

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 MIKE HICKMAN

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Welcome to the MAT newsletter for the midpoint of the 2019 Summer Term. What a fantastic half term it has been. The activities detailed in this newsletter show the amazing opportunities that our partnership affords our students.

I have been delighted with our students' attitude towards their studies this academic year. Well done to Year 6 who have completed their KS2 SATs. We are incredibly proud of them all, for the hard work they have put in over the last few months, as well as the effort and resilience they have shown. This excellent learning behaviour is continued throughout the MAT, with year 11, 12 and 13 examinations now being well under way. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our staff for the incredible effort they always put into supporting our students.

Across the MAT we have been focusing on building a shared language of learning, putting a focus on what is truly important when we talk about student learning and what it means to be a good learner. There is now a shared understanding by all stakeholders related to what learning looks like, how we measure it, and how we make it 'Visible'.

I wish everyone an enjoyable and relaxing break and look forward seeing all the students again when we return on Monday 3 June.

Best wishes,

Mike Hickman (Director of Teaching and Learning - Falmouth MAT)

PRIMARY ART SESSIONS

On 24 March Falmouth School welcomed a number of talented Year 5 artists from King Charles and St Francis to take part in an exciting sculpture workshop inspired by sea creatures.

Students shared their knowledge of interesting and mysterious sea creatures found in our oceans. They then learnt about where clay comes from and how artists and practitioners use it to create their artwork. Following a demonstration of key sculpture techniques and processes, students explored and experimented with the clay and tools creatively to invent their very own imaginative sea creatures covered in a feast of eye catching textures.

The students created a fantastic array of sculptures with wonderful attention to detail and individuality. Well done everyone!

Many thanks to Adam, a Year 9 Art Ambassador at Falmouth School who helped to facilitate the workshop.



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MAT WEBSITE

The new Falmouth MAT website is now live, please visit www.falmouthmat.org.uk and explore!

WATT BIKES AT ST FRANCIS

From the 25 March - 5 April, St Francis took part in the 'Big Pedal 2019'. The Big Pedal is the UK's largest inter-school movement challenge. The children were challenged to cycle, walk, or scoot to and from school and get the adults involved too! Everyday their journeys were logged and they went up against 2,299 other schools around the country.



To help them travel as far as possible, Falmouth School gave them two watt bikes to use in school for the event. All the children were enthusiastic and keen to have a go! The children raced against each other and thoroughly enjoyed having the bikes in their school.

They managed to ride a total of 161,514 meters, which is the same distance as from St Francis to Barnstable in Devon! They were placed at position 662 overall and had a massive 42% of the school taking part every day!

TENNIS OPPORTUNITIES

On Friday 17 May, children from all of the Falmouth Primary schools were invited to attend the Falmouth Cluster competition at Falmouth School. They took part in skill-based games and matches against each other. All enjoyed learning and refining their tennis skills and were delighted to be part of the event. King Charles School and St Francis School both sent teams and all children commented that felt they had made progress across the session.

The competition continues at Truro School after half term.

MAT PRODUCTION

Students from all three schools in the MAT have recently been auditioning for the production of *Annie*, to be performed in November. Mr Eden, Miss Roberts and Mr Fox were amazed and delighted that so many students wanted the lead role, and had to make some very difficult decisions when it came to casting. They want to express their thanks to all who auditioned, and the help given by Miss Sendall from King Charles and Mr Jones from St Francis.



The first rehearsal for Falmouth School cast members will be on Thursday 6 June at 15.15 in the Drama studio, and by then the full rehearsal schedule for the remainder of the term will be in place.

FALMOUTH MAT IN THE COMMUNITY

Victoria's Dance Academy call Falmouth School their home with use of the professional dance studio. They recently held their annual production in the main theatre hall, making full use of the production facilities that the school has to offer. Their show "Splash Dance" raised £3,500 for Children's Hospice South West and all three performances sold out.



Victoria's Dance Academy offers classes in ballet, tap, modern theatre and musical theatre and take children from age 3. There are also adult ballet and tap classes. Students have the opportunity to perform and to take QCA accredited exams with Royal Academy of Dance and Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing. If you would like more information, please contact Victoria on victoriasdanceacademy@hotmail.co.uk

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

Once again Falmouth MAT has a fun filled week of activities planned for half term

Please visit the [Falmouth Sports Hub website](http://www.falmouthsports.com) for more information and details of how to book.

