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Together with Love, we can Inspire, Discover and Thrive



11th March 2022

MESSAGE FROM MISS KENNEDY

<u>Fundraising-</u>A big thank you to all those who baked, bought and contributed towards the Ukraine appeal, the cake sale was a lovely event and we managed to raise £87.27. Many Ukraine families have fled, but many are still living in shelters and basements in freezing conditions with little heating or food, they need our help.

Mrs Mills, Mrs Colclough and a group of children volunteered to manage the cake sale; children have an inherent wish to help those in need. Fundraising events also strengthen their connection with the wider international community, which is also important. Great job everyone!

Dropping off and picking up-I have spoken to the children in Wolf Rock class this morning about the time they are arriving at school. Some children are arriving too early; sometimes unsupervised children arrive at 8.15am. The school opens at 8.45am, I remain at the gate until 8.55am, and this gives a window for the children to arrive in school. Some unsupervised children play games that involve running around the cars in the car park, if there is no parent to supervise these children are at risk. If your child walks to school unsupervised please make sure, they arrive on time and that they can be trusted to be sensible. We will contact parents directly if we have

reports that a child has not been sensible. I have reminded our staff to be on time and on duty during these busy times as it is not helpful if we are running late.

<u>Volunteers</u>—We currently have two volunteers in school and we have another volunteer who is undergoing the necessary safeguarding checks. We love having volunteers in school; the last two years of lockdowns and isolation have affected many schools. Our focus is on closing the gaps in learning and your help is extremely valuable. If you would like to volunteer, we are looking for people to listen to readers, if you think you could spare some time please contact the office.

<u>Parent forums and meetings</u>- At Grampound Road we enjoy working collaboratively with parents and we are here to give support to all our families. Each half term the classes will host an event with parents. During the school year, we have six half terms, we host two parents evenings per year and we will host four parent forums. This half term there will be a parents evening, next half term each class will host a parent forum. The parent

forums will focus on an aspect of learning; it might be reading, maths or the wider curriculum. This will give the teachers an opportunity to share the learning in school and offer ways that parents can support children at home. The forums where possible will be in the classrooms, which will give the parents an opportunity to see some of the children's work. Throughout the year, parents can arrange a meeting with the class teacher or myself if they need to discuss any matter. I am on hand to support parents, if a parent calls the school, I endeavour to speak to that parent on the same day and where possible resolve any issues in a timely fashion.

<u>Friends of Grampound Road</u>- We need your help, ideally we need around six people to lead the friends group, but we also need some friends who can be on a reserve list who can help with fundraising when the school hold events. We realise people lead busy lives, but if you could support the school, it would be appreciated. All funds raised do make a difference to the lives of the children either educationally or socially. Many of our teaching assistants support the friends group and they would love to work with some more friends.

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In literacy this week the children have done an amazing job of learning the 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen. The have performed it for the rest of the school in collective worship today and stunned the

school with their confidence as well as their good story telling. In our topic work this week the children have been exploring the school grounds as we went on a sensory walk. The children used lots of descriptive words to explain the sounds that they heard, the textures that they touched, the smells that they could smell and the

objects that they could see.

Have a lovely weekend Mrs Wilton











Trevose

This week in Trevose we have been learning about Judaism and what Jewish people do to prepare for Shabbat. We learnt what Jewish families do during Shabbat and why it is an important part of their week. Then, we shared would good wishes we would give to our own friends and families. We had some lovely thoughts to share.

We have also started learning about fractions this week! We have been challenged to find a half of different shapes and objects, year two also learnt the fraction notation 1/2 and began using it in their independent work.

On Friday, we had lots of fun singing and performing 'Your Imagination' and next week we are looking forward to using instruments to perform the song.

Well done for a great week everyone!



















Happy birthday to Isaac who is 9 today.

We just can't get enough of all the hard work in Tater Du this week. In Literacy we have been doing a character description of Alex from the Disney film Float. In Maths the year 3's have finished measuring and have now moved on to Fractions and the year 4's are continuing their work with fractions and are now working out fractions as a set of objects. By the end of this unit we wannbe confident with our maths skills we have been learning. In RE we have continued our Judaism learning and this week we made our own Torahs and demonstrated how to use a Yad.

We began our Science topic which is Rocks and the children have been explaining the difference in manmade and natural rocks. It was our turn for wild tribe this week and despite the rain the children were walking on sunshine having lots of fun with Mrs Warne and Mrs Mills.







JOKE OF THE WEEK:









Happy birthday to Phoebe and Eboni who are now both 10!

It has been another action-packed week in Wolf Rock. In Maths, we have been focusing on decimals and in topic, we have been investigating where rainforests can be found throughout the world. We have used the book: 'Darwin's Dragons' as a stimulus for our writing and studied the front cover and blurb to make inferences about the story. On Wednesday, in Science, Miss Coon led the learning on cross-breeding and, in PE, the rain prevented us playing hockey so were forced inside for a bench ball tournament. Thank you for all of your fascinating mini homework projects which are coming through. I will continue to put them onto the board to showcase. Thank you Miss Coon, Mrs Mills, Mrs Colclough and Mrs Scott for all of your hard work this week.







Hello Wild Tribes!

What a cold weather week we have had, it began with sharp, icy winds, misty and even rainy, mostly cloudy, and miserable days.

Despite not impressive weather, we were ready and steady for new adventures.

