

Together with Love, we can Inspire, Discover and Thrive

MESSAGE FROM MISS KENNEDY

5th February 2021

It has been a sad week with the loss of a great Yorkshireman, Captain Tom Moore was a remarkable man who in the last year of his life gave so much to so many. The children will remember him as an inspirational role model, who had a zest for life. His positive attitude and outlook enabled him to achieve so much for the good of others. In school we will be having a collective worship on Monday in memory of Captain Tom to celebrate his endeavours in raising £32.8 million for the NHS.

Next week, we are delighted that Mr Webb will be back in school teaching PE to some classes. I am sure the children will be happy to see him back in school. He will continue to produce his videos for remote learners.

Miss Eastham and I have been busy finalising the plans for launching Google Meetings next week. Parent will receive a letter today with all the information on how to sign up and give consent for your child/ren to join a virtual meeting. We are really missing the children who we haven't seen for a while and the children in school would love to see everyone. If parents would like to their child to join a class meeting please complete the consent form which is embedded in the letter. We hope to have one meeting per class next week, each class will meet on a different day to make it easier for families with multiple siblings.

Next Friday we are having a no screen Friday and the teachers will send plans and ideas to remote learners. The headings for each session are: Maker hour, fitness hour, genius hour and zen hour. I hope it will be a nice way to end the half term. I would like to thank the parents/carers/children who have delighted us with the remote learning engagement, you have been amazing, and you all deserve a break during the half term.

Finally, I have some exciting news to share, Mr Salway and his wife Kate are expecting their first baby, who will be born in August. He announced it today to all the staff and there have been squeals of delight from the team at GR. We send our congratulations to Mr Salway and Kate, who will make wonderful parents and they have so much to look forward to. Brings back some happy memories.



Have a good weekend everyone.



"In the future when
you look back and
see yourself now...



you'll be so proud."
said the mole.

Thought
of the
week



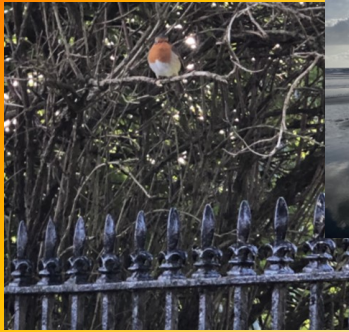
To all teachers



Thank you.
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Class News

It has been wonderful to look over your work this week, Wolf Rockers; thank you. The challenges this week have been more hands-on and I hope you have enjoyed this opportunity. I really do think we need to run 'The Great Wolf Rock Bake Off' as the skills on show have been incredible and your finished products looked delicious. (Abi and Rufus in particular, wow!) I really liked reading through your PSHE letters on Wednesday - thanking a Key Worker for all of their help over the last year. I have addresses and I will be posting these to various places all over the county. Many of your letters were incredibly emotional, powerful and tear-jerking. Mr Jory and I will be reviewing all photos sent in and we hope to find a competition to enter those pictures which really stand out. Have a wonderful weekend; Mr Jory and I really do miss not having you all around.



Wolf Rock



JOKE OF THE WEEK

WHAT DO YOU GET IF YOU CROSS A PARROT WITH A CENTIPEDE?

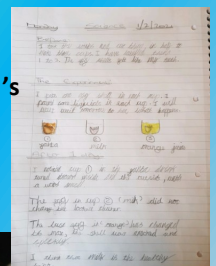
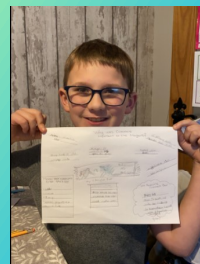
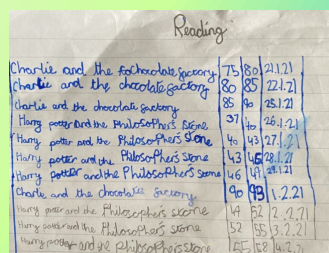
A WALKIE-TALKIE



