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A WELCOME MESSAGE...

Welcome to the Winter edition of our Roselander.

This term has been a great start to the academic year and our amazing students have excelled themselves in all areas of their school lives. A highlight has been to see clubs and activities resuming, and to see so many students engaging in them so positively. Since the return of sporting fixtures, we have had a steady stream of great results with students acting as brilliant ambassadors for our school. A particular highlight saw our Years 8 girls' football team winning the Winter School Games Final. What a way to end the Autumn Term!



We have continued to develop our Curriculum and Learning Journeys in each subject area and this has been a key focus of our staff Inset time this term. With sixteen subjects delivered from Year Seven, the breadth and quality of our provision is incredibly important and is regularly reviewed. I am pleased to report that engagement in our whole school reading initiatives, including tutor reading sessions, has been fantastic. With ever increasing competition from technology and mobile screens, the importance of reading as a key to educational success cannot be emphasised enough. To maintain outstanding provision in education means never standing still and we have many exciting developments to our teaching and learning to come over the rest of the year to support our students as they become resilient and independent learners.

Our Multi Academy Trust values have been updated to reflect the values of kindness, responsibility and ambition that underpin everything we do. I'm sure you would agree how important these values are and we will strive to ensure that they are represented fully within our community.

This term, we have welcomed three new members of staff to Team Roseland. Mrs Vanessa Maule has already made a significant impact in her role as Deputy Headteacher and Mr Ethan Semmens and Mr Matthew McFadden have joined us in apprenticeship roles in our IT office and Site team respectively. Thank you to everyone for making our new staff feel so welcome and to Vanessa, Ethan and Matthew for their hard work since joining us.

We will be very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Roseanna Penrose who has been a dedicated member of Team Roseland since 2014. Many of you will have had contact with Roseanna over the years, either in her role as Teacher of Food Technology/Catering or as a Learning Leader for our Year 7 and Year 8 students. We will miss her enthusiasm for her subject and her commitment to supporting our students. Thankfully, Roseanna will remain within The Roseland Multi Academy Trust as she will be working as Assistant Headteacher at Treviglas Academy. We wish Roseanna every success in her new role.

I wish you all a relaxing and peaceful break over Christmas and look forward to welcoming our students back in the Spring Term.

Warmest wishes,

Mr Richard Clarke
Headteacher

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OUR VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING

At the end of August, Cornwall was designated an 'Enhanced Response Area' to help tackle the rise in Covid cases, so we decided to hold our annual Open Evening as a virtual event.

Last year during lockdown we created an Open Evening website to showcase our wonderful school. This year, we updated information about our curriculum and added different sections to the website, such as a Roseland Media Lounge, where we upload our recent videos and art projects. We also updated our virtual tour of the school to showcase different displays around the school. You can still view the Open Evening website via our school website.



STUDENT VOICE SURVEY

This term, students completed a large-scale student voice survey. The purpose of this survey was to obtain student views so that we as a school can work together to make improvements. The survey explored students' experiences and outlook on school life as well as summarising any concerns they have. Students were allocated time to complete their submission during tutor time with their tutors so that they had support if they had any concerns about the survey.

The responses have been shared with students and include the following:

- 94% of students said that they always feel safe walking in the corridors
- 93% of students said that they always feel safe around the school grounds at breaks
- 91% of students say that they always experience kindness in classrooms
- Over 90% of students enjoy being at The Roseland Academy - every day!

The results also showcased some areas where students have witnessed unkind behaviour and also highlighted areas of the school where students do not feel as safe in as others.

Our newly elected Student Leadership Team act as representatives for each tutor group by facilitating conversations and sharing ideas about how we can make improvements following feedback from the survey.

Watch this space!



COP26 CONFERENCE

On Friday 5 November, as world leaders gathered in Glasgow for the COP26 climate conference, students and staff from all over the world were invited to join the virtual 'The Great Big Lesson for Climate and Nature: Live from COP26'. The intention of the event was to turn learning into action by equipping audiences not only with knowledge but the ability to communicate about, and act upon, the climate and nature crisis.

