

Together with Love, we can Inspire, Discover and Thrive

19th March 2021

MESSAGE FROM MISS KENNEDY

Nurture Group

The nurture group has now been running for over a year and we are pleased with the progress made so far. The children named the group the 'Bumblebees' and Miss Bulley and Mrs Tapson are the adults who lead the group. They have supported many children during the past year. Nurture groups are founded on evidence-based practices and offer a short-term, inclusive, focused intervention that works in the long term. Nurture groups are classes of between six and 12 children. Children attend nurture groups but remain an active part of their main class group, spend appropriate times within the nurture group according to their need and typically return full time to their own class within half a term. Our group runs on Monday-Wednesday afternoon.

Nurture groups assess social and emotional needs and give the necessary help to remove the barriers to learning. There is great emphasis on language development and communication. Nothing is taken for granted and everything is explained, supported by role modelling, demonstration and the use of gesture as appropriate. The relationship between the two staff, always nurturing and supportive, provides a role model that children observe and begin to copy. Food is shared at 'snack time' with many opportunities for social learning, helping children to attend to the needs of others, with time to listen and be listened to.

As the children learn academically and socially they develop confidence, become responsive to others, learn self-respect and take pride in behaving well and in achieving. Nurture groups have been working successfully for more than 40 years in the UK.

The nurture group is available to all children if the teachers and the parents agree that it would benefit a child. If you would like your child to be considered for the nurture group please contact Miss Kennedy. If the group is full we will add their name to the waiting list.

Forest School

The Forest School is run by Mr Jory and Miss Warne, Forest School supports play, exploration and supported risk taking. It develops confidence and self-esteem through learner inspired, hands-on experiences in a natural setting. All the children at Grampound Road have forest school sessions.

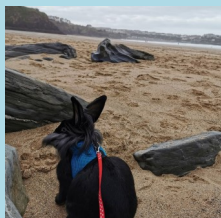
Our aim is to provide good quality learning and nurture for all our children. We work hard to improve our service to the children; do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns, issues or suggestions. Your feedback is extremely important to us. Have a wonderful weekend.

STAFF NEWS

Hello everyone

I'd like to share some photos of our cute bunny Richard on his very first trip to the beach. He wears his blue vest with a red bow on his back. He was super happy and curious, however seagulls sounds makes him a bit worried.

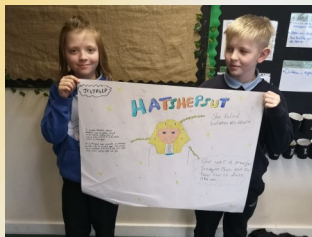
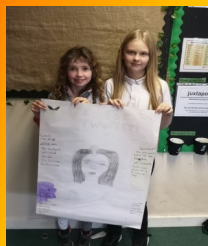
I wonder where should we take him next time? Any ideas? Milena and Oliwia



Happy birthday to
Lexie and Abi who
will be 10 next week.

Wolf Rock

Yesterday marked the Equinox - the point at which there is equal day and night. From tonight, the days become longer and evenings lighter. How exciting is this? On the subject of light, there have been many highlights this week (though none can be found in my hair - thanks Mrs Godwin for pointing this out). The Cornish Pirate sessions are always a treat and Sam's sessions are fun and engaging. It was a privilege to step back on Tuesday morning and see everybody playing rugby and having so much fun. In class, we have started designing our own 3D computer game, created a character profile of an Egyptian Pharaoh and have compared the beliefs of a Humanist to that of an Atheist, prompting much debate and conversation. Wolf Rock's recognition board is full with photos of pupils who have excelled this week and every person identified can offer a different story as to why they have been added which is really impressive. Lets have more smiles and laughter next week. Have a lovely weekend, Mr Salway and Mr Jory



Wolfrock Polite Message Please ensure your child brings a healthy snack in for break time, fruit is ideal. We do not allow unhealthy snacks during break time. Sandwiches should only be eaten at lunchtime. The children in Wolfrock enjoy playtime at lunchtime and then come in for lunch at 12.30. Often it takes the children longer to eat their lunch than the 15 minutes provided. Please understand the children are given longer to finish if they require it.

