

Together with Love, we can Inspire, Discover and Thrive

7th May 2021

MESSAGE FROM MISS KENNEDY

Each term we have a visit from a school improvement advisor, our advisor is Paul Hodson. He supports all the schools in the trust and helps us to prepare for Ofsted. Our school is due to have an Ofsted inspection, so it is very important that we are well prepared. Mr Hodson is also an Ofsted inspector and so he is well placed to advise our school. He visited our school this week and he was very impressed with the school and the behaviour for learning. The Ofsted inspection will focus on Reading. Mr Hodson listened to two groups of children reading. I was extremely proud and delighted to hear the children read so confidently. Some children were able to talk about their love of reading and the passion they have for stories. All the children were very respectful, and they were able to talk about their own reading level, why they read books at that level and whom their favourite authors are. They all understand that the more they read the better they will read. One child recognised that older children needed to be good at reading so that they can access books that are more interesting.

In school, we teach children to read, and we teach reading skills in our guided reading sessions. We also listen to readers and support the children during accelerated reading sessions. The teachers supply the children with books to read at home. These books are all about fluency. The children need to read these books confidently. Younger children can read the same book more than once as this will support their fluency in reading. If your child reads at home daily and adults listen to children read it will have significant impact in their academic progress.

I read for pleasure, do you?

Have a wonderful weekend

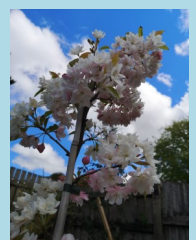
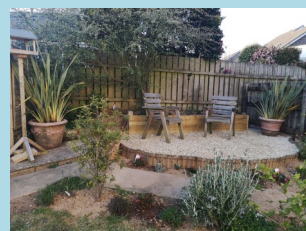


STAFF NEWS

The recent amazing weather has enabled me to get out in the garden and sort a few things. Three apple trees and a plum tree were planted last autumn and these have blossomed recently so fingers crossed I get some fruit this summer. My raised beds are full of compost, horse poo and soil ready for planting up with vegetables over the new few weekends. Do any of you have suggestions of things to grow? Please let me know and I'll update regularly. BBQ'ing plays an important part of our summer and I've created a little area at the back of the garden ideal for cooking on coals and for also catching the last of the evening sun. (I love this space and it is definitely my favourite part of the house). The hedgehog was out last night and I'm convinced it lives in one of the hedgehog houses we have hidden in the garden.

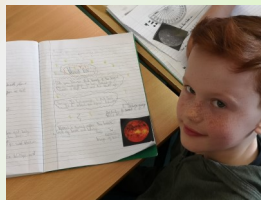
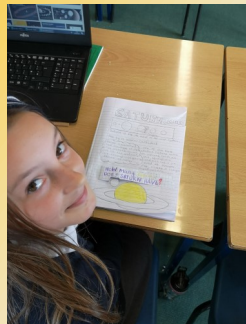
It is now so important to provide food and water for hedgehogs because they are a dying breed and will not be with us for much longer. I'll try and get a better photo of our spikey friend in the week.

Mr Salway





Exploring Apollo 8s mission to orbit the moon and Alexei Leonov's achievement of completing the first ever spacewalk have been on the agenda this week. We put ourselves into Leonov's shoes by writing dialogue between himself and his pilot highlighting his emotional state from euphoria - looking down at planet Earth dangling from the end of a 5m cable, to near disaster, as atmospheric pressure caused his space suit to inflate meaning he could no longer return inside the space craft. We have also created some amazing fact files of our favourite planets. Innovating our model text, David's Watch, has been the priority in Literacy. The adults and children have worked together to create a shared write and some students have taken this a stage further by innovating their own version of the original text. I am really looking forward to reading these over the weekend. Both Mr Jory and I have been incredibly proud of all the Rockers who have successfully completed the Bikeability course. This is an amazing achievement and one everybody fully deserves; well done! We hope you have a wonderful weekend.