A large number of students at The Roseland Academy took part and tuned into the Big Live Lesson for Climate and Nature direct from COP26. The lesson featured speakers from all around the world and covered a number of important issues affecting our students today. These issues include food sustainability, farming, importance of soil, extinction, geoengineering, carbon capture and storage, reducing waste and nature-based solutions.

Our students may one day be involved in climate-based careers, leading change or solving climate change problems and the lesson showcased the importance for everyone to be educated on the issues facing our world today.

WEAR YELLOW MENTAL HEALTH DAY

On Friday 8 October, The Roseland Academy held a 'Wear Yellow for Mental Health' and raised voluntary donations in aid of Young Minds. The aim of the day was to raise awareness of young people's mental health and to learn about how we can look after our mental health by developing resilience and wellbeing.

During the day, our students and staff wore yellow. Events included a bespoke tutor time session on mental health, a game of 'Kindness Bingo', two cake stalls, custard capers and a photo booth with props to take photos in. Our photo booth was full of smiles and our home-baked cakes were a hit! Local award-winning mental health charity, Pentreath, also joined us for some of the day.

Mrs Challoner, from our Community Farm was the lucky staff winner of our 'Mellow Yellow' pamper pack by guessing the amount of sweets in the jar correctly.

As a result of this wonderful day, The Roseland Academy raised £585.68 for the charity Young Minds.



DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

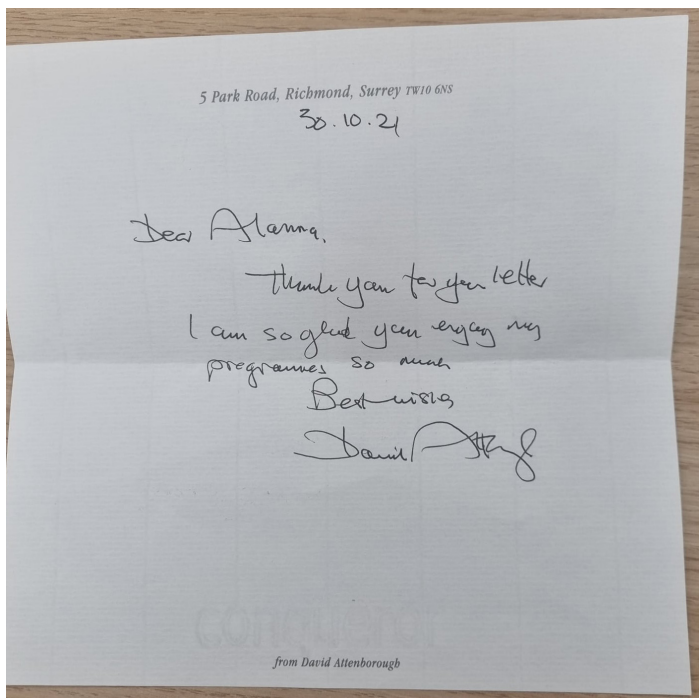
On Tuesday 2 November, the MFL department at The Roseland Academy taught students about El Día de los Muertos which translates to 'The Day of the Dead'. This is a holiday traditionally celebrated in early November, mostly by people of Mexican heritage. The point of the days is to demonstrate love and respect for family members, as well as the celebration of life and death.



Mrs McGreal, Teaching Team Leader for the MFL department played the film 'The Book of Life' during break time and the MFL department dressed up for the day. Students were invited to get involved in different activities throughout such as a quiz and a design competition.

DAVID ATTENBOROUGH

Following an inspiring English lesson on rhetoric, Alanna, one of our year 8 students, wrote to Sir David Attenborough. She told Sir David how much she enjoyed his programmes and was absolutely delighted to receive a hand-written response less than a month after writing to him.



PSHE SESSIONS

Throughout this term we have been fortunate to have external visitors attend The Roseland to undertake different PSHE sessions with our students. They attended on a number of days to focus on different year groups. Year 9 students learned about 'Drugs and the Law' and Year 10's session was about 'Personal Safety'.

We would like to thank PC Filkins of Devon and Cornwall Police, who delivered these sessions and to say well done to all students for their positive engagement and sensible discussions in the sessions.

