

# Curnow School

## Newsletter



June 2023

Welcome to Curnow's latest Newsletter – please note information on our upcoming Family Fun Day (**Saturday 15th July**) can be found on the next page—we hope to see many of you for a host of fun activities for all of the family to enjoy. This Summer we decided not to fundraise (unless you fancy your chances with our raffle!) and instead focus on a nice family event to say 'thank you' to all of our wonderful families and pupils.

It is lovely to read news on the progress of our youngest pupils in Tehidy this month and seeing the fun that Lamorna class have been having with their friends. Thank you also to Neilssa for sharing information about Art and Design at Curnow. Also a special thanks to Russ and Jo for being our first parents to review community trips—a really useful read!

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to send out a very emotional thank you to all of the incredible staff, pupils and families of Curnow. This school has been my home for nearly 20 years and I cannot imagine life without it! I am gratefully too busy this term to ponder too much on the reality that I am leaving and I am also thankful that I will not be going far and will continue to be able to work with the school in my future role. I am super proud of the school and its community, I am regularly told how very special Curnow is and I could not agree more, it is a wonderfully unique and caring place to be and I want to thank the staff who work extremely hard day in, day out to ensure the best is offered to the pupils. We are also lucky to have such amazingly supportive families, and lastly the pupils—you are what I will miss the most and I will take each of you with me in my new role because you are all what drives us to keep trying to be the best we can.

Much love, Caroline xx

### Dates for your diary!

#### Lower School

ROA—Mon 24th July

10.45am—Sennen,  
Crofty & Sowenna

1.45pm—Tehidy & Eden

#### Upper School

ROA—KS2/3— 20th  
July at 10.30am

ROA—KS4— 21st July at  
10.30am

Leavers Prom— 20th Ju-  
ly at 6.30pm (Penventon  
Hotel)

All:

Last day of term:

Tuesday 25th July (finish  
normal time)

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# Curnow Family Fun Day



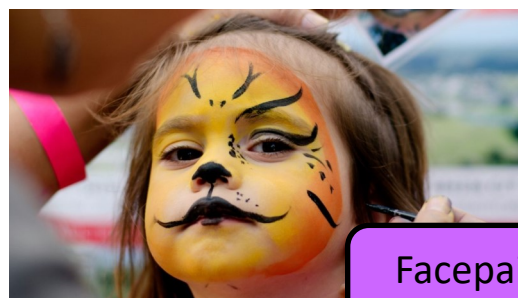
Sensory  
massage



Raffle



Drumming



Facepaints



Harry Potter  
sensory story



Yoga



Curnow Cafe



Outdoor  
games

Join us for our Summer Family Fun Day on **Saturday 15th July 10am-1pm** at  
Curnow Upper School, Drump Road, Redruth.

All you need is a little change if you wish to join in with the raffle or fancy a cream  
tea—everything else is provided.



# Lower School News



## News from Tehidy Class!

We have had a busy time in Tehidy. Our topic this term is all about Opposites and stories with familiar settings. We also enjoyed celebrating the Coronation with the rest of our friends from Curnow.



We explored wet and dry textures and made big and small towers within our play based learning



We made crowns and flags with our friends from Crofty for our party, using a collage and painting with differing tools



We love to do our sensory exploration sessions, we explored the different rooms in our house and had a turn in activities we may do.





# Lower School News



As the weather improved it was time to start planting for our beds in our sensory garden.



We chose from a picture of flowers to plant, sunflowers, marigolds, daisies and Viola. We then got our beds ready to plant our pots





# Lower School News



Our favourite place is the outdoors! We enjoy being active and we get to meet and play with our other friends within lower school.



For some of the children in Tehidy it is their first year in school. We are so proud of how well they have transitioned into school, making friends and working so hard in their learning!





# Upper School News



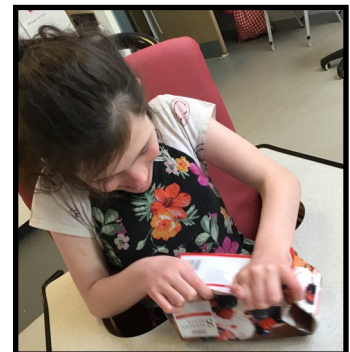
## Lamorna Class

What a great end of this summer half term at upper school with activities week! All classes joined together on Tuesday to celebrate all things science with exploding chemistry, pushing and pulling forces and minibeast biology. On Wednesday we joined in a mixed day of music and physical activity with volleyball, yoga, dance and drumming and ended the week making a feast of foods from New Zealand. Lamorna class made a tasty fruit Pavlova.

### The Drumming Workshop



### Making Pavlova





# Upper School News



Lamorna class love their weekly session with Deborah the music therapist. In small groups we join Deborah in the music room to participate in a shared musical experience of listening, playing and working together to create sounds with our voices, body and instruments.





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## Physiotherapy in action!





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Lamorna class integrating, socialising and having fun with peers from across upper school!



