

Grampound Road Village C of E School

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MESSAGE FROM MISS KENNEDY

18th June 2021

Thank you to the parents that are walking to school or part walking to school with their children it really does ease the parking situation in the car park near school. We understand that parking is limited, but around the village, there is some street parking. We open at 8.45am, but we wait until 8.55am for all the children to arrive, our registers are not taken until 9am, so that does give us a window for children to arrive at school. The staggered end times also give us a window to dismiss the children safely. If there are any changes with the person who is picking up, please can you contact the office, you may have noticed we use walkie talkies on the gate and our office staff are very good at sending messages and supporting the staff at dismissing time. This also applies the any afterschool clubs; we do not let children leave unless we have the correct consent from the parents. As a second layer of protection can you let the person collecting know the password. Please do not feel awkward or uncomfortable if we ask you to wait for a moment whilst we check with the office, sometimes, if a staff member is absent a different staff member dismisses and may not recognise every parent or family member, masks and sunglasses can make it trickier to identify parents as well. I must add that the children have been practicing the morning and drop off procedure in school, they have been amazing and so polite their behaviour is impeccable especially when you consider what a topsy turvy year they have had. We ask the children to walk in single file and for them to face forward and keep very quiet so they can hear their teacher call the names out. This supports a speedy dismissal procedure. Can parents leave the site as soon as the children have been collected, wear masks and avoid congregating with other parents. Our school runs smoothly when we work together and support each other.

Next week we will hold a school sports day and I am very sorry, but we cannot invite parents, we will take plenty of photos and we will share these in our newsletter. The children will still have a great day and win trophies! The rise in Covid cases locally has put the brakes on things, but our year 6's will still have a nice send off. We will confirm the itinerary next week, but they will lead a school play, have water play, an adventure day in school, a picnic on the grounds and a leaver's assembly. All events will be recorded and shared with parents, as it is not looking likely that parents can be invited into school because of the restrictions around mass gatherings.

I hope everyone has a happy and safe weekend.



STATT STAR OF THE WEEK

My staff star of the week is to Miss Eastham, sometimes when a person is absent you really do miss them and notice how important all the pieces of the school jigsaw are. Everyone at Grampound Road works extremely hard and when we are a member down it takes that extra effort to run the school. Miss Eastham has been teaching some lessons virtually, which has been nice and the children have enjoyed seeing her. She will be back on Monday! Thank you



to Miss Eastham for the invaluable contribution you give to our school. You not only run a class, but you also lead an afterschool club, lead Science and ICT and support the all the teachers with any ICT issues. You manage the children in an effortless way, and they all adore you.

Happy 11th birthday to

Amelia. We hope you have had a lovely day!

We have reached another Friday and the weeks are passing by at an alarming rate, seeming to blur into one. This week in class, we have started looking at a story called 'The Photo Album' about two grandchildren who look at a picture and see a gentleman but when they return to view the picture once more, the figure has gone and a shadowy background in its place. We have put actions to the story, looked at profiling the Grandpa and have been boxing up the story into the five parts of a story. On Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon, we have researched the Chihuahua Desert in Mexico, finding out where it is, the animals and plants found within and also the climate. In Maths, we have readdressed the tricky concept of long division. Play practices have started and Katie Bell is working with us to concoct a street dance routine which will feature at some part in the play.

Our fielding session with Mus this week was great fun and the mini games were extremely competitive.

JOKE OF THE WEEK:

Why does Mr Jory take two pairs of socks to the golf club? In case he has a hole-in-one!!!!



We've started some new topics in Maths and have been investigating angles around our school.

Unsurprisingly, right angles were in abundance, but it was a little more challenging to find acute and obtuse angles! We also started a new Science topic and listened for different sounds around the school grounds. I wonder which area was the noisiest?! We've been

continuing to learn our Hamelin story and have thought about the different text features, including how present tense and past tense verbs are constructed and the use of alliteration for impact. I am

absolutely thrilled with the effort that EVERYONE is putting into learning their times tables. It's so wonderful to see your confidence grow!

