

Together with Love, we can Inspire, Discover and Thrive

26th March 2021

MESSAGE FROM MISS KENNEDY

This week Mr Renshaw visited school and was very impressed with how polite the children were and how engaged they were in their learning. Everyone has been working hard this week on assessments. All the children have been assessed on reading, writing and maths which will give us an idea of their levels so the teachers can plan for the Summer term. We will begin some interventions next week for some children who need a little extra bit of support. These will be carried out by Mrs Stevenson who was the head of Ladock school and she also worked at Grampound Road school. Mrs Stevenson is very experienced and we are lucky to have her. She will work with small groups for two afternoons per week. The teachers will inform parents once the final groups have been allocated. Mrs Stevenson will work closely with the teachers to provide the best support. We have our parents evenings next week and the teachers will get the opportunity to talk to parents about this in more detail.

After Easter there will be a small change in the staggered start and end times of the school day as we ease out of lockdown. This decision is based on teaching and learning, and it will avoid time lost waiting for siblings.

Start and end times for after Easter are:

Wolf Rock 8.30-3.00


Tater Du 8.35-3.05

Trevoze 8.40-3.10

Pendeen 8.45-3.15

This will allow five minutes for classes to enter and exit. Normally most classes take less time than this arrive and exit. Siblings will continue to arrive and leave at the time of the eldest sibling. We hope that this adaption will enable classes to start their first lesson promptly. Please can parents leave the school site once their child/children have been dropped off or collected to avoid the mixing of bubbles where possible.

Have a super weekend.



Happy birthday to
Mrs Seeds

Red Nose Day



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CLOCKS!

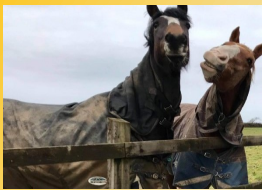


Thank you for
your
donations we
raised £53.00
for Red Nose
Day



Wolf Rock

Wolf Rockers this week have been finishing a non-fiction unit on writing instructions based on having a successful day in school. The children have worked hard to thinking about what ingredients are needed and how to arrange the ideas within a final piece of writing. It has been wonderful to see this come together. In Maths, Year 6 are tackling algebra and Year 5 adding fractions with different denominators. These skills can be very technical and there are many components to remember. However, woven within every lesson are important life skills: resilience, independence and perseverance which are built upon and developed every day. We have finished our character profile of an Egyptian God and also added further features to our 3D computer games. Darcey and Abi loved Miss Hosking's assembly on Tuesday as they were tasked with collecting as many objects as possible in 20 seconds. We hope you have a wonderful weekend, Mr Salway and Mr Jory.



JOKE OF THE WEEK

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE CLAUSTROPHOBIC ASTRONAUT? HE NEEDED A LITTLE SPACE!!!!!!!

Happy 9th
birthday Tom

Tater Du

We have been thinking about writing instructions this week and we linked them to our topic on the Ancient Greeks by writing about building the Trojan Horse. We've been considering what Greek soldiers were like and we've learnt about the Battle of Marathon and the Trojan war. Helen of Troy was quite a woman!

In RE, we have been thinking about Jewish festivals like Yom Kippur and how these reflect the teachings of the Jewish faith. It is very interesting to compare different festivals from other religions with Christianity, We had a mix of normal lessons and some assessments this week and I'm looking forward to the Parents Evenings next week. We are thinking about how to improve our outdoor area too so watch this space in the Summer!



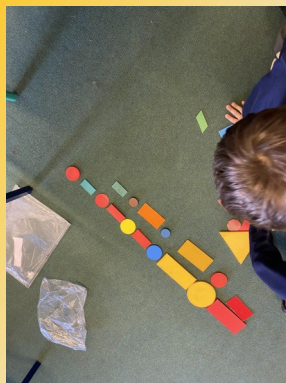
Happy birthday to
Arlo a big 7!

