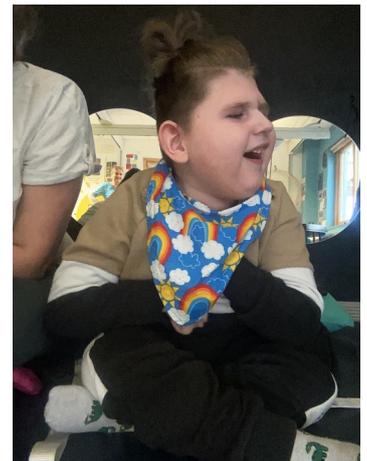
In Sennen Class we have been working on our independence skills.



# Lower School News



We have been working hard on our functional physical skills in PD sessions .



# Lower School News



We enjoy developing our social and communication skills through sessions working with our friends and friends from other classes.



# Lower School News



## SOWENNA CLASS



Some of the children from Sowenna participated in a charity fun run with Illogan School to raise for The Hits Cash for Kids Campaign.



# Upper School News



## Fistral Class News

As part of our PSHE curriculum this term, we are focussing on exploring the topic of taking care of our environment within the context of our school.

In Fistral class, we identified two areas that we would like to improve and work on.

**1:** Planters outside our class.

**2:** Area in playground



**1:** We have wonderful planters outside the class and we have decided to dedicate an area to growing vegetables like tomatoes, peppers etc. First, we had to clear a space. All students have been working hard on clearing a good space for us to start growing. We learned more about how to keep ourselves safe with gloves, using different tools safely and working together.



# Upper School News



Sometimes the gloves feels funny on your hands, but we have learned why we need them, we want to protect our hands.



**2:** Is the area in our outdoor play area.

**Here we will need your help.**

We will make sure we keep the weeds under control, however, we want to make this space a bit more inviting. A place where we can investigate our natural area, learn more about mini beasts and all sorts of plants, an area where we can relax and enjoy.



# Upper School News



So, as part of our English curriculum activities in writing: "Writing for a purpose", we will be writing to local nurseries to see if they could donate some plants for our area.

If anyone has a specific talent/business in gardening, and would like to help us plan and/or develop this area, please get in contact with class.

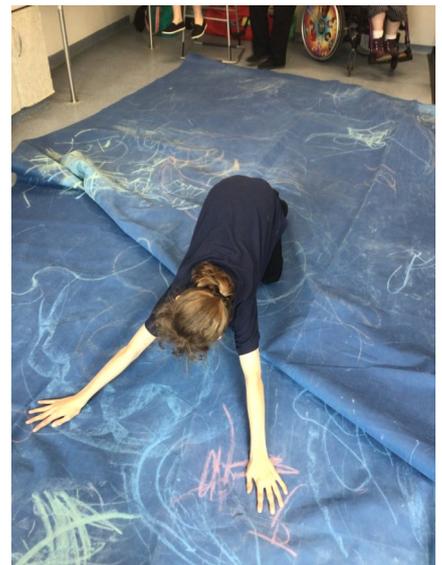
We are planning to develop this area without spending any or very little money.



# Upper School News



The lovely ladies from Shallah came in and did some amazing art and dance activities with some of the children.



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We had a visit from Bristol Bears this week, where the children took part in a variety of sports.



# Health News!



**ChatHealth  
Parent Line 0-5**

**TEXT 07312 263 423**

**ChatHealth  
Parent Line 5-19**

**TEXT 07312 263 499**

**ChatHealth Young  
People 11-19**

**TEXT 07312 263 096**



**ChatHealth**  
Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

[www.cornwall.gov.uk/chathealth](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/chathealth)

Get  
confidential  
health and  
wellbeing advice  
and support

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.



**ChatHealth**

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 contact the service via:

- Telephone: 01872 324261
- Email: [hvsnadvice@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:hvsnadvice@cornwall.gov.uk)



## Household Support Fund 2024/25

### **The entitlement criteria for automatic payments from the Household Support Fund is changing.**

In order to be entitled to a payment from the Household Support Fund scheme in 2024, you must be responsible for at least one child and on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 either:

- be entitled to Council Tax Support or have been placed in emergency accommodation by the Council You will receive £80 per child. If you are already in receipt of Council Tax Support, then you don't have to do anything else – you will receive your payment automatically.