Jenson was very lucky to have a ride in a Lamborghini



JOKE OF THE WEEK: Two flies are playing football in a saucer. One say's 'Come on, make an effort. We are in the cup tomorrow'.



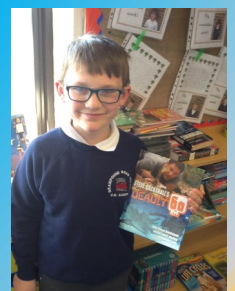
Happy birthday to Noah P who will be 9 on the 10th May!

Tater Du



A short but busy week in Tater Du! I've been really impressed with the work ethic of many of the children. We've been writing a "meeting the monster" story based around an innovation of Little Red Riding Hood, and the children are really mastering their use of exciting adjectives, adverbs and sentence openers. In Maths, we've started two new units. I've been working with the Year 4s this week with money and I was so pleased with their engagement and enthusiasm - well done! We've been exploring carnivorous plants and we were fortunate to have "Henry" (Isaac P's Venus Flytrap) in school on Friday. He told us all about how it grows and traps flies, and we learnt alot about how to care for this special plant. Tom also shared with us his Deadly 60 book

On Thursday we had a brilliant game of Benchball in the Hall as it was too wet for athletics and everyone was very competitive but supportive. We also had a go at using Powerpoint and Google Slides to make informative presentations about Predators. In PSHE, we had a look at how to keep safe on the internet. They had remembered many protective behaviours that we explored last term. Have a super weekend. 😊

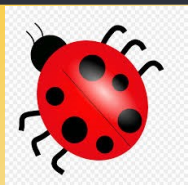


Class News **Trevose**

We have had a challenging week in Maths this week! We have been learning to count in halves and looking for quarters and Year One have been beginning to multiply numbers using arrays. In Literacy, we have been exploring different descriptive vocabulary and have been describing the characters and the setting in our story 'Dexter and the baby dragons'.

We had lots of fun on Thursday, experimenting with different instruments to make weather sounds. We then performed a nursery rhyme about the weather using the instruments! We also really enjoyed dance with Miss. Katie again, this week we were performing a dance about Spring!

Well done for a fab week, everyone.



Pendeen



We have had a lovely week in Pendeen class. This week in Maths, we have been looking at doubling and halving. In Read Write Inc. we have come to the end of the ditty books and are now going to be starting on the next books, which are green. In Literacy, we have been writing about 'What the Ladybird Heard'. In our topic work, we have made left over confetti and we have been learning some insect songs with actions. The children really enjoyed their dance class with Miss Katie on Thursday and are looking forward to their next dance lesson next week.

We hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Wilton, Miss Kennedy and Miss Buckley



A MESSAGE FROM MR JORY

Forest School

Last Friday, Mr Jory and 'team EYFS' went around the school grounds looking at how the buds have changed in the past month. This is something that I have not looked at previously and it is interesting that some trees sprout blossom from the buds, whereas other sprout leaves. We discussed how trees blossoming is a sign of their healthiness and related this to our wellbeing and that, through healthy eating and healthy relationships, 'we blossom together'.

KS2 continued with making the raised beds at the front of the school (with the recycled willow), and they look really great with a lot of character. Our next stage will be to fill them with earth, keeping our fingers crossed that not too much earth seeps out of the side, and plant some of the sunflowers and see how they stand up to our changeable weather.



Weather report

On the weather front, it's very topsy turvy at the moment albeit the rain is welcome. The unsettled theme looks set to continue - Saturday looks as though it will be a right off - and there does not seem to be any sign of early summer warmth on the horizon yet!



