

## *Together with Love, we can Inspire, Discover and Thrive*

14th May 2021

### MESSAGE FROM MISS KENNEDY

#### **Walking to school**

In June we will host a 'Walk to School Week.' we will encourage families to walk the whole distance to school or at least some of the distance to school. This hopefully will raise awareness, but we would like to build a culture of walking to school that lasts longer than one week. We do recognise the issues that parents are having with parking close to the school, but unfortunately it is not possible to have places for all the people that would like to drive almost door to door. We urge people to consider walking to school or at least part way to help alleviate the parking issues. We understand some parents are on route to work and have no choice but to drive to school, however we do offer a breakfast club facility that can be used. The children who use breakfast club can be dropped off from 7.45am and they will have a healthy breakfast in school. There is a fee for this that covers the staff wages and cost of the breakfast. Please contact the office if you are considering using our breakfast club.

I read a blog by 'Muddy days' and it gave 10 reasons why walking to school is a great idea:

#### **1) It's healthy**

Walking to school is a great form of exercise for you and your children. It reduces the risk of obesity and heart disease, improves mood and generally does wonders for your young adventurer's health.

#### **2) It's fun**

Walking to school is much more fun than driving. Your children will spot lots of interesting things on their way to school and will get more familiar with the neighbourhood. Plus, what better than some puddle splashing on a rainy day before a long day of classes?

#### **3) It's good for the planet**

Swapping driving for walking is a perfect way to reduce CO2 emissions. Walking to school even once or twice a week already makes a difference – good for you, good for the planet.

#### **4) It helps children learn**

Walking is great for mental health. It reduces stress and helps your little explorers start the day with a calm mind. If you think your children spend too much time in front of a screen, walking to school is a fantastic idea as it means being technology free at least for a little while. Plus, physical activity helps your children learn and boosts their performance in class. After a good walk, they will arrive to school refreshed and happy.

#### **5) Family time**

Some quality time spent with your children on the way to school is a great start to the day. Taking a walk with them in the morning will help you focus only on them and help you feel closer as a family.

#### **6) No more getting stuck in traffic**

Nothing is more stressful than getting stuck in traffic, especially when you are in a rush in the morning. Swap your car for a pair of comfortable shoes and enjoy your morning walk as a family.

### 7) No more hunting for a parking space

No more driving means no more hunting for a parking space – what a relief! A big part of the morning rush hour traffic is caused by the school run.

### 8) It's for everyone

It is never too early or too late to start walking to school. It is also for everyone – no special or expensive equipment is needed. A pair of comfortable shoes and a [waterproof jacket](#) and [wellies](#) in case of sudden rain will be enough.

### 9) It's character-building

Walking to school makes your children feel more independent and in control. It teaches them basic navigation skills and helps them feel more confident. Before allowing your children to walk to school on their own, make sure they are ready and have all the required road safety skills.

### 10) It's good for your wallet

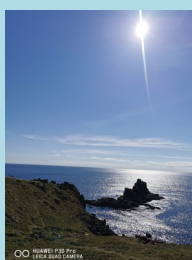
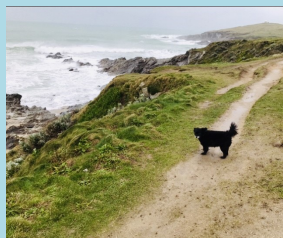
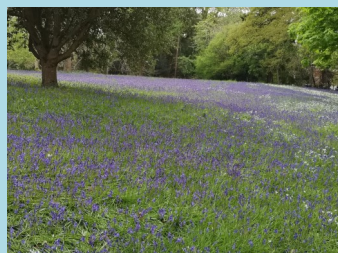
Driving less is a great way to save money on petrol – up to £300 a year! Another good reason to start walking to school.

**Have a wonderful weekend,  
My goal is to walk from Crantock to Holywell beach come rain or shine!  
Miss Kennedy**

**A quote from a little girl in reception class—'I like walking to school with my mummy because she cuddles me'.**

We hope looking at some of the walks the staff go on at weekend will inspire you to get your walking boots on.

