

Together with Love, we can Inspire, Discover and Thrive

12th March 2021

MESSAGE FROM MISS KENNEDY

It has been a very busy week at Grampound Road. The children have settled back into their routines and they are happy to be back in school with their friends again. The Cornish pirates have been in and the children loved that, although I did hear about complaints of aching legs the next day! I asked if it was worth it and the reply was a resounding, "YES IT WAS BRILLIANT!"

It was lovely to see friendly and confident children in every class.
All the children were fully engaged in learning which is always delightful to see.

Have a super weekend,
Miss Kennedy



*Mathematical challenge
of the week
Set by Mr Salway*



The Pied Piper of Hamelin is a story you may have heard or read. This man, who is often dressed in very bright colours, drives the many rats out of town by his pipe playing and the children follow his tune. Suppose there were 100 rats and 100 children. Supposing they all have the usual number of legs, there will be 600 legs in the town belonging to the children and the rats.

Your challenge is to find other solutions. Can you find one more combination? Can you find many combinations?
Can you find all the combinations?



You have heard of Where's Wally.
This week it is Where's Mrs Bulley?
How many times can you find her
Hiding in the newsletter? Good Luck!



Happy birthday to
Dylan who is now 11!



Wolf Rock



It has been wonderful to see our army of mini humans back together. Mr Jory and I have enjoyed taking time to catch up with everybody seeing how Lockdown has affected everyone. Having not seen each other for a while has meant this week has been planned as a deliberate slow build so we can firmly re-establish our routines and expectations. We value social skills and teamwork so opportunities to work together, in and out of friendship groups, have been well received and appreciated. To complement working together, in Maths, we have used a series of mini investigations based on number where the sharing of thoughts and the bouncing around of ideas between children can help towards finding a solution. We have read through a picture book titled, 'The last stop on Market Street' in Literacy, and have explored the hidden meaning within. This work will culminate in a piece of poetry - check out the newsletter next week to see some wonderful examples. We have loved having Sam, from the Cornish Pirates, in school to help teach us rugby and we cannot wait for session two on Tuesday. Thanks for a super successful week everyone. Have a wonderful weekend, Mr S and Mr J.

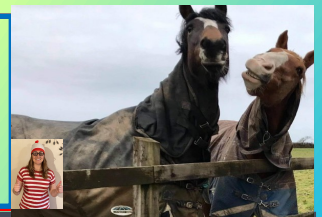


JOKE OF THE WEEK.....

WHY DID THE SCARECROW WIN AN AWARD?

BECAUSE HE WAS OUTSTANDING IN HIS FIELD.

Happy birthday to
Isaac W who is now 8!



Tater Du

It has been so lovely seeing everyone back in the classroom this week and we have had a lot of news to catch up on! We have eased back into Literacy by beginning to change the story of King Midas into our own "Wishing Tale", and everyone has been working on fractions too. We listened to the story of Icarus and Daedalus and designed some wings for their flight using different materials. We had our first session with Sam from the Cornish Pirates and we were blessed with a sunny morning on the field (a change from last year's extremely soggy and wild rugby sessions!). We have also started to improve our basketball dribbling skills with Mr Webb. Have a wonderful, restful weekend



Class News **Trevose**

Welcome back everyone! It has been so lovely to have all of you back in the classroom together, we have missed you! This week we have been working together learning about different 2D shapes and have also been practicing measuring by having a competition to see who could build the tallest tower in our outdoor area.

We have been working hard on our handwriting and have been taking our time to practice our letters, making sure they are the correct way around.

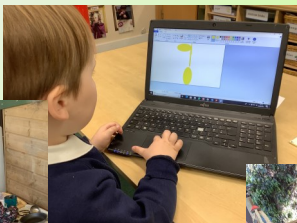
In Literacy, we have written a story about some adventurous Meerkats and we enjoyed watching the video to give us some great ideas. We have been spending lots of time in our outdoor area; planting seeds with Mrs. Warne, practicing our spellings on the whiteboards and recording facts that we have found about Florence Nightingale using our non-fiction books. It has been so brilliant to see everyone come back to school with huge smiles on their faces! Well done for a fab week, Trevose!



Pendeen

It has been lovely to welcome back all of the children in Pendeen class. We have had a fun week getting outside when the weather has been nice and enjoying playing with the outside equipment. The children had fun using Microsoft paint to make animal pictures. In PE this week the children have enjoyed working with Mr Webb. They have been looking at balances and playing with the parachute. We have been keeping a close eye on our tadpoles and are looking out for any changes that happen to them. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Wilton, Miss Kennedy and Miss Buckley



A MESSAGE FROM MR JORY

Forest School

Last Friday morning Pendeen made the most of some Spring like weather and went on a bud hunt. Armed with a clipboard (holding photographs of buds) they scoured the trees and bushes surrounding the playground and field and, with their expert eyes, matched the photos to the real-life buds. What a fantastic group Mrs Wilton has!

