



DEVORAN NEWS

Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a busy week in school with lots of sporting events and other opportunities that have been open to our children. You can hear more about these below including the work around 'Safety Week' that the children have taken part in. We hope you enjoy reading about these events over the next few pages!

Best wishes

Miss Lock

Reading Café - Friday 10th February at 14:30

Spend time in your child's class (you can go between various classes if you have more than one child) and see how reading is taught in the different year groups as well as spending some time reading with your child. This is the first of a few Reading Cafés we are planning across the academic year and we hope you can come!

Reading **CAFE**



Suggested donation £1

Youth Speaks Competition 2023

On Thursday, Emily, Leo and Elsie took part in the Rotary Youth Speaks Competition. Emily chose to highlight the topic 'Mind, body and soul – the effects of screen time technologies'. Emily spoke eloquently and passionately about this thought-provoking topic. Leo did a brilliant job of introducing the topic as Chairman and Elsie summarised the speech wonderfully as the Vote of Thanks.

It was most enjoyable to hear the topics chosen by the other schools too. This year, the trophy went to Truro School Prep. with a worthy second place going to Perranarworthal School.

Rotary Club decided that this year each school who entered should receive a prize. We will look forward to choosing how to spend our prize money with the Youth Speaks Team soon.

Congratulations Emily, Leo and Elsie – we are all very proud of how well each of you spoke.



Sporting Opportunities

Football Tournament

The Year 5 and 6 went to Penair to take part in a Football Tournament on Friday 20th January. The children played 6 games, they won 1 and drew 5. The children grew in confidence throughout the afternoon, they worked well as a team and represented Devoran brilliantly. A sports leader from Penair said we were the nicest school he had helped coach which is so good to hear. The children had a great afternoon of football and came second overall. Well done Devoran!

“The Football Tournament was great except for my unfortunate injury! I had fun playing in defence and we defended well as a team. Euan did well as our striker and scored 3 goals overall for Devoran. He couldn't have scored without great play from the rest of the team, who worked together to get the ball up into the attacking box.” Ella B

“I had a lot of fun playing a wing, but afterwards my feet really hurt! Our defence was good and our team got second place overall. We had a lot of fun playing together.” Edie



Swimming Gala

The Year 5 and 6 took part in a swimming gala last Thursday.

The children shone, not just through their incredible swimming abilities but also their sportsmanship. The children congratulated each other and their opponents even if they came 1st or 3rd. It was such a great atmosphere of happy and excited children throughout the gala. The children worked together, helping each other know when their next race was and deciding on the best order for their relays. An incredible afternoon of swimming and an added but well-deserved bonus of being **overall winners**. Well done Years 5 and 6 for coming **1st place** in the Truro School Prep Inter-school Swimming Gala for 2023.

1st place - Devoran School 130 points

2nd place - Truro Prep School 125 points

3rd place - Mount Hawke 123 points.

Here is what the captain had to say:

On Thursday 26th January we went to a swimming gala at Sir Ben Ainslie Pool. We were up against Truro Prep School and Mount Hawke School. I think we did amazing. We worked really well together and had a great time. We won with 130 points.

By Harvey from Year 5.



Sporting Opportunities

Gymnastics Competition at Penryn Gymnastics Club

Elsie B, Imogen, Rosie and Frank from Year 6 went to the finals of the Gymnastics Competition at Penryn Gymnastics Club last Friday. The Year 6s were up against some strong competition and were a little nervous but that didn't stop them showing of their incredible gymnastics skills.

The Year 6s supported each other throughout the afternoon. All their hard work and practice paid off as they were crowned the winners, with Frank becoming the top boy, earning the most male points overall. The team have demonstrated such huge effort and achievement, we are so proud of all four of them. Go Devoran!