Tater Du

We've been looking at more examples of Explanation texts and we've been writing our own about "How to keep your teeth healthy". I've been really impressed with the recall of knowledge in our classroom and how they can clearly explain to anyone else what happens in the Digestive System, how to keep their bodies healthy, and how to avoid cavities! They have been using all the correct scientific terminology and we've also been conducting an experiment with some egg shells and different liquids to show the effect of sugary drinks on teeth. That's why it's so important to have water in your bottles each day. We're all going to try spitting rather than rinsing our mouths when we've finished brushing to ensure that the fluoride in our toothpaste works to its full potential. We've been finishing off our money work in Y3 maths and refreshing our understanding of fractions in Y4. We've also been considering what to do if we come across inappropriate content on the television, online and in computer games

Zach's explanation about how to keep your teeth healthy. Ellie has been filming herself reading a book. Layla's reading record. Tom's work on the history of chocolate. Carter's egg experiment about the effect of sugar on teeth.



Class News *Trevose*

This week we have been writing our own stories about a little red boat! We have used some fantastic description to make our writing exciting and have also used our imagination to really tell the story of the boat. We have also been learning our new text: How to catch a pirate! We have been thinking of some actions to help us remember the instructions and then we have been learning about instructions in more detail. We also had a go at writing a set of instructions for a jam sandwich and we used adverbs to show when to do each part of the process!

In our topic lessons, we have been learning about the world's oceans this week, and we have been challenged with finding the oceans on the map and labelling them correctly.

Well done to everyone for all your hard work, at home and at school. I am very proud of you all 😊 x
Miss Eastham x



Pendeen

This week in Pendeen we have been learning the story of the Little Red Hen. The children have enjoyed retelling the story to each other. We have continued our food topic and have tried painting with pureed fruits and vegetables. We have played 'I went to market' and we have looked at foods from around the world. In maths this week we have been looking at height, length and weight. We used a cut out of our feet to measure how long the rooms are. Thank you to all of the parents who sent photos in for our class video montage, we hope that you have enjoyed watching it. Mrs Wilton, Miss Kennedy and Miss Buckley



A MESSAGE FROM MR JORY

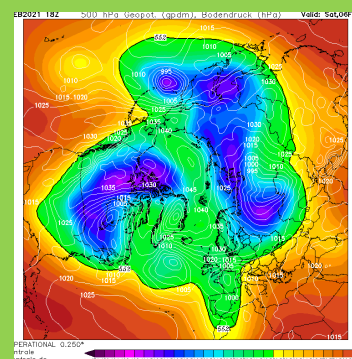
Last week, the theme of Forest school was fire. As a group, we talked about what fires need to ignite and burn (fuel, heat and oxygen) and we took this conversation further by discussing fire safety and wild fires. Then, in small groups, we sourced wood in the field and made 'pretend' bonfires which, as the pictures show, everyone seemed to really enjoy. After a 'sneaky' hot chocolate (despite the really mild day!), the children did a short, multiple choice quiz based on our earlier discussion, with all questions correctly answered by everyone!!



Headline: Get your gloves, scarves and long-johns ready!!

Many will have heard, through the media, that cold weather is incoming from Sunday. For the weather geek, nerd (call them what you like 😊) the upcoming week looks to be fascinating. Our normal pattern of south westerlies, with the jet stream raging off the Atlantic towards us, is going to be replaced by high pressure to the north and the jet stream being deflected south. The end result will be a very cold easterly; one which, synoptically, will be a rare thing. This easterly, appears different to the 'Beast From The East' in 2018 which saw a low pressure system (with snow) moving from east to west. This time the snow will be more showery across the UK, with the east and south east expected to have the greatest severity (temperatures in the east & south east are unlikely to get above freezing from Sunday to Thursday). So, will we have snow or will the Cornwall 'snow shield' (from the mild surrounding sea) thwart us? Back in the 80's and 90's (almost black and white TV time!!) cold easterly's were often dry. That said, those periods usually had a Scandinavian high pressure as opposed to an Icelandic high pressure (this time), so there could be more 'instability' in the air with precipitation. Furthermore, on Tuesday a low pressure may glance across the south west and on Wednesday/Thursday an Atlantic weather front may try and move in across the UK. If I take myself off the fence, my gut is we will see some snow falling (not sure if particularly deep) - perhaps Tuesday, when winds may go more south-easterly, is our best chance. Either way, it will be cold with temperatures around 2-3 Celsius on Monday & Tuesday with a circa -4 wind-chill!

