

# Curnow School

# Newsletter



## November 2022

Well things are getting decidedly festive at Curnow this month with our Curnow elves busily planning and preparing for our first Christmas Fayre in quite some time; from tree decorating to santa grotto building and everything in between we are getting very excited!

Our Christmas Fayre's are always very busy and full of fun so we hope to see many of our friends and families on the day—pop in anytime between 10am and 1pm!

This Newsletter gives a chance to celebrate our new (and youngest) pupils in Tehidy Class who have made us so proud at how well they have settled in. Our Upper school news comes from Tolcarne class and the wonderful work they have been doing as they find out all about the rainforest—we have certainly experienced the 'rain' element in recent weeks!

Many thanks to Dee who has put together information on our Physical Development and PE offer at Curnow—again it is in the format of a padlet (like Rob's Maths one last month) so please just go to the link or scan the code from the newsletter page. Each month we will continue to share information about a different curriculum area with useful links and information, which we hope will allow you to share more learning at home.

## Dates for your diary!

### Lower School

**Christmas show—1pm parent coffee and mince pie, 2pm performance.**

**Monday 12th December—Eden, Sennen and Sowenna parents/carers**

**Thursday 15th December—Tehidy, Mylor and Crofty parents/carers**

### Whole School

**Friday 16th December—Christmas Jumper Day and sing-a-long (upper school)**

**Christmas Fayre - Saturday 26th November 10am-1pm**

**Parent progress meetings week beg. 5th December**

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# Lower School News



This month we are introducing you to our new children who have joined us at Curnow this year. This is how we are learning to develop our skills within Physical Development. Enjoying activities inside and outside, whatever the weather!



We have been learning about how we can travel in different ways. Using the equipment in various ways and exploring our new environments, using the movement room and outdoor equipment.





# Lower School News



We use a range activities and tools to support our fine motor skills. We made African patterns, drew pumpkin faces in paint, made play dough spiders and enjoy activities that we need to push and press.





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Our weekly dance and yoga sessions are a firm favourite within our class. Learning to move our bodies in different ways and lots lighting and calming music to relax us.



What a great start to the year! We have so much fun, enjoyed exploring our new school and made lots of new friends!



# Upper School News



This term we have loved exploring our outside area, with our fabulous new sensory room with our friends



# Upper School News



**This term we have been learning about Rainforests**



We been learning about the animals of the Rainforest, naming them and writing fantastic descriptions

We have explored the artwork of Henri Rousseau and created our own versions using animals we have learnt about



We have also been learning about different foods that come from the Rainforest and have used them in our yummy recipes





# Upper School News



Exploring mark making in art



Phonics and handwriting skills



Martial arts sessions in The Mix



Money skills in maths



Practising poses in our yoga sessions



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We are very excited as we have been lucky enough to have Simon join us again for Open Orchestra sessions. We are looking forward to creating our own music, and hopefully performing in a venue near you soon!

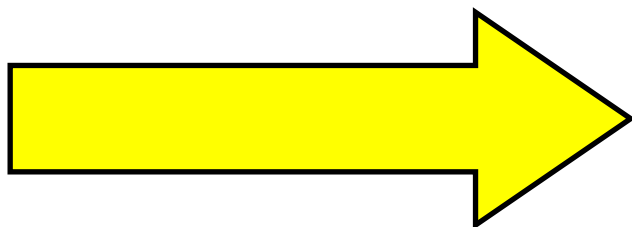




# Curriculum focus—Physical Development

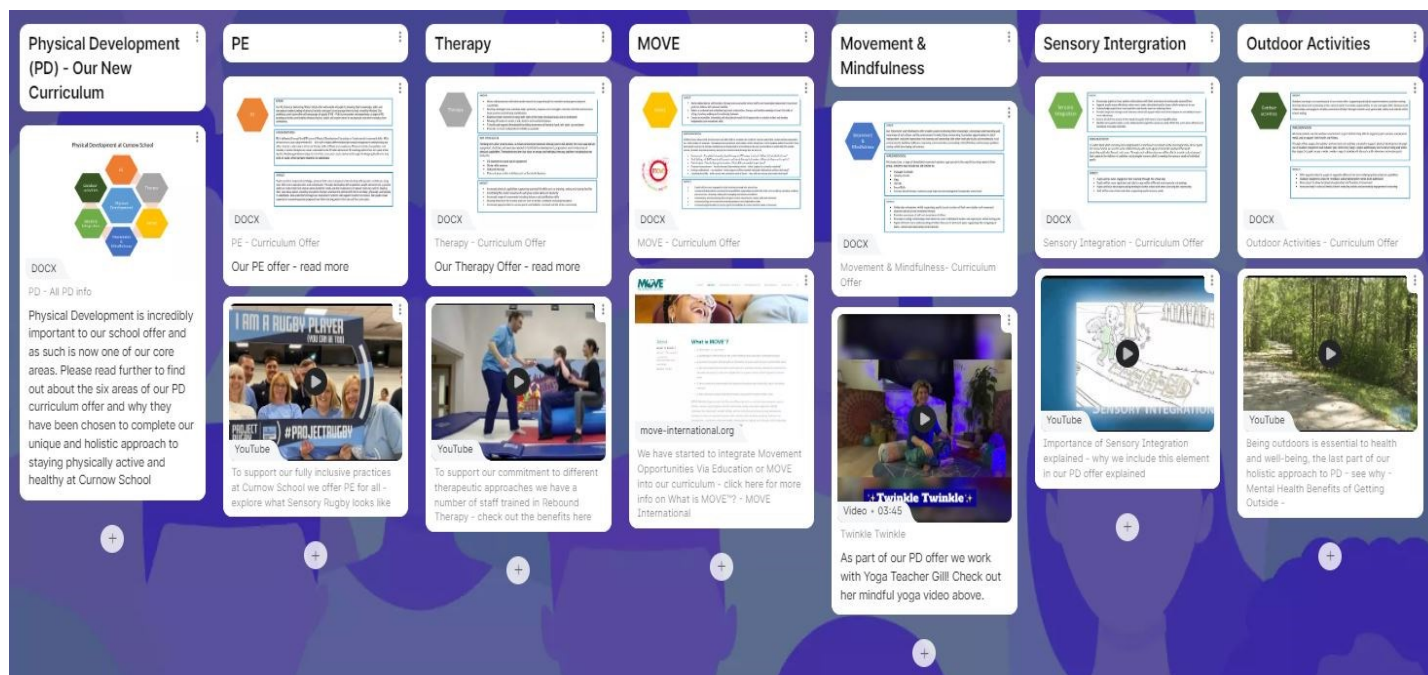


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This month's focus is **Physical Development**. PD covers the areas of **PE, Therapy, MOVE, Movement & Mindfulness, Sensory Integration and Outdoor Activities**. Physical Development is critical and so much more than straight traditional PE for the students in our school. We have recognised this and built a bespoke holistic PD curriculum offer split into the 6 areas listed above. Please check our PD padlet to find out more:

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# Governor visits



“It was great to meet with the Rob (Deputy Head) today to look at how the new EfL (Evidence for Learning) assessment system has been implemented. We discussed plans for next steps and the end of year data for pupils, which showed progress against their EHCP outcomes.

I am really looking forward to meeting some of the pupils and watching EfL in action in the classroom during my next visit”.

Wendy Randall (Vice Chair of Governors)



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Progress  
(APP)**