



# Grade Ruan C of E School



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## Our Vision Statement

Setting sail on life's journey, with an anchor to keep us safe and sails to let us fly with God to calm the storms along the way.  
Luke Chapter 8 verses 22-25

## Newquay Zoo Trip

Last Friday, Tamarisk enjoyed a trip to Newquay Zoo. We wanted to learn more about animals, their needs and habitats, linking it to our Science topic this term. Our visit highlighted some endangered species. During the day we listened to two talks by the zookeepers, one about the lemurs and one about the penguins. We enjoyed watching and learning about many of the animals that are at Newquay Zoo. Our particular favourite was the tropical enclosure, where we found poisonous tree frogs, lizards and a very sleepy sloth!

Thank you to Mrs Talbot and Kevin for driving, we all had a great day.



## Attendance Counts

Your child's attendance in school is so important and we are very proud of our good attendance rates—thankyou for your support with this.

### This week's attendance:

**Rose: 92.2%**  
**Tamarisk: 97%**  
**Socoo: 95.8%**



## Stars of the week



**Rose Class :** Chester for fantastic vocabulary in maths and embracing marvellous mistakes as learning opportunities.

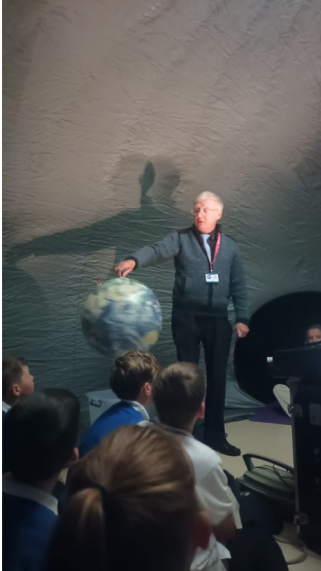
**Tamarisk Class :** Rosey for always giving her best.

**Socoo Class :** Alfie for his positive mental attitude in maths.

## The Planetarium

Report by Elowen and Jacob

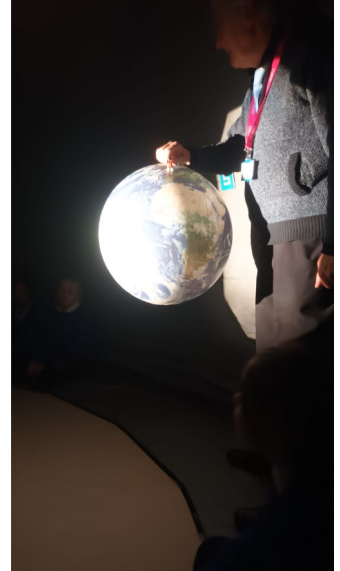
Before we entered the planetarium, we removed our shoes and then got in five at a time. We crawled through a tube to enter the space dome. At the very beginning, we were shown where to sit using a torch as it was so dark. We were shown their model of planet Earth and were told all about how day and night happen, which we had found out in science the day before. After that, we discovered all the phases for the moon and how it orbits the Earth. At the end, we were shown the constellations. We saw the plough, the hunter and the dog, we also saw Venus and Saturn (they looked like stars). Finally, Mr Barber pointed out a huge star, Betelgeuse, that can fit 700 of our suns inside. The Planetarium was very interesting, fun and exciting. You could learn about space from it. Thank you PTFA for funding.



### Space

Space, a wonderful world,  
Of planets, debris and dust,  
Seas of stars,  
Thousands of light years away,  
Guiding you home,  
When fate has led you astray,  
Space is beauty in disguise,  
Milkyway, distant stars,  
Live far away to hide,  
Jupiter watches Saturn,  
Who's wrapped up by her rings,  
Crying, sobbing, shouting,  
Jupiter watches the rings smothering,  
Thousands of years pass,  
Jupiter and Saturn grow apart,  
Jupiter's hopes and dreams are crushed,  
Just like her broken heart,

Poem by  
Clover



## Politics Day at County Hall Truro

Aiden and I (Annabel) went to County Hall in Truro and did lots of fun activities as well as two workshops. The first workshop was about budgeting. Budgeting was quite fun sorting out which businesses needed more money. The second workshop of parliament was about how people are elected for councils and members of parliament, which was also quite fun. There was also a long talk about how everything in the council works. We asked a member of parliament some questions about what he does in his job.



By Annabel and Aidan



## X Country Race 3 KS2 at Mullion School

There was an amazing turn out at X Country this Tuesday, 17 runners representing our school in all. They showed incredible sportsmanship cheering each other on and celebrating others individual achievements. We are so proud of our wonderful children. Our small school is steadily climbing up the points table. We are looking forward to our next fixture in February 2024 already !!



## Important Dates for Diary

**Monday 13th Nov**— School Photos  
8:30—9:00am Sibling Photos in the school hall and 9:05—onwards individual school photos.

Reception Vision Check - Rose Class

**Friday 17th Nov**— PTFA AGM meeting at school 9am

**Monday 20th November**—Lantern making work shops in school

**Wednesday 6th Dec**— School Christmas Dinner and Bags4School collection

**Wed 7th & Thurs 8th Dec**— Year 6 Christmas Camp with Coverack at Carnyorth

**Sun 10th Dec**—Christingle Service for families at St Grade Church 3pm

**Tuesday 12th Dec** - Christmas Performance 2pm & 6 pm

**Tuesday 19th Dec**— End of term

**Thursday 4th Jan**—Spring Term Starts

## BOOKINGS MEALS

### PARENT PAY

Can I ask all parents to please book their children's meals on Parent Pay . This helps with the considerable amount of admin and time taken at the start of each morning.

Any child who has not had a meal booked they will now get **Pasta only** as an option every day!

If you require any help with Parent Pay or need your login details again, then please contact Mrs Nicholas in the school office.

Thank you