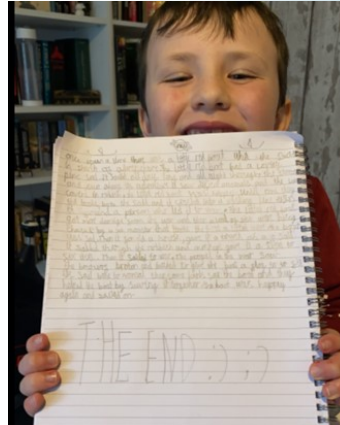
Towards Thursday/Friday mild Atlantic weather may really try and make inroads across the UK. Historically, Cornwall has turned milder quite quick while other parts of the UK retain the cold and have a large fall of snow. This mild v cold battle will be an interesting aspect with regards to the middle of February and, possibly, the remainder of winter.



GALLERY PAGE



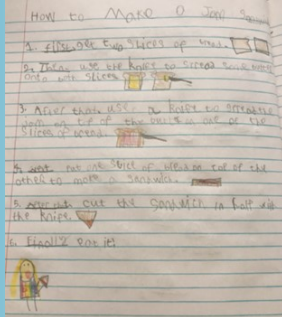
Miles made some salt dough Magnets to send to his family.



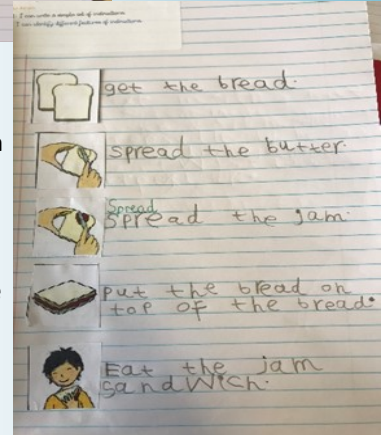
Fred showing off his amazing story!



Charlie wrote a set of instructions on how to make a jam sandwich.



Lilly used the instructions She wrote to make her own jam sandwich.



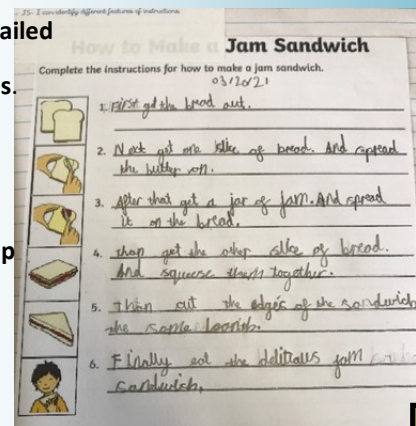
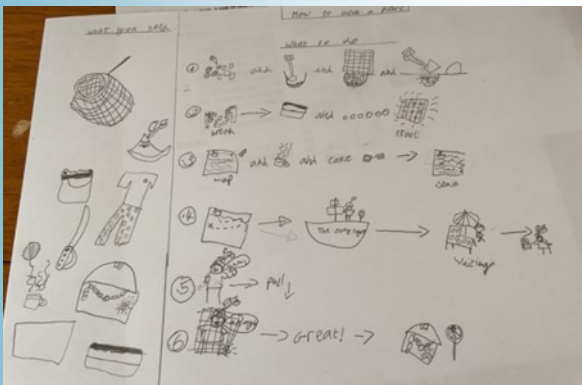
Macey thought of some Great actions for the Instruction text!