To find out if you are eligible for Council Tax Support, please check the information here <https://www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators> .

You can make a claim for Council Tax Support by using this link <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/council-tax-support/apply-for-council-tax-support/>

**It is important that you submit your application by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024.**

You may also be entitled to help from the Household Support Fund via one of the Household Support Fund partners. Their details can be found here <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/household-support-fund/>

### **Why have we made this change?**

Because entitlement to Free school meals has been protected since 2018, parents of children who are entitled to free school meals aren't always still on a low income. By using our Council Tax Support data, we can ensure that the Household Support Fund awards are going to parents who currently have a low income and are struggling with the increased costs of running their home. By better targeting the awards, we are able to help families with children of any age, rather than just school age children.

Families of children in receipt of free school meals can still access help through the Time2Move holiday programme. This scheme offers fun physical activities, games and wider activities plus a meal for all children during the main school holiday periods.



Chair: Colin – Godrevy



Teacher - Dee



Governor - Wendy



Vice Chair: Igor- Mylor



Lamorna: Rosa



Tolcarne: Ellie



Fistral: Lila



Rock: Noah



Post 16: Aime



## School Council 2023-2024

### School Council

In this months school council meeting, we carried out surveys on what we like doing in school. We spotted a trend with the least favourite curriculum areas. RE, Science and Writing all featured as the least popular choices amongst both lower and upper school.

The school council are looking at different ideas related to these areas that students could experience as part of activity and focus weeks.

# 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.



## Should I keep my child off school?

### Yes

#### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

### No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



#### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

# Events



## Sleep Wise

**A WORKSHOP FOR TIRED FAMILIES**  
in partnership with Parent Carers Cornwall

Sleep Wise – a short presentation by Hunrosa Sleep Consultants to help parents with sleep strategies for young people and families.

Tuesday 14 May 2024

10am- 12pm Online

Book via PCC Eventbrite



Everyone Welcome!

## Free Teatime Community Meal

Wednesdays open at 4.30pm  
food served at 5pm

A warm welcome with hot tasty food and great company! Share a free meal with those in your community, No referral or voucher needed, all diets catered for.



17 April - Jacket Potatoes  
24 April - Fajitas  
1 May - Pizza  
8 May - Sausages  
15 May - BBQ Chicken  
22 May - Pasta & Meatballs

Please let us know if you'd like to come - email [deborah@gwealantops.org](mailto:deborah@gwealantops.org)



LEVELLING UP

Gwealan Tops Adventure Playground  
School Lane Redruth TR15 2ER  
[www.gwealantops.org](http://www.gwealantops.org)



## LET'S GET CORNWALL SIGNING LIVE SHOWS



14th & 15th  
June  
2024



## MAKASONG MAKATON SIGNING CHOIR

### SPECIAL GUESTS...

Suzanne (MBE) from Singing Hands and a patron of the Makaton Charity is coming to Cornwall to perform with our very own Saskia Dady from TalkmoreCornwall CIC.



### TIMES

Friday 14th June 2024  
10:30-11:30 and 1:30-2:30 Education groups  
EVENING SHOW "POP PARTY" 6-8pm

### Saturday 15th June 2024

11-12 Community Family show

### WHERE

The Keay Theatre,  
St Austell PL25 4DJ

### COST

Prices are from £6 per ticket.  
Please see our website and socials for more info.



For all bookings go to:  
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/keay-theatre/e-yggram>  
For all enquiries go to our websites and socials!

01726 226404

[www.talkmorecornwall.co.uk](http://www.talkmorecornwall.co.uk)

[www.choose-nature.co.uk](http://www.choose-nature.co.uk)



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-education-workshops-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.



## Parent coffee morning.

# Save the Dates

**PARENTS AND CARERS COFFEE  
MORNINGS**

**ALL WELCOME**

**17TH MAY 9.30-11.30**

**13TH JUNE 9.30 - 11.30**

**BOTH AT UPPER SCHOOL**





Stay tuned!  
Launching soon – the brand-new  
official school Facebook page.



In the next months newsletter, we will explore summer holiday activities. If you have any ideas to share with fellow parents, please email [mclarke@curnowschool.org.uk](mailto:mclarke@curnowschool.org.uk).