### STAFF NEWS





Happy birthday to Hayley who will be 11 and Sarah who will be 10 on the same day 13th May

Wolf Rock



Wolf Rock reached the final part of the Race for Space journey this week and watched what happened when Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins reached the moon. On Tuesday afternoon, we wrote a newspaper report explaining what had happened, why the moon landings were such a monumental achievement and also the impact it had on the Russians. Rockers have also finished writing their story about losing and finding this week and should be really proud of their efforts. In Science, we have looked at the positioning of the planets within the Solar System and identified the whereabouts of the five dwarf planets, including Pluto. It has been great fun watching the children design their 3D models in ICT this week - look out for some finished models which will be in the newsletter next week. Thank you to Mr Jory and Miss Mills for all of your hard work supporting Wolf Rock this week. Hope you all have a brilliant weekend.



**Wolf Rock pupils have calculated the mean score of four songs selected by a staff member. Mr Salway is up this week and his choices were: No Geography by Chemical Brothers, Under Pressure by Queen and David Bowie Mr Brightside by The Killers Best of You by the Foo Fighters**  
**Leaderboard: Mr Salway 25.4, Miss Wilton 22.5, Mrs Godwin 22.3**

Happy birthday to Amber who will be 8 on the 18th May.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** I saw a lion and a witch carrying a wardrobe into a house. I asked. 'What are you doing?' 'Narnia business!' they replied.

## Tater Du

We have started looking at non-chronological reports in Literacy this week, and we have learnt about Snow Leopards, alligators and crocodiles. We also added to our PowerPoint and Google Slide presentations. Everyone has been fabulous at remembering facts about the different animals, and we are "talking" our reports very successfully with each other. We carried on with our learning about money and time, and I have been exceptionally impressed with everyone putting lots of effort into learning their 6 x table and related division facts this week. In PE, we have been practising overhead, javelin and discus throwing and we are going to learn more throws next week including the shot put! It has been wonderful listening to everyone take part in reading Fantastic Mr Fox and we also looked at Alfred, Lord Tennyson's poem about The Eagle this week. We are enjoying listening to The Sheep-pig at the end of the day although it makes me miss my old dog tremendously. Please can you ensure that your child is wearing the proper PE kit on Thursdays? I understand that some children want to wear different outfits for Dance Club at the end of the day and I am happy for them to change into them, but they need the appropriate uniform for PE lessons. This includes a blue polo shirt, black or blue shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms and trainers. **Sweatshirts should also be Grampound Road School sweatshirts. Thank you for your cooperation. Have a great weekend. ☺**



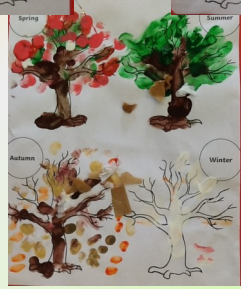




**We have loved learning more about our topic this half-term!**

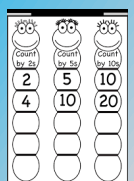
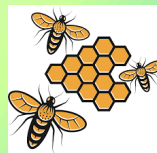
On Monday, we used different materials and techniques to create 'Spring trees'. Have a look at some of our wonderful pictures. In Geography, we have also been learning about the equator and the countries that are near and far from it.

We have been exploring symbolic reasoning in Literacy this week and writing diary entries using a video about a boy who had lost his kite. Here are some examples of our diary entries! On Tuesday we had a little visitor to our classroom, a small blackbird, which caused a flurry of excitement! Luckily Mrs. Tapson came to the rescue and helped the little bird back outside. Well done for a good week everyone!



## Pendeen

It has been a lovely week in Pendeen class. We have been learning a new story in literacy, 'The Bad Tempered Ladybird' by Eric Carle. The children have started learning to count in twos, fives and tens in our maths work this week. We had lots of fun learning balancing skills in our PE on the field this week with Mr Webb and enjoyed our dance lesson with Miss Katie. In our topic work this week, we have looked at bees and how they make honey. The children got to spread some honey on toast for a sweet treat.





