

Together with Love, we can Inspire, Discover and Thrive

12th January 2024

MESSAGE FROM MISS KENNEDY

Good afternoon,

Headteacher star of the week goes to Macey, who is polite, hard working and just lovely!

Headteacher staff star of the week goes to Abi our school chef, she is friendly, kind and goes above and beyond to support the children. She cooks delicious food, I would highly recommend parents to consider school lunches for their children, especially if you are in receipt of free school lunches. A hot meal can set a child up for the day, but she can also provide sandwiches as an alternative.

Every day is a learning day for all of us at Grampound Road. On Tuesday I did a learning walk and visited all classes. I saw some excellent learning and was very impressed with the enthusiasm from teachers, teaching assistants and the children. Each class had an inspirational idea which highlighted some good practice. At the end of the day, I met the teachers and we walked around all of the classes to share the good practice. This included informative working walls for maths and literacy, detailed class termly overviews, beautiful handwriting and informative staff notice boards. We all agreed to share this good practice, so all the children will benefit. We also have some development points, which we will work on over this term. It is important that we can self-reflect so that we can grow and continue to improve our school. In that sense we model to the children that we are all learning and want to be the best that we can be.

After a conversation with a parent this morning, we have agreed to extend the buddy system to include pre-school children who would benefit from having an older child to support them. Lunchtimes is an important social time and I would like all the children to have a positive experience. Our year 5 pupils were very keen to offer to help, I knew they would! I value your opinions and support; you can sometimes see things that we don't always pick up on. Working together and in partnership with each other is very important and it will enable us to go from strength to strength.

Thank you to all the parents that have joined in with the forums and SEN tea and talk session. I hope you found it useful and an improvement from the other forums that happened at the end of the school day. If you have any ideas for future forums or events, please let me know.

The school website has all the latest curriculum information for Spring, we have included the knowledge organisers, the curriculum drivers and the sequence of learning. We hope you find it useful and informative. I will also upload the power point from Mrs Westfield which she shared during the SEN tea and talk. This presentation explains the whole process from identifying a SEN need to the support which is available in school. Mrs Westfield is in school every Wednesday and she is very experienced, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to make contact with your school professional.

I have some very sad news to share, Lynne Bazeley passed away suddenly on the 27th December. Mrs Bazeley used to be the head teacher at Grampound Road school and she led the school for many years. Although I did not know her myself, Mrs Warne and Mrs Wright did work with Lynne and they have many happy memories which they shared with us this week. As a mark of respect to all the years of service which she gave to our school, I will be attending the funeral with Mrs Warne next Friday morning. Our thoughts are with her friends and family.

I hope everyone enjoys the weekend and can appreciate time with their loved ones.

Pendeen

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the writing forum on Monday. In the forum we talked about the Early Learning Goals for children to achieve by the time they leave reception and how we support children to achieve this through daily writing in class. If you were unable to attend then you can find the PowerPoint on Class Dojo.

This week in Pendeen we have started our topic of 'Starry Night'. We have talked about what happens when we go to bed. We went on a hunt around the hall, in the dark with torches, to look for nocturnal animals (pictures). The children have enjoyed an episode of The Magic Roundabout in drawing club this week and in maths we have been looking at one more and one less.

Have a lovely weekend Mrs. Wilton



Trevose

We have had a lovely first week back in Trevose class! We have been getting settled into the new term and I have been so impressed with everyone's focus and resilience this week. We have been reading 'Katie in London' in literacy and have been thinking about who we would like to write a version of the story for. We enjoyed playing a game of I-spy to see what London landmarks we could identify in the story. We have also been thinking about the different seasons as part of our science learning. We went outside to observe the weather and plants and animals and discussed what season we thought it was and why. It was lovely to see parents on Tuesday afternoon for the writing forum, I hope you enjoyed seeing some of our learning before the forum.

Well done for a great week, Trevose



Tater Du

Tater Du have settled in really well this week and have been working hard.