In the afternoon Tater Du and Wolf Rock's challenge was for pupils (in small groups) to produce a 'countryside character' out of wood and branches (etc.) - and look who we have here!!! We have a Steve, Super Bunny, Fnitch (Yes Fnitch), Minnie Mouse, Hulk, Jeffrey, Salest and one unnamed character. Furthermore, we learned some interesting facts about these characters - here are a 'snippet':

Ways of relaxing - watching clouds, meditation, cuddling teddy, lounge in the sun, going to Truro!

Stars in their life - family, pets and friends and Mickey Mouse

What frustrates them - people who fall out and bad guys.

How they'd make the world better - being a doctor, saving people, not smash things.

Again, great fun was had - aided by some lovely sunshine.

Miss Warne & Mr Jory



COUNTRYSIDE CHARACTERS

Weather Report

Spring tends to offer a variety of weather - one minute we are lulled into thinking summer is upon us, the next it's blowing a gale or hailing. After two fantastic weekends recently, this weekend is going to be more unsettled with Sunday perhaps being the better day. Looking into next week, hopefully high pressure will build near to us which should settle things down, albeit not necessarily too warm.

THIS WEEK I COMPLETED THE 100KM WALK FOR DEMENTIA UK. I HAVE BEEN GOING OUT IN ALL WEATHERS WITH MY DOG LOLA WHO IS 13 YEARS OLD. I HAVE TAKEN SOME FANTASTIC PHOTOS ON OUR WALK TOGETHER & FEELING VERY BLESSED WHERE I LIVE. THANK YOU TO THOSE THAT SPONSORED LOLA AND I. WE RAISED £100!



EVERYONE IS BACK TO SCHOOL



Preparing Your Child For the First Day Back in School

As schools begin to open to more children, parents and children may well be feeling anxious. Here's some ideas of how best to prepare.



Be Calm.

Your child will take their lead from you and be reassured if you are steady and matter of fact.



Be Curious.

These are strange times and their imagination may run away with them. Listen, and try not to dismiss or minimise their fears but validate how they are feeling – “it’s completely fine to feel like that at the moment” or ‘I can really understand why you would feel like that’



Be Positive.

Remind them of all the ways they have learnt to keep themselves safe: washing their hands regularly, sneezing and coughing into their elbow, not hugging others and staying in their own space.



Be Thankful.

Help your child think of things they are looking forward to: being with their friends, seeing their teacher, favourite activities but be mindful some of these may not be available for them



Be Supportive

Younger children particularly may struggle with separation anxiety and may become tearful, clingy or act out. Reassure them that you will miss them too and think of them through out the day. It might be helpful to draw a little heart on their wrist and one on yours too. You can call it the hug button and when they find they are missing you they can press the heart and know that you will be doing the same at home. Sometimes having a little object to remind them of you through the day helps but please check this out with your school first.

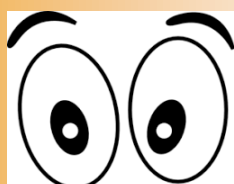
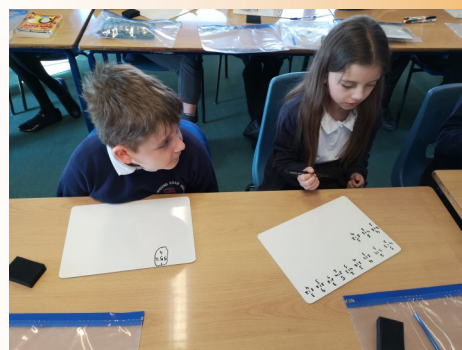
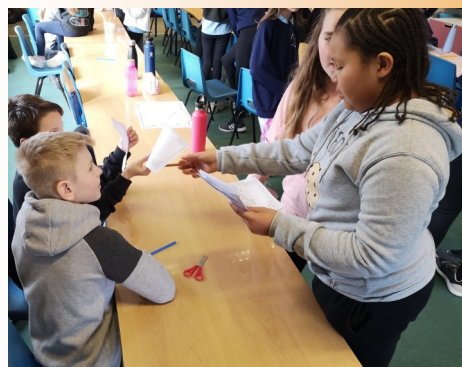


Be Prepared.

Support your child to be aware of changes that may have happened to their classroom environment since they were there last and rehearse any new routines that school may have shared. Rehearse and practice your ‘goodbye’ routine and create a ‘hello’ greeting for the end of the day for them to look forward to.



