

Together with Love, we can Inspire, Discover and Thrive

MESSAGE FROM MISS KENNEDY

12th February 2021

We made it! Half term is upon us, and I would like to say a massive thank you to the parents and carers who have done a monumental job supporting the children at home with remote learning. You have learnt to use class DOJO, upload work, log into Google meets and tackled more Maths than you ever thought you would need to know! It is surprising how challenging the Maths can be at primary school! I take my hat off to you all, well done! I would also like to thank all the staff at school who have also learnt many new systems and processes to enable the remote learning. You have all put 100% effort in and I am so privileged to work with you. It has been one of the most exhausting half terms we have ever experienced, but also one of the most rewarding. We missed all the children who are learning remotely so much that this week we set up the Google Meet sessions, the teachers told me that (once they had sorted all the snagging problems) the meetings were enjoyable, and it was wonderful to enable all the children to see and speak to one another again before we break up. The children in school have continued to flourish and it is an honour to be in their company each day. You have raised some truly amazing children and they bring us joy and happiness.

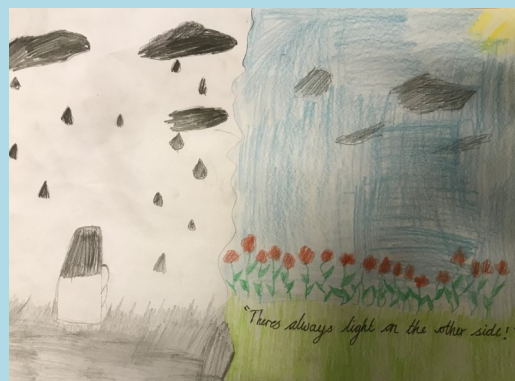
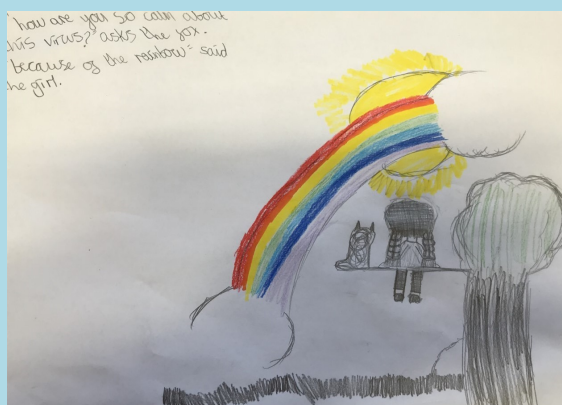
I hope everyone has a well-earned rest over half term because when we return, we will have a big focus on reading, writing and maths. As a school our top priority for all pupils is their wellbeing, if a child's basic needs are not met, we can't expect them to thrive academically, so we will continue with our nurture and forest school sessions. We are fortunate in having talented teaching assistants who lead this provision. Mr Jory goes beyond to support the children, often staying late preparing learning for the next day and thinking of ideas for the forest school sessions. Miss Bulley and Mrs Tapson run the nurture group and again, their commitment and motivation is an inspiration to all of us.

I hope the weather improves and the temperature goes beyond freezing so we can enjoy our daily exercise.

Take care, keep safe and we will see you all again very soon.



Thought
of the
week

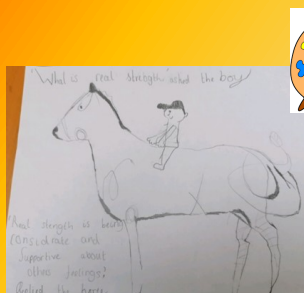


Happy 11th
birthday Joshua

Class News

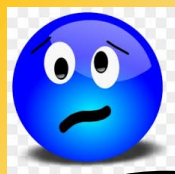
Wolf Rock

As the third half term comes to a close, it is a perfect time to reflect on everything we have covered so far and the new experiences we have enjoyed. Playing the role of detective to investigate primary and secondary sources and work out who was responsible for the Titanic sinking was enjoyed by many people as was creating our own Charlie Mackesy inspired art and learning Spanish. I am really looking to next half term where we will be studying Ancient Egypt and the wonderful opportunities this will bring. I am sure Mummification, Egyptian art and the significance of the River Nile will cause much curious inquisitiveness for all. I would like to thank you, once more, for all of your hard work this term and wish you all a relaxing holiday.