Class News

Trevose

This week in Trevose we have planned and written our very own adventure story about a superhero! We have used everything we know about Traction Man to write our own story and I have been so impressed with everyone's effort! We have been checking on our sunflowers and seeing how much they have grown, look at how much they have grown already. We have also planted some tomato seeds in our greenhouse, and we are excited to see if we can grow any tomatoes. On Tuesday, we explored lots of different plants, researching what they look like, what they need to live and grow and what each part of the plant does. In Maths, we have been learning more about 3D shapes and we have been wowing Miss Eastham with our knowledge of vertices, edges and faces of 3D shapes! On Friday, we explored different repeating patterns using 2D shapes too.

Well done for another great week, Trevose!



Happy birthday to
Alexis who is now 5

Pendeen

We have had a lovely week in Pendeen class. The children have been busy writing parts of the story that we have been learning in class: 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen. In maths this week we have been looking at number bonds. For our topic work on animals this week we have listened to some music by Camille Saint-Saëns from the album 'The Carnival of the Animals'. The children used their imagination to think what animal the different pieces of music might relate to and drew a picture to represent their thoughts. All of the children seemed to enjoy this. The children have also draw pictures of their favourite animals and have found out some information about them.

Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Wilton, Miss Kennedy and Miss Buckley



A MESSAGE FROM MR JORY

Forest School



School grown carrot!



Pendeen class



Working hard!

I spent a lovely hour with Pendeen last Friday walking around the playground, and field, 'Discovering Spring'. As you can see from the photo, the (partly built) den area was a big hit. We took some fantastic photos that are displayed in school. In addition, we planted some sunflower seeds that are currently in the poly tunnel (hopefully germinating).

On Friday afternoon, pupils from Tater Du and Wolf Rock 'attacked' the raised beds that had become overgrown again. There were plenty of worms in the soil which, hopefully, bodes well for some successful crops at a later date. To be fair, our 'harvest bar' is set very low at the moment - just a solitary little carrot. Nevertheless, we will try our best to improve! 😊 Some fantastic effort was rewarded at the end with a well-deserved hot chocolate although, unfortunately, Miss Warne was required elsewhere so we missed out on the marshmallows! Have a lovely weekend. Miss Warne & Mr Jory.



Weather Report

After some pleasant sunshine this past week, it looks as if it will go downhill on Friday with rain/showers. Hopefully, the weekend will offer some brighter spells, so the sun can make it feel relatively pleasant. Easter can often have extremes of weather (temperatures can be in single digits or the high teens). 'Finger in the air' prediction for this Easter is the former, as it would appear that a high pressure somewhere in the Atlantic will block off weather fronts from the west, but the winds coming around this pressure will be from a northerly or easterly direction.

Frost may return - could some places in the north even have snow?



STARS OF THE WEEK



Class Name	Star of the week	Values Respect	Whole Class
P E N D E E N	Maddie for always looking after and including others. Well done!	Amelia for always trying and persevering with her work in Read Write Inc. Super!	To everyone for being polite and showing good manners. Fantastic!
T R E V O S E	Macey for her amazing hard work in Reading, Writing and Maths! Well done Macey!	Grace for continuing to try her best in her writing and always checking her writing is her best. Fantastic work!	To all the class for working together and celebrating each other's success. You are all amazing!
T A T E R D U	Zach for his excellent writing and trying really hard with his times tables. Great effort!	Jake for encouraging others to persevere with their written works, Maths work and Reading. Well done!	To all the class for approaching tasks with a positive attitude. Well done everyone!
W O L F R O C K	Jenson for being super helpful in class. You have been a star this week. Fantastic!	Oscar for persevering in Maths even when the going proved difficult. Great effort Oscar!	To everyone for fully applying themselves in assessment week. Your were amazing!



Parent Consultation Evenings—Spring 2021

Mon 29th, Tues 30th March

Parent Consultation Evenings this year will be held by video appointment.

How to attend your appointments via video call

1. Log in and go to the Evening
2. On the day of the video appointments (or before, if you want to test your camera and microphone) login to Parents Evening by clicking the login link from the bottom of the email confirmation you will have received. Once logged in you will see a notice that you have upcoming video appointments and under this the details of the event, along with a *Join Video Appointments* button.

Press the button to join your appointment on the day - or to test your camera/microphone at any time.

