

Newsletter  
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# Dobwalls Primary School



**"At the moment that we persuade a child, any child, to cross that threshold, that magic threshold into a library, we change their lives forever, for the better. It's an enormous force for good."**

**Barrack Obama**

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday, Year 6 visited the housing estate opposite with great excitement and definitely used their SECRET skill of 'ask why?' with many great questions! They learnt about a range of careers within the construction industry. On Tuesday, we welcomed in the Cornish Caretakers, with the amazing Ed Rowe at the helm! Their map led them to Dobwalls where they found a Cornish box of treasures. The hall was filled with laughter as they performed an enthralling show which taught us about significant people and objects from our Cornish heritage including the Cornish chough, ancient Cornish hedges, Humphry Davey and more! A superb Tuesday morning! Thank you Cornish Caretakers!

On Wednesday, the RNLi visited for an assembly. They explained to us all about the different flags and their meanings. They also explained to us the role of lifeguard and how we can recognise them on the beach. Finally, the children helped act out some scenarios using our SECRET skill of 'get involved'. The children showed excellent manners and were praised for their thoughtful questions. Well done Key Stage 2!

Yesterday, Y1 visited Newquay Aquarium and Y4 visited the Eden project along with our friends from Trewidland. The sun shone and they all had a wonderful day of learning linked to their current class topics.

Last night, the hall was full with singing and laughter! So brilliant to see the hall full of people from our wider Dobwalls community for an evening with Johnny Cowling. A massive thank you to the bakers and members of the PTA for all their help during the evening which made it such a success.

Best wishes (Gorhemyrnadow a'n gwella). Mrs Pipe, Headteacher

### Diary Dates

|           |                                |
|-----------|--------------------------------|
| 23 Mar    | Photographer in school—classes |
| 25 Mar    | Y5 Life Skills trip            |
| 26 Mar    | Y2 Wild Tribe                  |
| 1 Apr     | EYFS trip to Hall for Cornwall |
|           | Y3/Y4 perf—Spring Chicken      |
| 2 Apr     | Y1 Wild Tribe                  |
| 3-17 Apr  | EASTER BREAK                   |
| 4 May     | BANK HOLIDAY                   |
| 11-14 May | KS2 SATS week                  |
| 13 May    | Governor meeting               |
| 22 May    | Sports Day (pm)                |
| 25-29 May | HALF TERM                      |
| 1 Jun     | Non-pupil day                  |
| 22 Jun    | Governor meeting               |
| 24-26 Jun | Y6 Residential                 |
| 24 Jul    | Children finish at 1:30pm      |
| 27&28 Jul | Non-pupil days                 |
| 29 Jul    | SUMMER BREAK                   |

### Professional Photography & Videography Visits

We recently sent home a letter requesting your consent for your child(ren)s image being taken when we have professionals in school to capture updated images of our school. There was a link on the letter for you to access an online consent form whereby you can give or withdraw your consent. Please can we ask that you complete this form at your earliest convenience? The link is here if needed <https://forms.office.com/e/VFe1GB5pPK?origin=lprLink>. Thank you



## NEXT WEEK IS THE LAST WEEK FOR AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS GOACTIVE ENDS TUES 31ST MARCH

### Sports Day

A date has been set for Sports Day—22nd May. You will be invited to come along at 1:30pm for the afternoon so put the date in your diary and hope for good weather. More details will follow closer to the day.



### Green Day—Friday 27th March

Our Eco-Committee and Mr Jones have been busy planning a brilliant day that will focus on developing our learning about the environment. This links to Rights Respecting article - Article 29 - Education must develop every child's respect for the environment.

We have guest speakers coming into school. **Non school uniform day**, please wear as much green as you can, any shade of green!

### Recycling Model Competition

Don't forget the Recycling model competition! Have a rummage through the recycling, get your creative minds flowing and enter the modelling competition organised by the eco-committee. Details on P3



### Photographer in school

A reminder that the school photographer will be in school on Monday. They will be taking whole class photos. Y2 & Y3 to come in uniform please and bring in their PE kits.

### PE Kits

Please see our [website for uniform reminders](#).

### PE Days

Children will need to come to school dressed in their PE kit on PE days. Long hair should be tied back. Please wear their usual school jumper/ cardigan.

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| Monday    | Y2 & Y3   |
| Tuesday   | Y5        |
| Wednesday | Y1        |
| Thursday  | Y4        |
| Friday    | EYFS & Y6 |

### A reminder of the school PE Kit...

Black shorts/leggings/skorts with plain coloured t-shirt (team colours) or white t-shirt and pimolls/trainers. (No team football kits, running gear or other attire should be worn for P.E. or after school clubs unless specified by the teacher in charge of that club.) During the winter, plain black leggings or jogging bottoms may be worn for outdoor games.

### Last week's SECRET Skills Powerful Learners

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|---------|--------------------|--------|------------------|
| Lerryn  | Alice R & George B | Tamar  | Thomas & Sennen  |
| Fowey   | Kassidy & Juno     | Lynher | Oliver G & Layna |
| Loveny  | Grayson & Albert   | Camel  | Nyah & Alfie     |
| Valency | Freya & Aaron      |        |                  |

## Attendance Stars

|        |       |        |         |       |        |       |
|--------|-------|--------|---------|-------|--------|-------|
| Lerryn | Fowey | Loveny | Valency | Tamar | Lynher | Camel |
| 99%    | 97%   | 96%    | 99%     | 100%  | 97%    | 97%   |





Star Learners this week are from Class 5. This week in Lynher class the children have been learning about the space race between the USA and USSR in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Exploring and comparing the exceptional achievements by both countries and debating who they believe is the overall winner. The work of the week is by Maedey Bailey and Freddie Bewshea for their well-presented, well-informed and balanced argument, showing off their phenomenal writing skills. Give both a read and make your decision. Well done Lynher class!