Martha's and Ellie's
art.

Oscar has created his
Glastonbury den.



JOKE OF THE WEEK

Why did the teddy bear say no to the pudding?

Because he was stuffed!!!!



Happy 8th
birthday Oliwia

Tater Du

Happy 9th
birthday Jake

We have had a very busy week finishing off our "Food Glorious Food" project by completing our Charlie and the Chocolate Factory book and associated Literacy activities. The Year 3s have been learning all about pictograms, bar charts and interpreting tables, and the Year 4s have been continuing with their Fractions work. We had a very interesting discussion in ICT related to our work during Internet Safety Day. I would really like to encourage you to look at the videos and PowerPoints that have been put up on Class Dojo and School Dojo this week. It was also SO brilliant to see lots of familiar faces and a few gorgeous pets in our Google Meet on Thursday. We'll do another one after the break. Today is a very different sort of day as I'm surrounded by dens and very excitable children! No Screen Day has definitely inspired their creativity and imagination! Maybe they could try some of the activities during half term.



Mrs Warne is going to temporarily support Trevoise Class after half term with her incredible Read, Write Inc teaching so we thank her for all her work in our classroom, particularly this term. Trevoise are lucky to have you and you will be greatly missed by everyone in our classroom, but we hope to see you back in KS2 soon.

Have a brilliant week off and thank you for your ongoing support this half term. 😊



Happy 6th

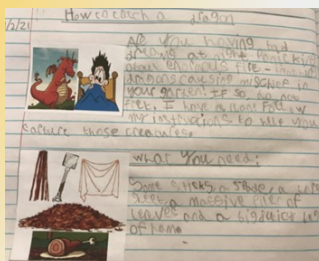
birthday Harrison

Class News **Trevose**

This week have been busy writing our own instructions to catch some sneaky pirates and then some fearless dragons! We have worked hard to include lots of bossy verbs, and I have been so impressed with everyone's writing, it is lovely to see the children's hard work. We had our first Google Meet on Wednesday and it was so lovely to see everyone that joined in. We miss you all so much, so a catch up was just what we all needed! It was great to hear about everything that everyone has been doing whilst at home. We have enjoyed a screen-free Friday getting creative and working together. Take a look at some of our work this week! Well done for a fantastic half-term, Trevose. I have been impressed by your perseverance with your learning both in school and at home, you should all be very proud of yourselves! Have a fantastic half-term! Miss Eastham x



Thomas helping out at home on screen-free Friday!



Lilly's brilliant Instructions for how to catch a dragon



Miles out on his scooter!

Macey drew a family portrait



Annabel's description of what animals she saw on her walk



Pendeen

This week Pendeen class have been having lots of fun finishing our food topic. On Wednesday we made our 'Little Red Hen' bread rolls. The children really enjoyed both making and eating the rolls. In literacy the children have been writing the story of 'The Little Red Hen'. We also looked and talked about where some foods come from. In maths this week we have been recapping some of the work that we have been learning in maths this term. The children in school have enjoyed having a little extra PE this week as we have been lucky enough to have Mr Webb come in for a couple of days. We have all had a lovely end to the week with Screen Free Friday, the children have had fun making puzzles, drawing family portraits and have enjoyed a disco. We hope that you have a lovely half term.

Mrs Wilton, Miss Kennedy and Miss Buckley



A MESSAGE FROM MR JORY

Hello everyone. Firstly, I must apologise to Miss Warne who has joined me in the Forest School team. Rumour is rife that she is very creative, which will negate my lack of the same 😊.

Last week, we attempted to recognise species of trees located within the field, and playground, by comparing the bark and buds on a tree against a picture. We are confident that we have Sycamore, Ash, Beech and Hornbeam within our grounds. Furthermore, there was a possible match with Field Maple but, to be fair, this matching process was quite difficult and there were a number of buds that we did not have a picture of. On a damp day, full credit to everyone as making notes on a soggy piece of paper isn't that easy!!