In order to make video calls you need to have as a minimum:

- a device with a microphone and speaker/headphones
- a compatible up-to-date web browser: **iPhone/iPad:** Safari **Note: there is a known issue joining video calls using iOS 14.2. Please upgrade any iOS 14.2 devices to iOS 14.3, or use an alternate device.** **Android:** Chrome or Firefox **Windows:** Chrome, Firefox or Microsoft Edge (Chromium -) **Mac:** Safari, Chrome or Firefox **Linux:** Chrome or Firefox

We also recommend:

- Using your smartphone for video appointments. If you don't have a smartphone with a front-facing camera, use a laptop or computer with a webcam.
- Using a headset (or earphones with a microphone) to reduce echo.

Concerning Online Challenge aimed at children & teenagers!

**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION**

We have been made aware of a pupil within the Trust who was contacted on a private social networking account, despite their account being set to private, and asked to engage in an online challenge named 'Blue Whale'.

This worrying phenomenon includes people contacting individuals (often children) and setting them a number of tasks to complete over 50 days. The individual is then encouraged to share evidence of their completed tasks by sharing video or photographic evidence. Tasks are set over a number of days and escalate, over time, to the most alarming of acts, many life threatening. Details are explicit, therefore, we are urging all parents and carers to visit the following website to gain an understanding of the dangers and warning signs:

[https://www.mcafee.com/blogs/consumer/blue-whale-challenge-need-know/.](https://www.mcafee.com/blogs/consumer/blue-whale-challenge-need-know/)



Bumble Bees

Another great week has passed in the Bumble Bees. The children this week have been busy exploring the emotion of jealousy. Jealousy is something we all experience in life. We have explored our thoughts and experiences of 'The green - eyed monster' and the effect it has on us, and the people around us. The group members enjoyed creating their monsters and giving them appropriate names. They all worked hard to understand the concepts and gave each other some great advice and support. Have a marvellous weekend everyone.

Mrs Bulley and Mrs Tapson



BUMBLE BEE OF THE WEEK

Well done to Finlay P. What an amazing supportive friend you have been this week! You have showed great empathy and understanding of other's needs and gone the extra mile for your friends. Fantastic!



MENU CHANGE

Please note the following menu changes. Thursday 1st April 2021 (last day before Easter holidays) it will be the Friday's menu of Fish & Chips etc and Thursday 20th May (School census day) menu will now be Steak or Cheese n Onion Pasty with chips & beans.

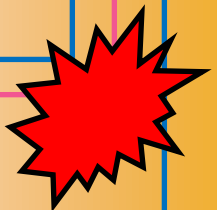


NURSERY PLACES AT GRAMPOUND ROAD SCHOOL

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

UNIFORM FOR PE

NOW THE CHILDREN ARE ALL BACK IN SCHOOL IT WOULD BE NICE TO SEE THINGS GETTING BACK TO THE NEW NORMAL, THEREFORE PLEASE CAN CHILDREN COME TO SCHOOL WEARING THEIR PE 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).



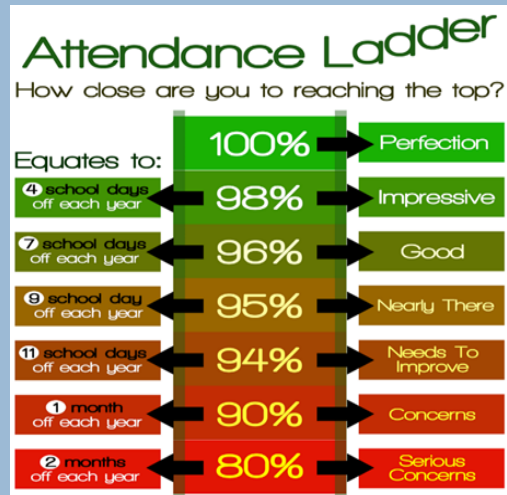
ATTENDANCE

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

Pendeen: 98.2 % Trevose: 99 % Tater Du: 95.7 % Wolfrock: 99.3 %

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 DONATIONS WE RAISED
£53

(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 READ PAGE 8 ABOUT DINNERS, MENU CHANGES AND PE UNIFORMS

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