Happy
Birthday Zach

Tater Du



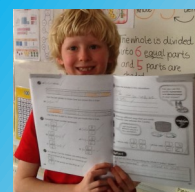
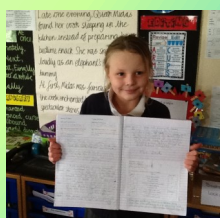
We have had a busy week innovating our King Midas story. I've been really impressed with the perseverance shown by all the children, especially those who have never been in our Literacy lessons before. Everyone managed to use some interesting sentence openers and kept to the 5 parts of our original story, and I was really entertained by the unusual ideas that the class came up with!

In Maths, the Y4s have been learning to work with decimal numbers. I wonder whether your parents use decimal numbers in the home or at work. We related it to pounds and pence, but I know there are lots more everyday uses for decimals. The Y3s have really got stuck in to their work on fractions too.

We've been looking at famous Ancient Greek people like Archimedes, Plato and Alexander the Great. Did you know that Pythagoras was a famous Ancient Greek? You never know, we might have some famous mathematicians, philosophers and scientists of the future in Tater Du class right now!

We had a really successful and fun PE session with Sam from the Cornish Pirates Rugby coaching team, and Mr Webb has been teaching us to defend in basketball. Our PSHE theme is all about keeping ourselves healthy, so lunchbox and snack choices are really important here. Finally, we learned about the work that Comic Relief do and had fun trying some quizzes, word searches, riddles and spot the difference pictures.

Have a fabulous weekend. 😊



We have had a busy week of learning in Trevose class. We have been learning more about significant individuals from the past and this week we learnt about Mary Seacole and what she did to help soldiers in the Crimean war. We also used our fab knowledge of Florence Nightingale to make comparisons and reflect on how important they were for soldiers.

Last week, we planted sunflower seeds and we have been watering them and seeing if they have grown yet! We made predictions about how long they would take to grow...and some of us were a bit disappointed this week! We can't wait to see some sunflowers grow in our outdoor area!

We have also been thinking about what other heroes we know, and we described our favourite heroes. Take a look at some of our lovely writing.

Well done for another brilliant week, Trevose!

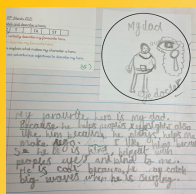


We sequenced the events of Mary Seacole's life.

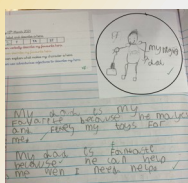


We built our own hospital like the British Hotel that Mary Seacole founded in Crimea. We even put a bed inside.

We used our knowledge of Mary Seacole to play a board game. Did you know that Mary's nickname was Mother Mary?



Arlo wrote about one of his heroes..



Charlie wrote about one of his heroes.



We used the atlases to find where Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale were born.

Pendeen

We have had a fun week in Pendeen class. We have been making the most of the nice weather and getting outside as much as we can. We enjoyed having some of our literacy and Maths lessons outside as well as some of our snack and lunches. We have been working on balances in our PE this week. In Literacy this week, we have been learning a new story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen. In Maths, we have been focusing on time and directions, including a small obstacle course outside. In our topic work, we have been talking about different animals from around the world and making animal masks. We also enjoyed dressing up in red on Friday for Red Nose Day. Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Wilton, Miss Kennedy and Miss Buckley



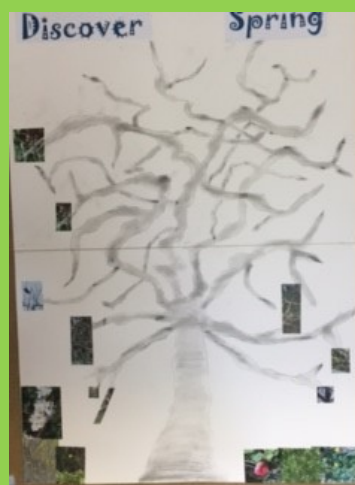
A MESSAGE FROM MR JORY

Forest School

Last Friday, Mrs Warne, a group of ten 'bud hunters' from Trevoze and Mr J took themselves around the school grounds looking for buds and other signs of spring. Also, the children all took photos that are part of a (yet to be completed) 'Discover Spring' classroom display as shown in the picture.

On the subject of displays, a 'Forest School' display board has been set up in the main corridor of the school (if any parents can remember where that is!!). Our aim (albeit a long term one) is to make the 'Forest School' title from twigs and last week a group from Tater Du and Wolf Rock started this project - watch this space...

Miss Warne & Mr Jory



Weather Report

Thankfully, those strong winds have gone and we are back into a settled spell which has been very pleasant when the sun has shone. This weekend, and early next week, looks much of the same, however signs of more unsettled weather mid-week onwards next week.