IT IS LOVELY TO SEE EVERYONE BACK IN SCHOOL AND WOLFROCK
WORKING HARD



PE KITS TO BE WORN AS FOLLOWS

TUESDAY—WOLFROCK CORNWALL PIRATES UNTIL
EASTER

TUESDAY— PENDEEN CLASS

WEDNESDAY—TREVOSE CLASS

THURSDAY- PENDEEN, TATER DU, WOLFROCK



EMERGENCY CONTACTS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

CAN WE PLEASE REMIND YOU TO KEEP THE SCHOOL
INFORMED OF UP-TO-DATE EMERGENCY CONTACTS
AND ANY ADDITIONAL CONTACT DETAILS OF EXTENDED
FAMILY/TRUSTED ADULTS. THANK YOU



Mrs Bulley thought she had
escaped from being in the
newsletter from World Book
Day!



HEY EVERYONE..... COULD YOU PLEASE CHECK OUT THE FRIENDS OF

GRAMPOUND ROAD SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE FOR SOMETHING MEL STEPHENS WOULD LOVE YOUR
HELP WITH??????

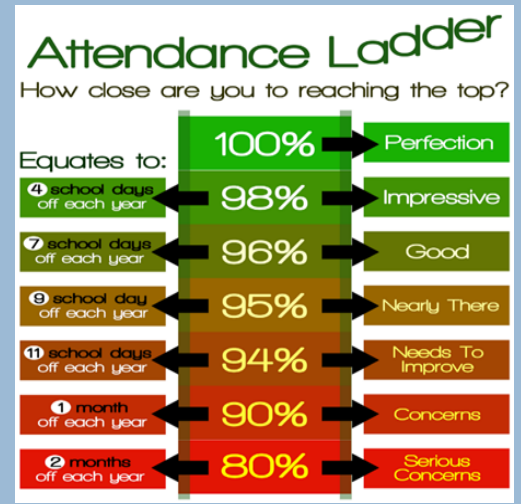
ATTENDANCE

Expected average attendance for a child is 96.1%. Our attendance for last week was:

Pendeen: 79.1 % Trevose: 68.4 % Tater Du: 84 % Wolfrock: 83.6 %

In accordance with our attendance policy we will be sending some children home with attendance letters during the term to help keep you informed of your child's attendance in line with the new RAG (red, amber, green system). Below are the band widths, as a reminder, if your child falls into one of these coloured bands a letter will be sent home.

GREEN Band 96% to 93% **AMBER** Band 93% to 90% **RED** Band Below 90% (PERSISTENT ABSENTEE) This is a government definition.



How to contact us:



The office is open Monday-Friday 8.30am-3.30pm

Outside these hours, please leave a message on the answer machine or email **grampoundroad.secretary@celticcross.education**. We will endeavour to answer your emails during office hours.

Contact the class teachers through dojo or if you would like to speak to the class teacher or head of school please call to make an appointment. Dismissing pupils at the end of the day is a very busy time, if you would like to discuss something in detail please call the office between the above hours and we will pass the message onto the teacher. We thank you for your patience and understanding.



Supporting young people, and their families, with positive mental health

We recognise that this time of national lockdown may be difficult for children and young people. How a child or young person reacts to being away from school, and their normal routine, may vary according to their age, understanding, their previous experience of lockdown and how they typically cope with stress. Addressing the mental health of your child, and those in your family, can be supported with some of the following resources:

Public Health England have produced the following set of guidance for parents and carers: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing>

Every Mind Matters: A website that explores expert advice and practical tips to help you look after your mental health and wellbeing: <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>

May we remind you that, if you have concerns about your child's wellbeing, or the wellbeing or safeguarding of another pupil, please contact the school immediately on: Miss S Kennedy 01726 882646

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

'RED NOSE DAY' –19TH MARCH—please wear something RED. DONATIONS TO BE PAID THROUGH PARENTPAY

NO RED NOSES OR ACCESSORIES TO BE BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL.

Easter holidays - 2nd April TO 16th April 2021

School is open as usual 1st April

(No longer an INSET DAY)

PHOTOS—18TH MAY Individual, siblings in school and leavers

SCHOOL FUN RUN—TBC

Please can we remind parents/carers of the following

information: As from 8th March 2021 (New times) see below

Drop off and pick up times: (younger siblings will follow the times for the oldest child)

Pendeen 9.00am—3.30 pm

Trevose 8.50am - 3.20pm

Tater Du 8.40am - 3.10pm

Wolf Rock 8.30am—3.00pm



Reminder for children to have a pair of PE trainers left in school, a drinks bottle and coat (all labelled please)

IF YOU REQUIRE WRAPAROUND CARE THIS MUST BE BOOKED BY THE FRIDAY LUNCHTIME THE WEEK PRIOR FOR US TO HAVE THE NECESSARY STAFF ON SITE.