In Maths, we are working on a new unit of multiplication and division and in literacy we have been exploring a senses poem based on a book called *The Rhythm of the Rain* by Grahame Baker-Smith. We will be writing our own senses poem soon.

In guided reading, we have begun a new book called *Krindlekrax* by Philip Ridley and in RE we explored the 5 pillars of Islam and their meaning for Muslims.

We had a great time in science yesterday too, classifying matter as either solid liquid or gas. We investigated some different products while we decided what they could be classified as. The children really enjoyed this, although their first thought was to eat the food stuff (honey and jelly)!



Wolf Rock

This week in guided reading, Wolf Rock have begun delving deeper into their class read, *Listen to the Moon*, by Michael Morpurgo. This book is set on the Scilly Isles during World War 1 and already the children are gripped. In literacy, the children have begun a poetry unit based on David Guetta's *Titanium* video, which again, they are all very enthusiastic about – we even managed to use this song in our warm-up in last week's dance lessons with Miss Katie!

In science, the children have begun learning about mammalian life cycles and comparing and contrasting them with other classifications of creatures. This links very nicely with our geography unit about farming, where children have learnt about the different land uses in the UK. They have recognised how important food chains are in the process of farming and how slight differences can have catastrophic impacts on creatures; their habitats; and the production of crops.

As mentioned, Miss Katie is leading the PE this half-term, and the children are working hard on an interpretation of 'When I grow up' from Roald Dahl's *Matilda*. The progress they made in 45 minutes during the first lesson is staggering!



THE GOOD SAMARITAN



Our Good Samaritan awards this week go to

Pendeen Class– Alice for looking after others.

Trevose Class– Grace for always helping the children and staff in the class.

Tater Du Class- Lucas and Blake for helping the whole class without being asked.

Wolf Rock Class – Lilly-Grace for helping others with spellings during writing tasks.

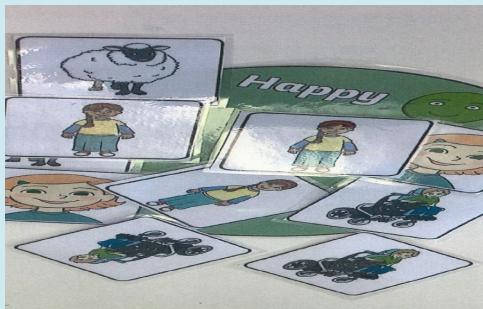
NURTURE GROUP

We had our first week of nurture and both groups were pleased to see each other with lots of conversation. In the younger group we started to recognise some of our emotions and the characteristics of these and how our body feels when we feel angry, sad or happy. We played a fun game to help them recognise this.



In the older group we set our targets for what we feel would help us with any barriers that we might have to our learning. Individually, they recognised what would help them, with some discussion and input from myself and the teacher with any social and emotional barriers in the classroom.

Thankyou for a lovely week and have a lovely weekend. Miss Theobald



Dates for your diary

February

Thursday 1st—X Country (years 4,5,6) Year 3 FUN run @ The Roseland

Friday 2nd-FOG's Disco (Sparkle) times TBC

Monday 19th-Class photos and Year 6 leavers photographs

February Half term 12th February

March

Tuesday 5th-St Pirans Day

Thursday 7th— World Book Day

Week commencing 11th—British Science Week

Friday 15th— Comic relief non school uniform day

Wednesday 20th—Parents evening

Thursday 21st— Parents Evening

Friday 22nd—Funfest at The Roseland

Easter Half term Friday 29th March return to school Monday 15th April

May

Wednesday 1st— Benchball @ The Roseland

6th May Bank Holiday

Thursday 16th—Sports Day

Tuesday 21st— World Diversity Day

Thursday 23rd— Reserve sports day

May half term—27th May

June

Tuesday 11th June and Tuesday 18th June—Global Surfing (Wolf Rocks Class)