Jess kindly brought in a garden bird recognition sheet, however all was very quiet on the 'chirping' front. There will, of course, be many further opportunities for recognising birds as we approach spring. All the best.

Miss Warne & Mr Jory.



Mr Salway took a photograph

'Surviving the blizzards of

Winter 2021

Weather



Wow, that was a cold week - the longest period of cold weather that I can remember in quite a while. Unfortunately, however, we had little of the white stuff that would have made it a lot more 'magical'.

Over the weekend it's going to become milder and, as normal, with the milder air comes rain with south westerly winds. Consequently, half-term week will have some rain at times. At the end of half term week (as things stand) there appear to be two options:

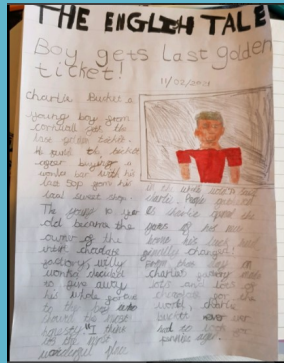
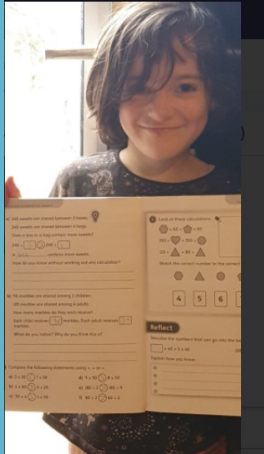
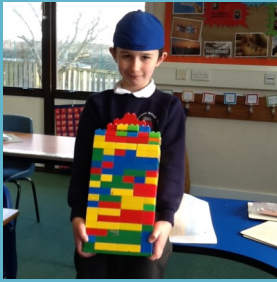
-20% chance that winds become more south easterly/easterly with it turning colder again.

- 80% chance that high pressure builds over the country and it becomes more pleasant.

w/c 22nd - low confidence and I am assuming that the 80% option will happen above. High pressure, pleasant weather initially - perhaps becoming colder as week progresses.

GALLERY PAGE

Some great work done by Fynley, Amber, Carter, Zach, and Jake



Mrs Mills Message
This month I'm taking a part in "2800 squats challenge for Teenage Cancer Trust" so I start my day with 100 squats.
We live in a difficult time, and we all have to support each other as good as we can. Stay safe
Mrs Mills



Macey and Zach enjoyed a disco as part of Screen-free Friday!

Grace and Ruby had a bake off!

Miles built a den with his little sister!



We would like to
welcome Mr Webb back
into school and to see the
children all
enjoying their PE
lessons





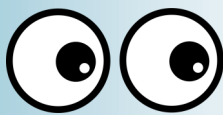
Sonic heading in for a feed last night!



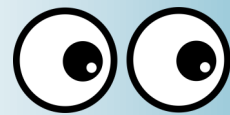
He lives in Mr. Salway's
 Garden.



Pendeen Class enjoying their disco. They are having a fabulous time!



Pendeen enjoying
 Free-screen Friday!



On Wednesday we went out to see if we could find any ice as it was really cold. We went in to one of the water trays and found it completely iced over with all the water toys stuck in the ice. The children had lots of fun exploring the ice and trying to rescue the toys out of it. Miss Gemma Warne



YOUNGMINDS

Are you worried about your child's wellbeing?

Are they feeling low, isolated, unmotivated? Maybe anxious or worried?

Young Minds are a charity who support the mental health of children and young people. They have created a useful 'Supporting Parents Help Finder' on their website.

Parents who are concerned about the mental health of their children can answer six simple questions online; with the outcomes you submit, parents can find out how to support their child's mental health through helpful tips, blogs and specific guides. Find the help finder here: <https://youngminds.org.uk/supporting-parents-helpfinder/>

Please also remember that support is available from school. You can contact
Grampound Road School on
01726 882646 who will be able to provide advice & guidance.

ATTENDANCE

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

Pendeen: 83.3 % Trevoze: 72.6 % Tater Du: 70.6 % Wolfrock: 83 %

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

Trevoze 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:



ALL PUPILS are to come to school in their PE Kits on the following dates.

Thursday 25th Friday 26th Thursday 4th March, Friday 5th March

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

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