Gymnastics Competition

On Friday, Devoran school competed in the gymnastics finals at Penryn gymnastics centre. It was a really fun experience competing against other club gymnasts. We did a floor routine and a vault. Our vault started off on a rough start practice where Immy found out she could fly, Rosie found out she has more gravity than everyone else, Elsie found out she was part frog and Frank found out that he has super jump powers, but when it came to our real vault we all did well and stuck the landing. We got to play lots of fun games. At the end, we sat down around the floor in our groups waiting to see who won. And then our names got called we got our medals and won the competition. Frank also got the best club boy gymnast so went home with two gold medals.

Competitors - Rosie, Elsie, Frank and Immy



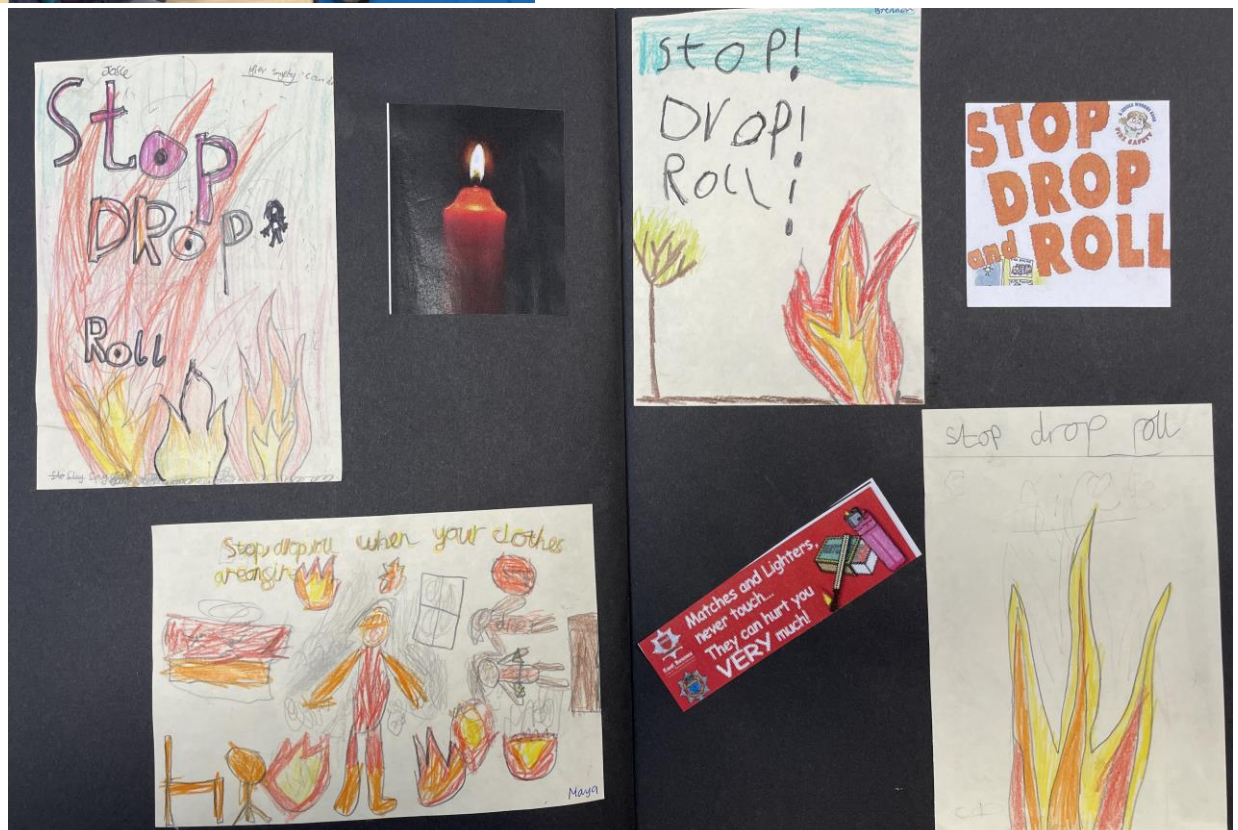
Safety Week in School

Year 6 have completed lots of lovely learning and activities including writing instructions for a fire extinguisher along with fire safety tips, creating water safety pictures, road safety posters and internet safety certificates for completing the inter land programme (an online safety game) as well as taking part in first aid training! The children have gained a lot from the raised awareness of these areas of safety this week.