STARS OF THE WEEK



Class Name	Star of the week	Values Forgiveness	Whole Class
P E N D E E N	Morgan for doing some amazing writing work and always having a positive approach to learning.	Freddie for being kind and forgiving others when necessary. Well Done!	To all of Pendeen for always communicating well and taking the time to listen to each other. Fantastic!
T R E V O S E	Lilly for showing confidence and resilience and coming to school with a big smile on her face. Lovely to see!	Phoebe Batsford for always showing though and care and being incredibly kind towards others. Thank you!	To Trevose class for showing wonderful manners to each other and all the adults in our school. Great work everyone!
T A T E R D U	Ellie-May for her fabulous effort in writing and Maths this week. Fantastic!	Fletcher For always being a positive influence in the classroom and playground and always being ready to forgive.	To all in Tater Du For their amazing concentration during extended writing this week. Well done!
W O L F R O C K	Sarah G for her incredible hard work, commitment and dedication towards improving her reading.	Perdy for being able to forgive another child following a fall out Well done Perdy!	To everyone for some really super work in Science producing fact files on various planets! Well done!

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE FOOTBALL CLUB



We have a few place left for any **KS1** children to attend the next three sessions. It is on a Wednesday straight after school and finishes at 4.30pm. And costs £3.50 per session.

If your child would like to attend this club please call the office on 01726 882646 and we will add your child's name to the list. You will need to pay for this via ParentPay.



After school clubs



We have a few spaces left for Year 3 & 4 children to join in with Alternative Games club which is on a Tuesday until 4pm with Mr Salway and Miss Hosking and Year 5 & 6 can join in with Athletics club on a Thursday until 4.15pm with Mr Webb.

If your child would like to attend any of these clubs please book via www.grampoundroad.parentseveningsystem



Katie Bell Dance class—this is held after school on a Thursday for years 3,4,5 and 6. for more information please contact Miss Katie direct on belldanceacademy@gmail.com or call 07788653977.



Can we please remind everyone to book your child's school dinner via ParentPay, you are able book in advance.

NURSERY PLACES AT GRAMPOUND ROAD SCHOOL



Any parents of children who will be aged 3 plus in September 2021, please contact Mrs Wright



via grampoundroad.secretary@celticcross.education or 01726 882646 for further information on our Nursery provision.

Places are limited so please contact us as soon as possible. Thank you

IMPORTANT NOTICE -UNIFORM FOR PE

PLEASE CAN CHILDREN COME TO SCHOOL WEARING THEIR PE KIT ON THEIR PE DAYS. THIS SHOULD COMPRISE OF BLACK/BLUE JOGGERS, LEGGINGS OR SHORTS WITH A LIGHT BLUE POLO SHIRT & A NAVY BLUE SCHOOL JUMPER/OWN TRAINERS. (WE LIKE TO SEE THE CHILDREN SMART IN SCHOOL).

PLEASE ENSURE THEY HAVE THE CORRECT PE KIT ON.



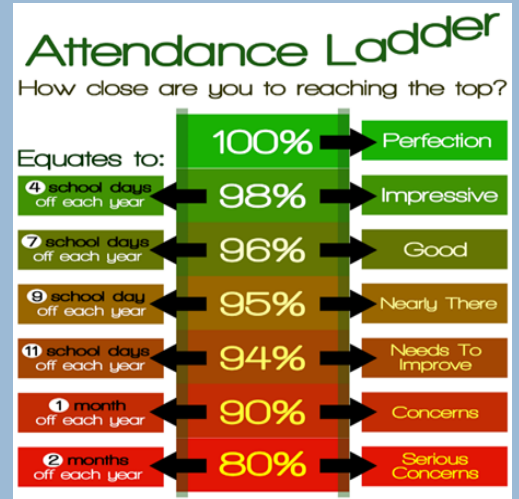
ATTENDANCE

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

Pendeen: 98.3 % Trevose: 99.3 % Tater Du: 94.8 % Wolfrock: 98.6 %

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

SCHOOL FUN RUN—TBC

PHOTOS—18TH MAY

Half term holidays

31st May-4th June

INSET DAY FRIDAY 11th

JUNE

SCHOOL IS CLOSED

Please can we remind parents/carers of the following

information: As from 19th April (New times) see below

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

Pendeen 8.45am—3.15 pm

Trevose 8.40am - 3.10pm

Tater Du 8.35am - 3.05pm

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