July

Monday 8th—Reports

Wednesday 10th—Athletics Yrs 4,5,6 @ The Roseland

Wednesday 17th-Friday 19th July KS2 Porthpean residential

Summer holidays begin Friday 19th July

Return to school Wednesday 4th September 2024

INSET DAYS

22nd, 23rd, 24th July 2024

SAT'S 2024 WEEK

COMMENCING 13th—16th May 2024

Multiplication check Year 4 is Monday 3rd June



STARS OF THE WEEK

Class Name	Star of the week	Values Resilience	Whole Class
P E N D E E N	Izzy for working really hard in all her lessons this week. Super effort!	Arthur for showing resilience in his learning this week. Well done!	Class award for such good work on your hunt for nocturnal animals. Super!
T R E V O S E	Freya for your brilliant attitude to learning and presentation of your work. Well done!	Arya for being resilient in your learning. Fantastic effort!	Class award for your great teamwork in PE. Well done everyone!
T A T E R D U	Harrison because he is always so positive in both learning And helping. Lovely to see!	Aria for working hard on her reading this week. Great effort!	Class award for your hard work in PE and Science. Brilliant!
W O L F R O C K	Betty for your improved attitude towards school life. Fantastic!	Dylan for showing determination and resilience in Fresh Start. Great work!	Class award for embracing resilience and identifying why it is so important in your lives. Well done!

SPRING TERM CLUBS

These start week commencing 15th January and end week beginning Monday 18th March 2024.

KS1 YOGA Monday Miss Wilton

KS2 Netball Tuesday Mrs Maker (now full)

KS1 Drawing Tuesday Mrs Prins

KS2 Teck Deck Thursday Mr Hollebon

KS2 Running Thursday (Mrs Wilson and Mrs Wicks)

Miss Katie Dance on Thursday—contact Miss Katie on 07788653977

Library, choir and recorder club will be running during lunchtime—no need to sign up
this is organised in school for those wanting to attend.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO EVERYONE THAT CELEBRATES THEIR BIRTHDAY IN

JANUARY

Pendeen—Mikalea

Tater Du—Freddie, Lilly J and Macey

Trevose— Nalani and Lizzie

Wolf Rock— Hugo



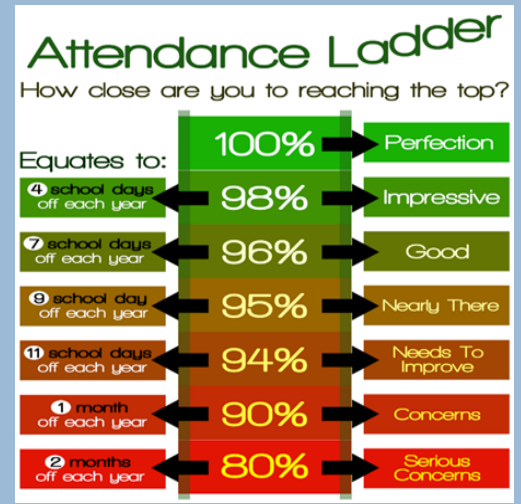
ATTENDANCE

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

Pendeen: 94.7% Trevose: 96.6 % Tater Du: 100 % Wolfrock: 100%

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 for office staff is 12.30—1pm)



Outside these hours, please leave a message on the answer machine or email

grd-secretary@Rainbowacademy.org.uk. 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**

Collection at home time

Any children not collected on time will go to the school office after 5 minutes at pick up and wait to be collected. Parents/Carers will need to go to the office to collect them from there and sign the Late Pick Up Register.

Eg. Trevose pick up time is 3.10pm if not collected by then they will be in the office from 3.15pm.

If your child is not collected by 3.30pm they will then go to the wraparound club. A fee will be charged via ParentPay for late pick up to cover staffing costs.

Thank you.

Drop off and pick up times

Meet and greet at the gate at 8.45am

Once the gate is closed at 8.55am children must be signed in at the office by the adult (unless they walk to school then the pupil will sign in the book)

3.10pm Pendeen collected from pedestrian gate.

3.10pm Trevose collected from pedestrian gate.

3.15pm Tater Du and Wolfrock collected from pedestrian gate.

School uniform must be worn at all times.