Tater Du and Wolf Rock made such lovely dream catchers out of Willow. They were all extremely imaginative and inspired decorating presents for Mother's Day.

We were productive, but also, we were talking and trying to understand how much hard work mums do for their children.

We might expect a thunderstorm this afternoon, so we don't want to get too wet while taking an amazing photo!

Have a lovely weekend everyone

Mrs Warne and Mrs Mills































CHILDREN MUST HAVE LONG

TROUSERS, WELLIES, COATS TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS SESSION. THANK YOU.



Thumbs Up!



To Mrs Warne
It all got a bit too
much for Mrs Warne
on Fabulous Friday

Last week.....

THUMBS











Thumbs Up!

To Annabel for her beautiful manners when she asked for a new pen from

Mrs Godwin

Thumbs Up!

This goes to Ellie-Maii, Maisie, Abi, Lewis, Florence, Phoenix,
Jake, Emily C and Campbell
for their great behaviour in Literacy.
From Mrs Mills









Head of School Stars of the week

Pupil Star of the week

Ryley B for working extremely hard and great writing in Phonics.

Staff Star of the week

Mrs Colclough for being very positive, supportive and helpful.

Thank you

Thumbs Up!

Goes to Betty, Noah and Fred

Mrs Prins and Mrs
Maker





TARS OF THE WEEK

Class	Star of the	Values	Whole Class
Name	week	Perseverance	
Р	Daisy	Ellie	To everyone for doing
E	for some good	for persevering with	such a good job retelling
N	listening and	her work.	'We're going on a Bear
D	following	Well done	Hunt'.
E	instructions this		
E	week.		
N			
Т	Evie-Lin for a	Lilly J	To everyone
R	fantastic effort	for her brilliant	for amazing
E	this week in	writing and	listening and positive
V	Maths, always	persevering with	attitude
0	being focused	her writing.	
S	and sharing her		to learning.
E	knowledge of		Well done!
	fractions.		
Т	Isaac P	Harley	To everyone for being
Α	for his great	for persevering in all	amazing in Literacy class
Т	attitude to his	his work this week and	this week.
E	learning and	being helpful with me	Great effort!
R	supporting his	in class.	
	friends.	Thank you!	
D U	Fantastic		
W	Lewis H	Ketsia	To everyone
0	for working	for experimenting	for some
L	really hard in	and trying	superb focus when
F	Maths!	new strategies	completing the
R	A	when working	independent write.
0		in Maths	
C		A	
K			

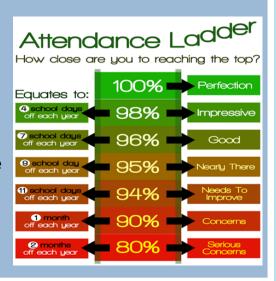
ATTENDANCE

Expected average attendance for a child is 96.1%. Our attendance figures for last week were as follows:

Pendeen:99 % Trevose: 99.5 % Tater Du: 98.1 % Wolfrock: 97.1 %

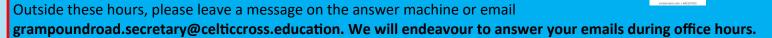
In accordance with our attendance policy we will be sending some children home with attendance letters during the term to help keep you informed of your child's attendance in line with the new RAG (red, amber, green system). Below are the band widths, as a reminder, if your child falls into one of these 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.



How to contact us:

The office is open Monday-Friday 8.30am-3.30pm (lunch time is 12.30—1pm)



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

Menu Change Magical Picnic Party Theme lunch

A selection of scrumptious sandwiches with favourite fillings.

Pizza whirl, potato wedges, carrot and cucumber sticks and coleslaw.

Desserts

Crunchy chocolate biscuit Raspberry yogurt cake

Thursday 7th April 2022 Please book via ParentPay

ASTHMA REGISTER



If your child has asthma please let us know, you will need to fill a form in and return to school along with an in date inhaler

IN A CLEAR BAG WHICH IS NAMED.

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.

Pin me on the fridge

Term Dates 2022



Spring Term: Tuesday 4th January - Friday 8th April 2022

Wednesday 16th March 2022—Class photographs - School jumpers

Friday 18th March 2022—Red Nose Comic Relief Day (donations via PP)

Wear own clothes RED

Monday 28th Tuesday 29th March—Parents evening

Summer Term: Monday 25th April - Friday 22nd July 2022

Bank Holiday: Monday 2nd May 2022

Tater Du Swimming Mon 16th-Fri 20th May Wolfrock Swimming Mon 23rd-Fri 27th May

Half Term: 30th May - 3rd June 2022

Bank Holidays: Monday 6th June 2022 (Queen's Platinum Jubilee)

Bikeability Years 5 & 6 July 2022

Residential Barton Hall Years 5 & 6 22nd June—24th June 2022

INSET DAYS: 25/07/22, 26/07/22.





Charlie the Therapy dog is coming into school on Thursday 17th March—Nurture Group
From Tuesday 29th March Charlie will go into classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

If your child has any allergies or they do not want to see Charlie please let the office know by contacting us on 01726 882646 or the email address below.

Volunteers for school

Do you have a few hours to spare each week? Would you like to volunteer in our school. If so please call the office on 01726 882646 and speak to Mrs Wright or email

grampoundroad.secretary@celticcross.education and we will inform you what we need from you.

Reporting an absence

Can we please remind Parents/Carers to call school each morning by 9am if your child is absent to give us an update. This is a legal requirement. Thank you.