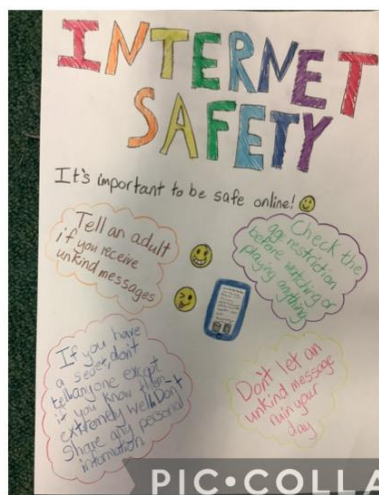
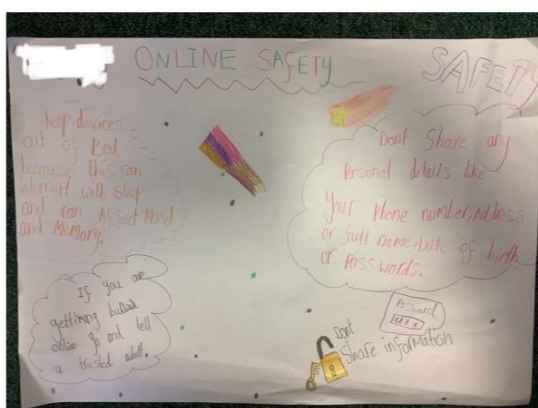
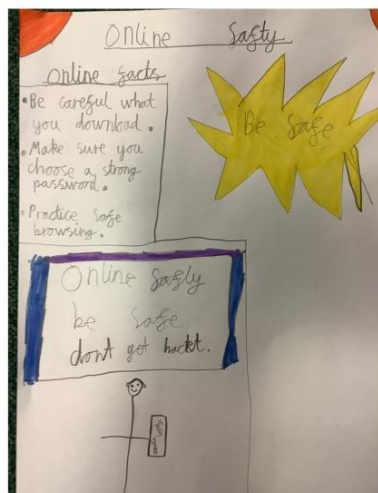
Here are some photos of Year 4 taking part in their first aid lesson on Friday:



Year 3 created a fire safety book to display in their classroom based on the things they learnt about being safe around fire.



Year 5 have created some safety posters to share their understanding of Online Safety as part of their Safety Week learning.



LET'S CONNECT



6-12
FEBRUARY
2023

TIPS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Dear parents and carers,

6 - 12 February 2023 is Children's Mental Health Week. The week is run by children's mental health charity Place2Be to raise awareness of the importance of children and young people's mental health. This year's theme is Let's Connect.

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Let's Connect is about making meaningful connections, and for Children's Mental Health Week 2023, Place2Be is encouraging people to connect with others in healthy, rewarding and meaningful ways.

As parents and carers, you are an important role model to your child. How you connect with friends and family will influence your child, and how they develop their own friendships and relationships. For example, how you greet people and maintain friendships, but also how you forgive people or say sorry when you need to.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Here are a few simple ways you can connect with your child and help them to make meaningful connections.

1. Connect with your child in everyday ways

Moments of connection (and re-connection) are really important in child-caregiver relationships. For example, when you pick them up from school, or come in from work, try to give them your full attention and see if this helps you feel better connected as you hug, talk, smile and hear about their day. Watching your child play and joining in is really important to them – so put your phone away and have a bit of fun – being playful is good for adults, too!

With your older child, you may find times such as car journeys a good time to talk, or to re-connect by playing music you both like. It is important to be accessible to a teenager when they need to talk. You may have to be there 'on their terms' and be ready to listen.

2. Talk to your child about important connections

This could include talking about family members, friends, neighbours, childminders, people in the local community and others in your faith group (if you have one). Remember it's ok to talk about people they miss, for example, family members who live in a different country or people who have died.