Mr Jory

Mrs Godwin's tulip keeps opening up saying hello to her each day and then goes back to sleep.





STARS OF THE WEEK



Class Name	Star of the week	Values Respect	Whole Class
P E N D E E N	Ollie for always having such a positive attitude towards his learning. Well done Ollie!	Evie C for persevering with her work even when it gets tricky Fantastic effort !	To everyone for always coming to school with smiles on your faces and looking out for each other. It is lovely to see!
T R E V O S E	Alayah for an amazing week. You have been such a Superstar and I am very proud of all your hard work. Well Done!	George D for persevering when faced with a challenge. I am so proud of you for not giving up with your writing. Well Done!	To everyone for working hard to use descriptive vocabulary in our writing. I have been so impressed with the adjectives and powerful verbs you have used. Fantastic work!
T A T E R D U	Noah HW for his amazing work with fractions and incredible writing in Literacy. Well done Noah!	Ellie-May for her spectacular writing about Queen Luna and her weird wishes! Fantastic work!	To everyone for being really helpful to Miss Hosking when she needed reading as her contact lenses went funny! It was really touching. Thank you everyone!
W O L F R O C K	Perdy has had a tricky few weeks but has returned to school all guns blazing. Thank you for being amazing Perds.	Fran thank you for working so hard on your handwriting. Well done!	For returning back to school really well and welcoming Dylan with open arms. Thank you everyone!



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.

[Among Us: Is it safe? - Net Aware](#)

Among Us. Among Us is a game set on a spaceship played with 4-10

other players. Players can choose to join a game with people they don't know or create their own private game with friends.

www.net-aware.org.uk Concern was shared about whether 7 was the age rating for this game, 7 is the official age rating - I've checked on NSPCC's netaware too and this item came from Ditto, a pretty reputable online safety magazine for parents. Here's the link to NSPCC page on this game giving further tips to ensure safe usage and saying the safety of the app is 'average'.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/among-us/>



Bumble Bees

Hello everyone.

This week has been a busy one in our group. The children have worked hard to understand the concept of 'Stress' and what this can do to our bodies. They have all been able to come up with some stress busting activities, and have shared their different strategies at home and school.

We were also able to finally put up our Mosaic which the children and staff are thrilled with. They all worked hard on their pieces and it's lovely to have a collaborative effort on display.

Well done Bumble Bees 🐝

Have a great weekend,
Mrs Bulley & Mrs Tapson



SCHOOL DINNERS

We would like to say a big **Thank you** to Amelia who is now back with us in the kitchen making not only the lunches for Grampound Road school, but also Vryan school and Grampound with Creed. It is lovely to have the smells of home cooking back in the school once again.



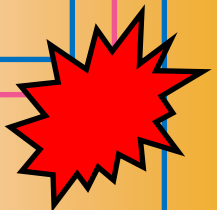
Can we please remind everyone to book your child's school dinner via ParentPay, we will be getting the new menu for after Easter soon to enable you to book in advance.

MENU CHANGE

Please note the following menu changes. Thursday 1st April 2021 (last day before Easter holidays) it will be the Fridays 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. These will not be altered on the menu itself so please make a note of the dates for future reference. 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).



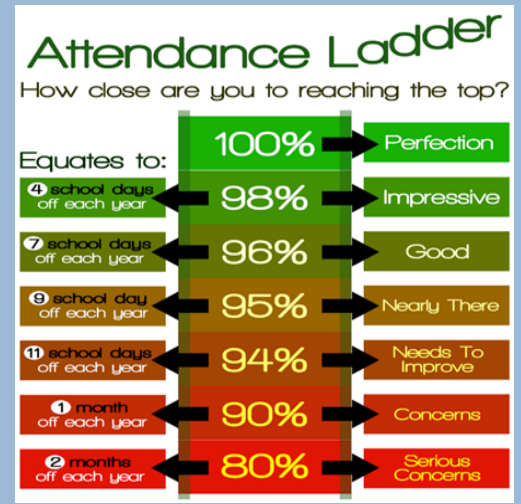
ATTENDANCE

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

Pendeen: 98.2 % Trevose: 100 % Tater Du: 98.9% 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 TO BE PAID THROUGH PARENTPAY (SO FAR WE HAVE RAISED £43)

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 7 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