QUANTUM THEATRE VISIT

On Thursday 18 November, we welcomed touring theatre group Quantum Theatre to The Roseland Academy stage where they performed Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol'. Key Stage 4 and Drama students were captivated watching the company perform.

The performance links closely to the English curriculum, as 'A Christmas Carol' is one of our Literature set texts. It was also a great chance for our GCSE Drama students to engage in a live theatre review.

Thank you to the Quantum Theatre for performing for us, it was a brilliant opportunity for Year 10 Literature and Drama students to be absorbed into the world of Dickens' story.



ROSELAND BAKE OFF

We always celebrate the European Day of Languages and this year was no different. On this day, every year, staff greet and dismiss their classes in a different language of their choice.

This is always a brilliant ice breaker for the students to guess which language the staff member is speaking and what they are saying. Students were also given a tutor time quiz 'Guess The Staff Member', where they were given clues about where staff have lived, what languages they spoke and what places that they would love to visit and why. It was great to have this opportunity for students to learn more about different staff members and spark up conversations about living in Greece, Germany, Switzerland, Romania, Portugal, Spain, Ireland, France, Italy, Sweden... or being bilingual or trilingual which many are.

Well done to tutor group 10HL who scored highest on the quiz!

We also held our annual Roseland Bake-Off. Every year, students are tasked to design a cake or treat that represents different European countries. These designs get short-listed and selected students are then challenged to create their own tasty treat.

Mrs McGreal, Teaching Team Leader of the MFL Department, said "The standard was excellent. Everything from the designs, the ideas, the preparation and the execution of the bakes were outstanding."

Mr Clarke, Headteacher, also helped judge the competition this year. However, it was too close to crown only one winner.

Well done to Esme, Daisy and George who were the 2021 Roseland Bake-Off Champions.





CAREERS DAY

On Tuesday 12 October, students in Years 10 and 11 took part in our first Careers Day. A wide variety of twenty guest speakers volunteered their time to come into school to talk about their careers and the journeys that they took to achieve them. Different careers were represented, such as a chef and a Royal Navy Commander.

The students stayed in their tutor groups for the day and moved around different rooms where the speakers were based for the morning.

Year 11 students heard from representatives from the Cornwall College group about different offers available to them from their campuses, followed by Truro and Penwith College, who discussed their options as well as a range of post-16 opportunities.

Both colleges also set up stands in the Drama Studio over lunch time so students in all year groups could go and ask them any questions about the courses they offer.

The students concluded the busy day by working on their post-16 application forms.

Thank you to all of the speakers who joined us on this thought-provoking day.



ARMY CAREERS DAY

On Wednesday 17 November, we were joined by representatives from the Royal Armoured Core who came into school to undertake a careers session with Years 10 and 11 students who had expressed an interest in joining the Armed Forces.

The students got involved in team work exercises, Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics workshops, as well as having the opportunity to ask the representatives any questions about what it takes to pass the training and what is involved in being a part of the Armed Forces.



SUSTAINABLE POPPY WREATH

Over the past two years, The Roseland students have proudly created our own school poppy wreath adorned with messages to those who served for us and this year was no exception. Ms Palmer, Teacher of Art, and the Creative Arts Department worked with Year 7 students to create two poppy wreaths, one for Mr Clarke to present at the Sunday Service in Tregony and one to be proudly displayed in the School Hall.

This year, the creative work did not just end with the poppy wreath, they worked hard to create a poppy and soldier display around the Memorial Garden, as well as showcasing beautiful poppies in our Dining Hall.

Each poppy in the Dining Hall had personalised messages to those who served in the war, including individual family members, animals and an overarching message of 'We Will Remember Them'.

On 11 November, students who are part of uniformed Youth Organisations, such as Cadets, Guides and Scouts, were invited to wear their Parade Uniform to school. All members of Team Roseland took part in the two-minute silence at 11.00am which was started and ended with a short ring of the school bell.

During the Sunday Service on 14 November, Year 10 student, Charlie, played the trumpet for the service whilst Mr Clarke, Headteacher, proudly laid our handmade wreath.