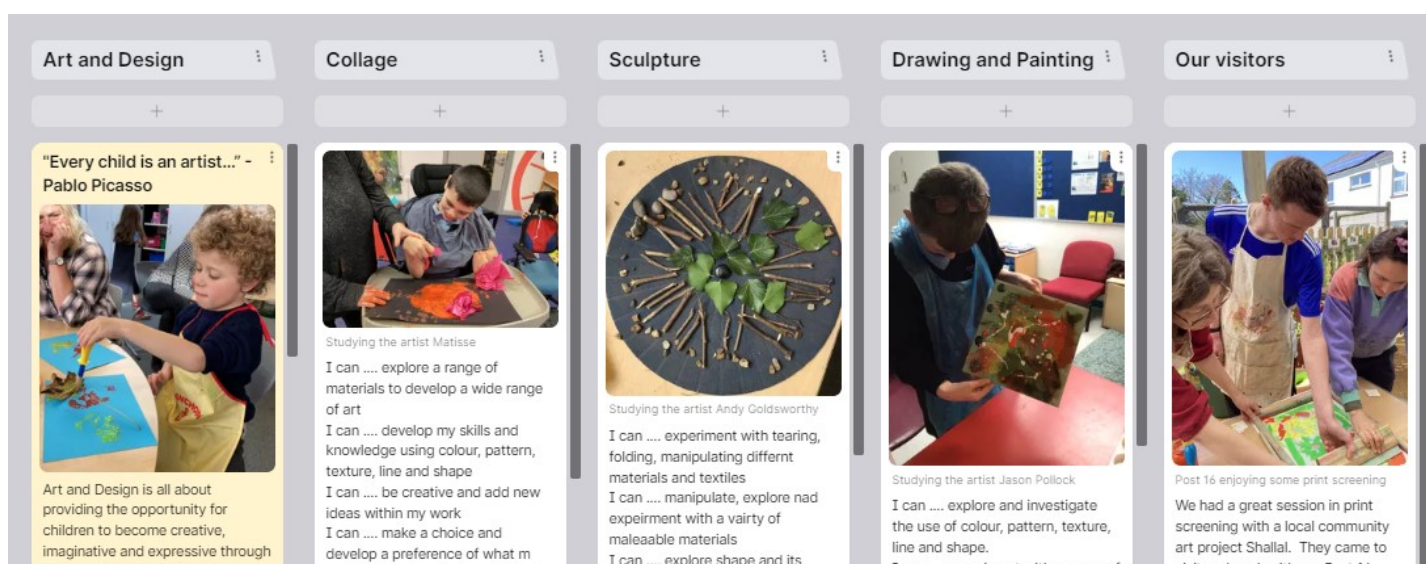
# Curriculum focus— Art & Design



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This month's focus is Art and Design, part of our creative curriculum. Within the curriculum we explore three key areas, 3d construction/collage/drawing & mark making. Within each area focusing upon the key skills of Producing exploring & recording/evaluation & analysis and progressing within our technical proficiency through the use of a wide range of tools, medias and materials. We encourage our children to use Art to express themselves, include their own ideas to make their own creative Art.

'Padlet' above will give you more information about what each area involves and how we teach this at Curnow school.

In Curnow we study a wide range of artists, craft makers and designers, studying their work and linking it to our own, we also often have local artists to share their work.

Please check our Art & Design padlet (follow the QR code) to find out more.

Neilssa Meakin is the school's Art co-ordinator and for more information email:

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# Governor visits



“I visited lower school to meet Jess and find out more about the Physical Development offer at Curnow. I was surprised and amazed at the countless ways in which all children, with a range of disabilities are helped to fulfil their physical ability. All the children were happy and playful in their lesson and seemed to love the yoga and relaxation at the end, it was joyful for me to witness. I am really looking forward to learning more about new training which all staff are getting from Bristol Bears Rugby which has developed a range of inclusive sports sessions for all pupils”

Lee Gendall (Parent Governor)



# Events



**ILLOGAN SCHOOL PTFA  
PRESENTS**

**ILLOGAN SUMMER FAYRE**

**SATURDAY 8TH JULY – 11-4PM**

@ILLOGAN SCHOOL  
TR16 4SW

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**THE CHILDREN'S DANCE BEGINS AT 10.40 IN ILLOGAN SQUARE.**

**FOLLOW THEM DOWN TO THE SCHOOL WHERE THERE ARE**

- CRAFT VENDORS - FAIRGROUND RIDES - HAVE-A-GO ARCHERY - INFLATABLES - MUSIC AND DANCE - VINTAGE ICE CREAM VAN - FOOD & DRINK AND MUCH MUCH MORE!

We have been invited to join in with the Children's Dance starting at 10.40. If you would like your child to join in please go along, you will be made very welcome.



# Parent/carer review



As a new addition to some of our newsletters we would love to have your reviews and recommendations for things to do outside of school. Thank you Jo and Russ for being our first contributors!



Last year we went to Paignton caught the steam train to Kingsclere and then went on the ferry to Dartmouth where we enjoyed chips by the harbour.

We then stayed at a 2 bedroom chalet in Seaton. The next day we caught a tram from Seaton to Colyton. The stairs up aren't very wide but we managed to get up them. The tram is open top and we went across the marshlands seeing the birds and cows. Very sensory as we had the breeze blowing on us, the motion and sounds. Not a lot to do at Colyton so I would recommend driving to Colyton and catch the tram to Seaton where you can then play on the beach. There is seating down stairs on the tram. It's not wheelchair accessible but we managed it and stored his buggy downstairs.

We had no trouble accessing toilets.

If you would like to send in a report for the next newsletter please email this to Sam at [smurray@curnowschool.org.uk](mailto:smurray@curnowschool.org.uk)