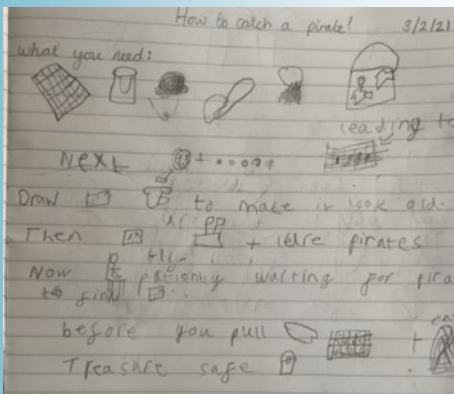
Arlo wrote a detailed set of instructions.



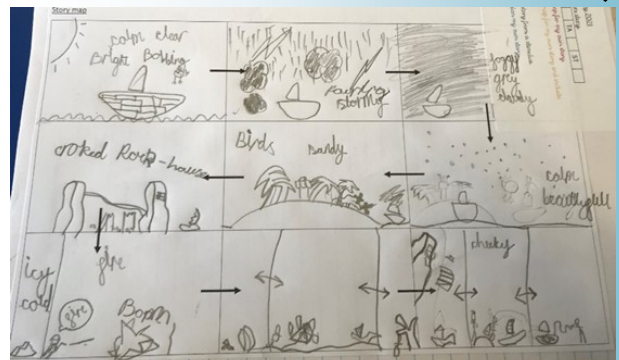
Annabel's text map



Arlo's fantastic story map for his story about the Red Boat.



Danny's text map for his Instructions.



BUMBLE BEES

This week it is Children's mental health week. The children have been busy exploring the importance of looking after our Mental Health, and ways in which this can impact our lives. This year's theme is 'express yourself.'

In particular, the Bumble Bees have thought up imaginative ways to express themselves. Expressing yourself is about finding ways to share feelings, thoughts, or ideas, through creativity. This could be through art, music, story writing, dance and drama, photography, and doing activities that make you feel great.

It's important to remember that being able to express yourself is not about being the best at something or putting on a performance for others. It is about finding a way to show who you are, and how you see the world, that can help you feel good about yourself.

Well done to all the Bumble Bees who have shown great participation this week, on a very important and relevant topic.
Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Bulley & Mrs Tapson



EDUCATION LIBRARY SERVICES ARE HERE TO SUPPORT SCHOOLS WITH THEIR LITERACY.

World Book Day is on 4th March 2021

Among the authors publishing books for this event are:

**Katherine Rundell
Tom Fletcher
Jonny Duddle
and Humza Arshad**



Would you like to help your school to win some books? Just name **any** book by **any** of the authors above to enter our draw.

All entries must be returned to els@cornwall.gov.uk

The closing date is Friday 12th February 2021

Good luck!!

Please share this link with parents and all those who are home-schooling.

There are events, resources, book tokens and much more.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/>

ATTENDANCE

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

Pendeen: 84.8 % Trevose: 90.3 % Tater Du: 86.5 % Wolfrock: 87.9 %

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

POLITE REMINDER

**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.**

**THIS NEEDS TO BE BOOKED VIA PARENTPAY
IN ADVANCE.**

UNFORTUNATELY WE

**CANNOT ACCEPT CHILDREN BEING
DROPPED OFF ON THE DAY OR BEING**

COLLECTED LATE.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE WITH
THIS.**

Please can we remind parents/carers of the following information:

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

Pendeen 8.30 am – 3.00pm

Trevose 8.40am - 3.10pm

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

Tater Du 8.50am - 3.20pm

Wolf Rock 9.00am – 3.30pm

PE Sessions:

Monday –Pendeen, Thursday Trevose and Tater Du, Friday –Wolf Rock (children to come to school in PE kit on their set day)

Lunches: Please order and pay (when applicable) via parentpay - we cannot add on forgotten orders.

Wraparound: Please book and pay in advance via parentpay—we cannot accept any children that have not been pre booked, thank you.