2020 ARTWORK

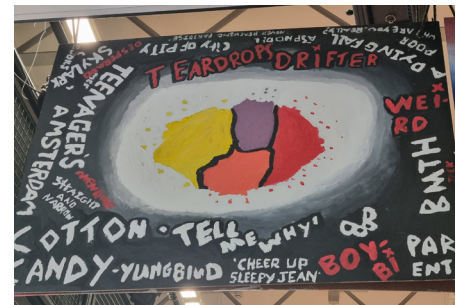
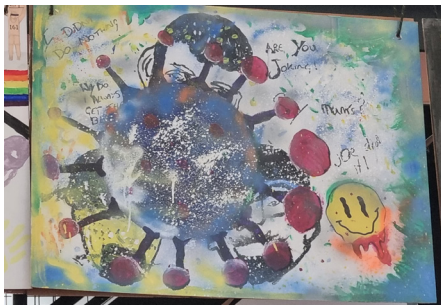
Last year, Mr Winter's Year 9 Art Class worked on a collaborative art project called 'Our 2020'. In this project, students reflected on global and personal topics from the year of 2020.

Students came up with their own displays of what was important to them during the year which resulted in a wide variety of designs, each showcasing important matters.

Designs included coronavirus, quiet Cornish beaches or the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, giving a news update. Others represented Black Lives Matter protests, the Australian wildfires, family members having a lockdown baby or the discovery of a student's new favourite singer.

This artwork is on display in the School Hall to provoke different conversations and to showcase their hard work.

Well done to the students involved.



NATIONAL POETRY DAY

National Poetry Day takes place on the first Thursday of October and is the annual celebration that encourages all to enjoy, discover and share poetry. The theme for National Poetry Day this year was 'Choice'.

On Thursday 7 October, to start the day, tutors all shared their favourite poems with their tutor groups.

Miss Worledge's English class discussed the motif of stars in lyrics, books, films and songs including the songs, 'Rewrite the Stars' and 'Written in the Stars'; the book which was made into a film 'The Fault in Our Stars'.

Students then recorded their own thoughts in poetry or prose.

*"You don't want to, but you are being helplessly dragged to your destiny
You have no choice in life and you never will, but the stars do.
They have mapped out everyone's life for them and no one knew how, but the stars do.
You're getting further and further away from what you want and closer and closer to
Your destiny, no one knows what it holds, but the stars do.
You don't hold the power, the stars do.*

*You're not in charge on your life, the stars are.
You can see it now, your destiny is near, bright, shining lights dazzle you
And one last time you desperately claw and grasp something, anything to escape
You're intended for it. But it's too late.
You don't know where you are, or how you got here...
But the stars do."*

George, Year 9

Mr Grose's Year 7 Science class also wrote short Science-themed poems on the day about particles (solids, liquids and gases).

*"Solid and sturdy the particles
Stay,
Well not entirely, they only
Sway.
A liquid runs and swiftly moves,
At the particle dance it can
Really groove!
Gas is free and a hero without sin,
See it keeps you alive - you just
Did it again!"*

Amelia, Year 7

*Gases flow through the air
Solid particles gather
Liquids unknown flow.
Matthew, Year 7*

*"Do we choose our fate?
Or is fate chosen for us?
Looking up at the stars
Seeing each one shine bright.*

*Each start is an unknown path
Not knowing which one you'll take
Do we choose our fate?
Or does the fate choose us?*

*Each birthday is a new chapter,
A new path you unlocked
A new star you have gained
Whatever happens you may be shocked*

*Surprises may occur
Poverty or wealth
Popularity or unlinked
You'll be good in health*

*Do we choose our fate?
Or does fate choose us?
We choose our fate
It isn't chosen for us!*

Bethany and Chloe, Year 9

*I had no choice, I did not want to fall
But I am grateful that it was in your hands I fell,
As fate is not kind and love is painful.
It would be cowardly of me to hide from it.
But the world is pulling us apart.
I wish the stars hadn't made me love you.
I wish I could choose.*

*The stars are at fault for writing us together.
How can fate be right if we are wrong.
My choice was taken and I cannot control my feelings.
I had no choice but to love you.
We are written in the stars.
I had no choice.*

*I am grateful the stars led me to you but loathe the pain it has caused me.
I wish I could have chosen.*

*It pains me that I'll never know why the stars chose us.
Chose us to love when we are seen as wrong.
The stars say we are right but it feels so wrong.
But still I am grateful it was your hands into
Which I fell as fate is not kind and love is painful.
Maisie, Year 9*

ROSELAND FESTIVAL FUND FOR THE CREATIVE ARTS

Last term we received a delivery of two new industrial sized drying racks for the Art Department which were funded by a substantial grant from our local Roseland Festival Committee.

