

# FALMOUTH MAT NEWSLETTER

The latest news from Falmouth MAT

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Senior Leaders from across the MAT will be introducing this and future MAT newsletters so you have the opportunity to get to know our team.



## WELCOME FROM LEE MOSCATO

HEAD TEACHER—KING CHARLES SCHOOL

I am delighted to be introducing this half term's newsletter and to share the news of the positive visit we have received from the Diocese of Truro's Director of Schools.

During the last half term, both King Charles and St Francis Schools were visited by the Diocese of Truro's Director of Schools in his role as their School Improvement Partner to evaluate effectiveness against the Church of England's vision and values. Also, how the schools' Christian distinctiveness impacts on teaching, learning and pupil outcomes.

At King Charles it was highlighted that, 'pupils work hard in all classrooms and there is a clear sense of achievement and pride in learning.' It was evident that the Falmouth MAT Teaching and Learning Group's work on resilience and growth mind-set had clearly impacted on this.

The Church's vision is alive in our schools and we focus on the four central elements of the Church's vision: wisdom, hope, community and dignity. Our curriculum is undergoing a review to ensure it is rich, broad and balanced – providing opportunities to add to our pupils' **wisdom**. Working with Falmouth School and organisations within our community gives our children the **hope** of what they can go on to achieve. **Community** is what Falmouth MAT is built upon – we exist for our community with the core aim of ensuring the very best for our pupils. Central to all we do is the individual worth and identity of all of our pupils – showing them, and each other **dignity**.

I am incredibly proud of the ways in which King Charles has grown since Falmouth MAT was formed in September 2017 and the opportunities it affords our children and community.

Best wishes,

Lee Moscato  
Headteacher – King Charles School

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## GIFTED AND TALENTED SESSIONS

This half term, gifted and talented pupils from St Francis and King Charles gathered at Falmouth School to participate in a range of activities led by Falmouth School PE and Science staff.

During the PE session, the year 5 pupils from St Francis were involved in fitness testing ranging from testing each other's agility, reaction time and coordination. They then taught this to King Charles School pupils when they arrived a little later on. Pupils were then given the opportunity to go to our new state of the art Sports Hub. They were inducted on some of the fitness machines then were able to have a go. Pupils really enjoyed themselves and represented their schools in an excellent manner.

The science session saw students become rocket scientists for the day! Each group opted for a slightly different design, some had fins, others had nose cones and one even had a parachute. After the design and manufacture phase, students launched their water rockets by filling them with compressed air. Some rockets hovered above the ground whilst others zoomed into the sky, and fun was had by all.



## MAT INVESTMENT

Falmouth MAT is delighted to announce that it will be in a position to provide a significant allocation of resources to provide some much needed investment into the buildings and fabric of each of our three partner schools. Each of the schools have highlighted their priority projects for improvements and, subject to all of the necessary agreements, we would hope to update you in a few weeks as to when we will be able to start the works.

At Falmouth School the projects are based on upgrading lighting with modern energy efficient and more environmentally friendly LED lighting across the school and improvements to the Sports Hall.

At King Charles School the projects are based on building refurbishment and toilet upgrades.

For St Francis School the project is focused on replacing the Elliot Hut with a new fixed building.

These are indeed exciting times to be a partner within our MAT and being able to invest in projects such as these are one of the great benefits of our partnership work.

Please do look out for updates in the weeks to come.

## PRIMARY PE DEVELOPMENT

As part of our MAT partnership work, St Francis and King Charles both have a member of Falmouth School PE staff supporting their PE development. This is an extremely beneficial professional development programme within the primary schools and means that primary teachers are updating their own practice surrounding the teaching of PE and more importantly, our pupils' opportunities are enhanced.

*"Mr Brown was fantastic with the year 3 children at St Francis and the progression from week 1 to week 5 was clear. The children thoroughly enjoyed the rugby training that he did with them and I took an awful lot from his sessions."* Beth Medlyn, year 3 class teacher

*Freya in year 5 at King Charles commented that, "The lessons are fun and we have learned new skills. In every lesson, I felt myself getting better."*



## FALMOUTH MAT IN THE COMMUNITY

Falmouth MAT is delighted to be able to provide their new outstanding sports facilities to Falmouth Community Football as their new base. These significant improvements in facilities include a storage facility and changing/toilet facilities for players. The move also ensures better parking for parents and the opportunity to use Falmouth School's 3G pitches in the event of poor weather.

Janine Kennedy—Club Chairperson *"This is an amazing opportunity for the club – the larger fields meaning that we have been able to open up our waiting lists to allow even more young people to play free football on a Saturday morning."*

For more information on Falmouth Community Youth Football, please visit their website [www.falmouthcommunityyouthfootball.uk](http://www.falmouthcommunityyouthfootball.uk) or email [newsfcyfc@gmail.com](mailto:newsfcyfc@gmail.com)

## EASTER ACTIVITIES

After the overwhelming success of the half term holiday activities, Falmouth MAT has again partnered up with Plymouth Argyle, MSJ Rugby and Cornwall Sports Partnership to deliver an exciting range of activities throughout the Easter Holidays. There is also the opportunity to cook with Smart Penguin Cookery School and undertake a variety of watersports on Stithians Lake and the Helford River.

Please click [here](#) for the booklet showing what is on offer.