## Who won the space race: USA or USSR?

### Introduction

Who won the challenging space race: The United States of America - USA - or the Union of Socialist Soviet Republic (USSR)? This interesting topic was a key deciding factor in the cold war between the two countries. Many people believe JFK (From John Fitzgerald Kennedy) and the USA were victors. Whereas, people think, due to their many achievements, the successful USSR were champions.

### One point of view

One point of view is that the triumphant USA - United States of America - were the winners of the challenging space race. America's first attempt was a complete failure with Vanguard TV3 until, they launched Apollo 1. Apollo 11 was the rocket that took part in the historic event we all know... The Moon landing. The moon landing included 2 people, Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong, (the one that got all the credit). How cool is that?!?! While on the moon, Neil Armstrong announced proudly: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." Even if America didn't achieve them first they still achieved them. America was also the first to orbit the moon, July 16<sup>th</sup> 1969, that's amazing right?!?! Additionally, the USA - 1968 - took pictures of Mars, crazy right?!?! These reasons are why many believe that the USA were victors in this life-changing achievements.

### Another point of view

Some believe that the USSR - Union of Soviet Socialist Republics - were the winners of the space race. The USSR's first achievement was Sputnik 1. Sputnik 1 was the first ever, man-made satellite - satellite which was built on October 4<sup>th</sup> 1957. Not long after, Sputnik 2 was launched (3<sup>rd</sup> November 1957) with a dog inside. This dog was the first ever living thing in space, and her name was Laika. A couple years after, Yuri Gagarin was the first person in space during 1961. To stay balanced, Valentina Tereshkova, the first woman in space (and second person) so she smashed that record. Although, Alexei Leonov stole the show. He was the first person to go into space and get out of the rocket, (12 minutes) that's amazing! And then, they created another achievement! They made the most amazing thing! They created the International Space Station (ISS for short) in 1998. They also had way more achievements. These reasons are why many - including me - think the USSR were seen as the winners of the space race.

### Conclusion

In conclusion, the Apollo 11 mission was life-changing although the ISS was really cool. In my opinion I think the USSR were the winners because, they had 4 more achievements and it was who could do more things in space not who can reach the Moon first. That reason is why I think the USSR were the winners of the space race.

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### introduction

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### One point of view - USA

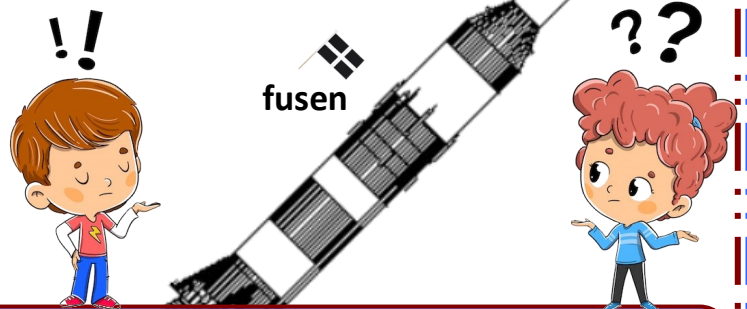
Were the winners of the space race? In 1968 astronauts from (Apollo 8) However not long after Apollo 11 with Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michel Collins headed to the moon, that was the first man on the moon and everyone remember his words one small step for man one giant leap for mankind.

### One point of view - USSR

Some believe that the USSR were the winners of the space race. Launched sputnik two successfully (1957) and brought a dog (coll Laika), it a space race not a moon race? In 1968, (four years later) Yuri Gagarin became the first man to orbit the moon.

### Conclusion

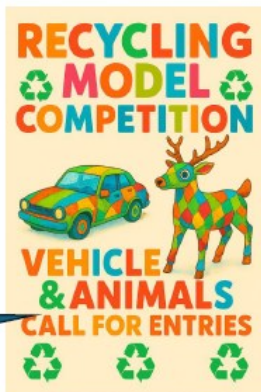
The Apollo 11 mission saw the first human to set foot on the moon whereas the launched as sputnik, in 1957 was the first artificial satellite, stunning the world.



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## Eco-Committee Competition

Prizes kindly  
donated by Biffa!



Please bring into school on the morning of **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**. Materials must be 90% or more from household recycling and models should be no bigger than a children's backpack. Please add your name!



We are Rights Respecting School  
This links to ...**Article 29** – Education must develop every child's respect for the environment.

## Easter Bikeability Cycling Sessions



at Sport Hall,  
Callington Community  
Collage



Scan to  
book

**Level 1 for riders - Age 7 to 16 years old  
on Monday 13<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

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**Level 2 for riders - Age 10 to 16 years old  
on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>, Thursday  
16<sup>th</sup> and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

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**Learn To Ride - Age 4 to 16 yrs old  
on Monday 13<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> and  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