Thank you to the Roseland Festival Committee for their generous grant of £1000, which we were glad to invest in this fantastic new equipment, along with a set of picture frames for our new gallery space.

The Roseland Festival have funded a wide range of extra-curricular art projects for The Roseland Academy and partner primary schools in recent years, giving students the chance to work with visiting professional artists such as printmakers, sculptors and photographers, and we look forward to further collaborations in the near future.

Miss Polley, Expressive Arts Officer, said "The new drying racks make clever use of vertical space and have completely transformed the art room, freeing up much more room for our students to get creative! We are very grateful to the Roseland Festival for their ongoing support during the pandemic, and I'm sure that students of all ages will be using this equipment for many years to come!"



THE BIG SING VIRTUAL PERFORMANCE

This year, The Big Sing performance was a virtual event due to Cornwall being a designated an 'Enhanced Response Area'. This annual event was still not to be missed as it welcomes all Year 7 students to perform on our stage as a year group for the first time at The Roseland Academy.

The performance featured songs 'Gonna Rise Up Singing' and 'When I Grow Up' and the students sang them both beautifully.

If you would like to watch this performance, the event can be found on our school Facebook page.

The Big Sing is intended to not only be a platform for the collective musical talent of our students, but also to inspire others to take part in extra-curricular music clubs which are on offer such as our various choirs, ukulele club, Samba Band, Rock School and other ensembles.



WONDER WOMAN AND GIRLS DANCE WORKSHOP

On Wednesday 20 October, Year 7 students took part in an exciting morning of dance workshops at The Roseland Academy. The students, during their timetabled PE lessons, choreographed a series of original and creative dance routines on the positive theme of 'Wonderful Women and Girls'. The sessions were led by Ms Lauren Syrett from Dance Centred, as part of their county-wide project.

Thank you to Dance Centred for arranging this so that our students could get involved!



GREENPOWER

In the first weekend of the term, the Greenpower Team, Mr Seyler, Mr Henderson and the Roseland Racer arrived at Castle Combe for their first weekend of racing of the new season.

The team were successful in securing a position for the Roseland Racer to compete in the Greenpower Finals which took place over the second weekend in October.

The Greenpower Finals was a fantastic experience for all involved and the team showed brilliant sportsmanship and teamwork, coming in at a brilliant 34th place overall.

Well done to everyone involved!



LEXXIE'S DANCE

Over the first weekend in November, Year 7 student Lexxie participated in the Brean Sands Encore Dance Competition. Encore is one of the largest dance weekends that is held in the UK and represents all styles of dance through competitions and workshops. Lexxie placed on all three of her dance categories; fourth team jazz, fifth team contemporary and sixth in duet contemporary.

Lexxie also performed at the National Contemporary Dance Championships. Her final competition for this year was in Kent.

Her highest awards were:
Contemporary Duet: First Place
Jazz Trio: Second Place

Well done Lexxie!



ROSELAND VS WADEBRIDGE FOOTBALL COUNTY CUP FIXTURES

On Wednesday 10 November, our Year 11 Football Team and Mr Avery, Head of Years 9 and 10 and Teacher of PE and IT, travelled to Wadebridge School to participate in the Under-16 County Cup Football Competition.

The Roseland Team worked hard however they met their match with a strong opposing team.

Year 11 student Jobey scored The Roseland's first goal with a 15-yard strike past the goalkeeper, however Wadebridge equalised with five minutes to go until the half time whistle.

The Roseland Team continued to persevere for a second goal however the game went down to a penalty and with three minutes to go until the end, Wadebridge scored the winning goal.

The game finished 2-1 to Wadebridge. Well done to both teams for their fantastic effort and teamwork.