Children learn a lot from their parents about how to express their feelings, including the joy that comes with feeling connected to others and the sadness that comes with missing others.

3. Talk to your child about their friends

As children become teenagers, their friendship groups become increasingly important to them. Be open to hearing about their friendships and try to listen without judgement.

#ChildrensMentalHealthWeek

Important message from KeyWear

KeyWear will be closed from Wednesday 1st February – Tuesday 7th February. Any web orders will be monitored so if you need any uniform, please choose "click and collect" and they will arrange an evening collection for you.

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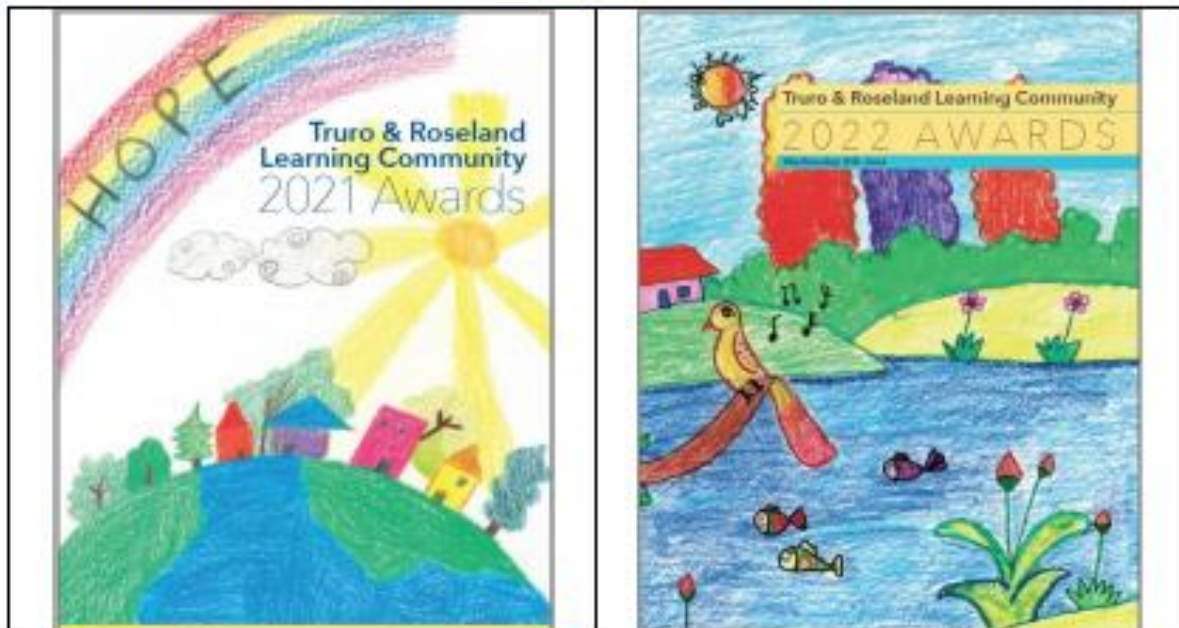
Truro & Roseland Learning Community (TRLC)

Art competition 2022/23

The annual TRLC Awards event is due to take place on Wednesday 28th June 2023 at Truro Cathedral. We intend to help celebrate this important event by inviting pupils/students from the TRLC group of schools to have the chance to submit a piece of Art that will feature in the brochure that will be distributed to all guests at the event.

For those wishing to enter the competition the broad theme for the art work is 'Our Cornish Community'. The Art work needs to be produced in colour as an A4 size and presented in portrait view, in jpeg format. Your school, child's name and age need to appear on the rear of the A4 Art work.

Entries need to be made to your school/college **by Friday 10th February 2023** at the latest. Please email entries to Sharon Tippet, TRLC Administrator: admin@devoranschool.co.uk



**Your Art work could appear on the brochure
for this year!**