We have been looking at Heroes and Villains in History and listened to the Ballad of Bonnie and Clyde by Georgie Fame and the Blue Flames. It tells quite a gruesome tale!

We started a new PE session this week and are fortunate enough to have Miss Katie teaching us Dance. I'm looking forward to seeing how our Heroes and Villains dance progresses.

Please remember that Homework is set on a Friday and due in on Wednesday. If books are not in school, we always give your child the Homework loose, but this is not ideal as it often gets lost. The expectation is that

children read every day, practise their spellings and the times table of the week, and complete the Maths task. Thank you for supporting your child at home.

Have a lovely weekend and please stay safe in the sun.

















This week we have been learning the story of 'The snail and the whale!' by Julia Donaldson. We have been exploring the adventure that the characters go on, thinking about what they see and how they felt. We enjoyed hot seating the characters from the story on Wednesday, thinking of questions that we wanted to ask, and we were great at getting into character and answering the questions! We were excellent story tellers too and retold the story in small groups to the rest of the class using actions!

In topic, we have made our own Beachcomber Treasure books as part of our D.T. and we are going to use our books to create a mini scrapbook of some of our learning from this half-term! Well done for a good week, Trevose!





pendeen

We have had a very busy week in Pendeen class. The children have been busy learning one more than and one less than numbers to twenty in maths as well as some simple addition and subtraction sums. In literacy, the children have continued to learn the story 'Going for a



Song'. In our topic work, we have been looking at sunglasses and the children have designed their own sunglasses. We have been on a hedgerow walk to look for wildflowers. The children have really enjoyed playing with playdough ice cream in the role-play area and we had a treat when the beach came to us. Children were able to play in the sandpit, play with the water table and water wall and they each had an ice-lolly. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Wilton, Miss Kennedy and Miss Buckley









A MESSAGE FROM MR JORY **Forest School**

Due to the inset day it has been quiet on the forest school front, with the exception of some watering. Therefore, I thought I would take this opportunity to show some photos of our vegetables in the raised beds and, as the pictures show, they don't appear to be doing too badly. Before the end of term we may have some potatoes to harvest, although we may have to wait until September (and keep our fingers crossed) for the dwarf peas, beetroot, carrot and onions. Either way, evidence of some reward for everyone's hard work.

The final picture, taken near Carn Brea at Redruth, shows the legacy of a small wild-fire. Thankfully, we don't have the searing heat (and fire consequences) of other countries, however this a reminder that we can be susceptible and need to show care in our outdoor environment.







On the weather front, we have had some warm days recently. Over the weekend, and early next week, low pressure over the UK will bring some showers - perhaps the type of weather where some places have a downpour, while others not too far away remain dry.

Take care, Mr J.

Book Review

DK Knowledge Encyclopedia DINOSAUR!

By Isaac P Year 3

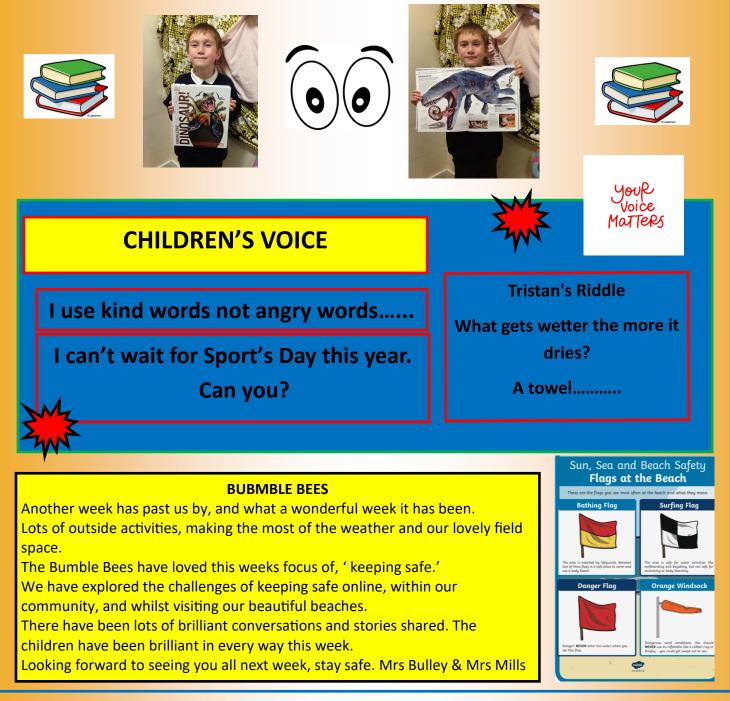
This is a really interesting book with lots of amazing facts and pictures about dinosaurs.