YEARS 7 AND 8 RUGBY FIXTURES AT TREGORRICK PARK

On Tuesday 16 November, Year 7 and Year 8 Rugby teams participated in fixtures at Tregorrick Park.

Accompanied by Mr Hooper, Mrs Dove and Ms Colledge, the teams played extremely well. The Year 8 team won a remarkable three games and lost one, and the Year 7 showcased brilliant effort, they took the win with two games and drew the other two. The feedback that we received from the organisers was that all players were a credit to all the school and demonstrated enthusiasm and great teamwork.

Following these great results, both teams were successful in qualifying to take part in the School Games Winter Final in December!



YEAR 11 FOOTBALL

On Thursday 18 November, the Girls' Football Team played the County Cup Football match against Fowey River Academy at home.

Mrs Dove, Teacher of PE, was thoroughly impressed with their performance in the match and said "I could not have been prouder of them. They played some fantastic football." The team went on to win an impressive 9-0.

Mrs Dove added "they were very gracious in victory, were fantastic in representing the school and are shining examples of kindness and respect." This victory also earns the team a place in the quarter finals.

Thank you also to the Year 11 students who volunteered their time to referee and officiate the County Cup match.

THE ROSELAND PRIMARY SPORTS FESTIVALS

This term we saw the return of the Roseland Sports Primary Festivals!

These events happen towards the end of each half term to allow the primary schools to practice various sports and learn the rules.

On Thursday 14 October, we held The Roseland Primary High Five Netball Festival. During this event, we welcomed back five of our feeder primaries to come to The Roseland Academy and play netball together in a fun and friendly atmosphere. These events also support the transition to secondary school as students will have already visited and played on the tennis courts prior to them joining when they are ready for secondary school.

The games were umpired by Year 10 Sports Leaders who did a brilliant job of officiating the event and encouraging all of the students to get involved. A huge well done to runners up Tregony Community Primary School and Netball 2021 Champions Probus Primary School!



On Wednesday 1 December, we welcomed seven of our partner Primary Schools to participate in The Roseland Sports Network 'Christmas' Dodgeball Festival!

This is always one of our favourite festivals as it's a sport that all students thoroughly enjoy.

Our outstanding Year 10 Sport Leaders officiated the matches and supported all players, ensuring that they had a great time.

Mr Avery, Teacher of PE and Head of Year for Years 9 and 10, said "Fantastic sportsmanship and team spirit was demonstrated by all students for the event. The Year 10 officiators did a brilliant job in keeping spirits high throughout the event."

Well done to all players and congratulations to this years 'Christmas Dodgeball' Champions, St Mawes Primary School!



On the weekend of 13-14 November, Year 7 student Poppie competed in, and received a medal for her efforts in the Stealth Martial Arts Karate competition in Leicester.

Well done Poppie!



FOOTBALL FIXTURES

On Tuesday 23 November, Year 7 and 8 students went to Poltair School with Mrs Dove to compete in a mini-tournament against Bodmin College, Poltair School, Fowey River Academy and Newquay Tretherras.

Both teams were brilliant ambassadors for The Roseland Academy and played extremely well.

Year 8 students won all but one of their games played, meaning that they successfully placed to compete in the School Games Final in December.

Well done to all involved.



AUTUMN TERM CLUBS

Students are encouraged to nurture their own interests and we offer a wide range of clubs and activities that take place over the academic year to suit all tastes. This is also a lovely way to interact with students in different year groups and strengthen friendships through different interests.

This term, students had the opportunity to get involved with the following clubs:

- Farm Club
- Choirs (Junior, Senior and Christmas)
- Samba Band
- Rock School Club
- Ukulele Club
- Creative Writing Club
- Pride of Roseland
- Carrick Dance
- Rugby Club
- Chess Club
- Carrick Dance Club
- Netball Club
- Football Club
- Greenpower Club
- Badminton and Table Tennis Club
- Gym Club
- Surf Club
- Christmas Cookery Club

Many of these clubs are regulars, however this term introduced the start of:

- Warhammer Club
- Manga Drawing Club
- Pilates Club
- Street Dance Club
- Trampolining Club
- Fitness Training
- Clay Decorations Making
- Film Club
- Open Studios (GCSE Art) Club
- Watercolour Club





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