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PRAYER

Dear Lord,

We give thanks for our vibrant family of schools across St Barnabas MAT. Bless our children with a passion for learning, our staff with strength and wisdom, and our leaders with vision and compassion.

Help us to walk together in unity, nurturing every child's unique potential and building supportive communities where all can flourish. May our work reflect kindness, hope, and joy in everything we do. Amen.

Amen.

It has been busy and inspiring week across St Barnabas MAT!

The week started with a John Muir Training Day, exploring how we can further embed outdoor learning, and hands-on discovery into our curriculum. It was fantastic to see staff engaging with outdoor education.

Middle of the week was spent at St Mabyn for our Hub Review Day, celebrating the school's progress and working closely with leadership to identify next steps for pupil achievement.

To wrap up the week, I joined our Improvement Team and Hub Leaders at Deer Park for a dedicated day of collaborative planning, sharing best practices, and aligning our Trust-wide strategies for school improvement.

Thank you to all the staff, leaders, and pupils who made this week's visits and sessions so productive!

Have a great weekend
Sean

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Joining our academy trust as a volunteer offers a rewarding opportunity to shape the future of our schools and make a lasting impact on our young people. At the governance level, we welcome Members to act as guardians of the trust's ethos and vision, and Trust Board Directors to provide strategic oversight, financial stewardship, and educational accountability. At the local layer, Local Governors play a crucial hands-on role in supporting individual schools, ensuring community engagement, and monitoring local priorities. Whether you bring expertise in finance, HR, strategy, or simply a passion for improving children's lives, we would love to welcome your skills into our governance community.

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ST BARNABAS MAT WELCOMES HIGH SHERIFF AND DIOCESAN DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

Last Friday, we had the privilege of welcoming Harriet Hills, High Sheriff of Cornwall, and the Director of Education for the Diocese, Lee Moscato, to see the brilliant Early Years Provision at St Petroc's.

Our outdoor learning environment made a lasting impression on the High Sheriff, who noted:

"I marvelled at how well planned, thoughtful and innovative it was. It was exciting to see outdoor provision being done so exceptionally well and setting such a high standard."

"The visit gave me a great deal to think about in relation to my focus this year on young people in Cornwall."

Thank you to our amazing Early Years team and Senior Leadership for showcasing the exceptional standards of care and education provided across St Barnabas MAT!



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WHEELS IN MOTION ACROSS ST BARNABAS MAT!

We've had an incredible turnout across the Trust for Cycle to School Week! Children from all year groups hopped on their bikes and scooters to make their journey to school active, fun, and eco-friendly.

Our bike racks have been bursting at the seams, and it's been brilliant seeing our pupils arrive at school energised and ready to learn. A big thank you to our school communities for supporting active travel and helping make the week such a wheel-y great success!



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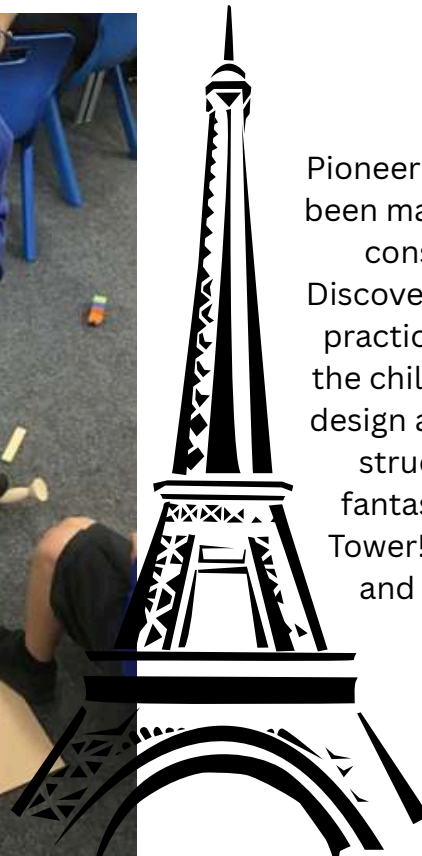


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YOUNG ARCHITECTS AT ST MARTIN'S!



Pioneer Class at St Martin's have been making brilliant use of their construction area during Discovery Learning. Linking their practical play with Geography, the children worked together to design and build different world structures—including this fantastic model of the Eiffel Tower! Outstanding creativity and teamwork on display.

RECYCLED MASTERPIECES: ST DOMINIC PUPILS "BRING IT!" WITH INCREDIBLE CASTLE CREATIONS



Take a look at these extraordinary castles crafted by the talented children of St Dominic for their "Bring It!" homework! Armed with recycled cardboard, plastic, sea sand and lots of imagination, our pupils transformed everyday household items into magnificent historical fortresses. We are so proud of their incredible creativity, effort, and eco-conscious thinking!



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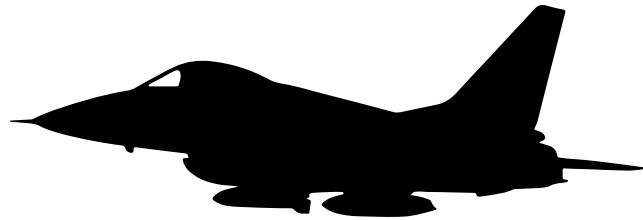


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HANDS-ON WW2 HISTORY AT MILLBROOK



Millbrook pupils stepped back in time as they welcomed the Education Team from Bodmin Keep for two hands-on World War II workshops! The children threw themselves into military team-building challenges and had the incredible opportunity to handle genuine wartime artefacts.

The visiting team was thoroughly impressed by how knowledgeable the pupils were, particularly when discussing complex topics like wartime propaganda and child evacuations. It was a fantastic morning of immersive, memorable history learning—well done, Millbrook!



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LITTLE GARDENERS, BIG GROWTH AT ST NICHOLAS!



We are delighted to share that St Nicholas has received funding from the Cornish Pasty Community Fund! They've put the grant straight to work by purchasing a new Veg Trug, fresh compost, seeds, and gardening tools. Their youngest learners are so excited to start planting, digging, and watching their very own crops grow this term. Thank you to the Cornish Pasty Community Fund for making this possible!



BRIGHTENING UP FOR MENTAL HEALTH

We had a wonderful day celebrating #HelloYellow for World Mental Health Day! Everyone looked fantastic in their yellow outfits, and the cake and biscuit sales are underway, raising valuable funds for the charity MIND. Beyond the baking, pupils spent time learning about emotional well-being and how we can show kindness and support to those around us. Thank you for your amazing support!



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