The Carcharodon megalodon is one of my favourite dinosaurs. It lived in the oceans and it was 59 feet long! It had a bite 6 times stronger than the great white shark that is the most powerful predatory shark alive today.

The Titanoboa snake ate fish and reptiles and it was 49 feet long which is as long as a bus! Its habitat was tropical swamps and it would coil itself around its victims.

The Mosasaurus lived in the oceans and grew up to 49 feet long. It ate marine reptiles and fish too. It had a strong skull and sharp teeth. Its closest relative is the Komodo Dragon. I had a Bearded Dragon once called Soup.

I like all the really cool animals in the book. I think children in Year 2 and above would like this book. I give it 5 out of five stars





Each week the teacher will choose a Star of The Week, Values Person and Whole class achievement







Class Name	Star of the week	Values	Whole Class
		Trustworthy	
	Freddie for	Maddie	To Dondoon
Р			To Pendeen
E	showing	for being a	For waiting
N	resilience	trustworthy member	patiently when
D	and ending	of Pendeen	lining up and
E	each day with a	and always doing the	waiting for
E	smile	right thing	their turn.
N			
т	George	Phoebe Batsford	All in Trevose
R	For his	For her	for
E	amazing	beautiful	their resilience in
V	knowledge	Manners in	class this week
0	of seaweed.	class	whilst
S	Fantastic work	towards	Miss Eastham had to work
E	George	A member of staff.	from home
		Very welcoming	Well done!
Т	Adam	Jake	To everyone
A	For trying really	You are always so	in Tater Du.
т	hard	trustworthy and	A very
E	To focus	responsible.	positive start
R	And concentrate	A marvellous role	to Dance
	in class.	model for everyone in	this week.
D	Well done!	the class. Thank you	Well done!
U			
W	Perdy	Grace and Tora	To everyone in Wolfrock
0	Thank you for	for	for learning
L	giving this week	volunteering in their	your lines in
F	your best shot. You can take a lot of	free time to complete	preparation
R	pride in everything	jobs for staff.	for the
0	you have done.	Thank you it is very	school play.
С	Fantastic!	much appreciated.	Great effort!
K			

ATTENDANCE

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

Pendeen: 100 % Trevose: 96.6 % Tater Du: 96.6 % Wolfrock: 99.1 %

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.

Attendance Ladder

How close are you to reaching the top?



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: <u>https://www.gov.uk/</u> <u>government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-</u> 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



Wednesday 23rd June

(unfortunately no

spectators allowed)

Sun cream, hats, drink bottle.

Thursday 1st July is

Roseland Year 6 Welcome day

As from 7th June (New times) see below

Drop off and pick up times:

8.45 am—All children dropped to pedestrian gate teachers will line children up and take them to classes.

3.10pm Pendeen and Trevose collected from pedestrian gate.

3.15pm Tater Du and Wolfrock collected from pedestrian gate.

Lunch Plan

12-12.30 Pendeen & Trevose eat in the Hall then go out to play.

12-12.30 Tater Du have lunch in class then go out to play.

12.30-1pm Wolfrock come inside and eat lunch in classroom,.