## A MESSAGE FROM MR JORY

### Forest School

KS1 - last Friday a group of Trevoise year two's enjoyed some 'freedom' outside of the classroom. Again, we looked at the progression of buds to blossom & leaves. Furthermore, we discussed words associated with Spring, and the children showed great memory recall from their classroom learning suggesting words such as flowering, sprouting and blooming.



On Friday afternoon, with assistance from Miss Warne, the KS2 group finished the beds made from cut down willow. As you may have seen, we have planted sunflowers (supported by stakes) in these beds. They have had a baptism of fire with the weather so far. Thankfully, they are still upright, however some of the leaves appear a bit chewed. We are all playing a learning game here, so let's see how they progress - we have reserves if required!!

Mr Jory



### Weather report

On the weather front, I asked Ollie from Pendeen during breakfast club whether it will be dry, wet, warm or cold and he advised "all of them including a Rainbow 😊".

Let's see...certainly no sign of high pressure and warmth yet.



Each week the teacher will choose a Star of The Week, Values Person and Whole class achievement



# STARS OF THE WEEK



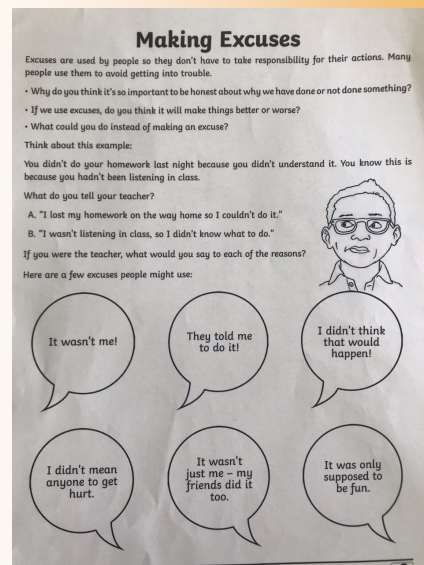
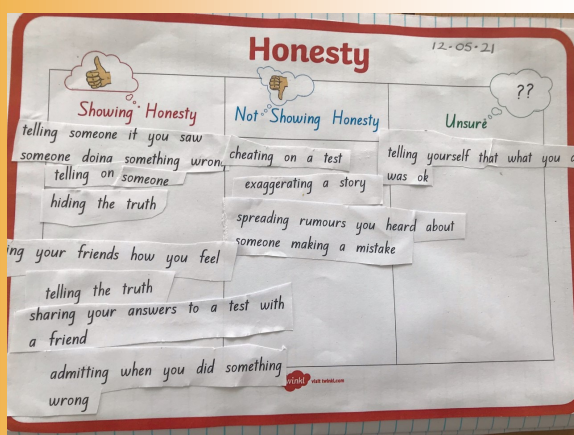
| Class Name                           | Star of the week   | Values<br>Forgiveness  | Whole Class  |
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| P<br>E<br>N<br>D<br>E<br>E<br>N      | Chace<br>For doing some<br>amazing<br>work in maths<br>this week.<br>Well done!  | Maddie<br>For being a good<br>friend and being<br>able to forgive and<br>forget when needed.<br>Lovely!                            | To all of Pendeen<br>for always being<br>respectful to adults<br>and children in school.<br>Thank you!                 |
| T<br>R<br>E<br>V<br>O<br>S<br>E      | Thomas KJ<br>For showing<br>confidence and<br>resilience in your<br>learning and<br>getting stuck in<br>with everything<br>that you do!<br>Fantastic!                              | Edith<br>for an excellent<br>attitude to learning and<br>for showing patience to<br>others when sharing<br>her work!<br>Well done! | To everyone in Trevose<br>for applying<br>our learning to<br>different challenges that<br>we are set.<br>Great effort! |
| T<br>A<br>T<br>E<br>R<br><br>D<br>U  | Noah P<br>For his<br>TT Rockstars<br>scores this week.<br>Fantastic!   | Jake<br>For forgiving a friend<br>when they made a<br>Mistake this week.<br>Well done!   | To all of Tater Du<br>for their amazing<br>participation when<br>learning the 6x table this<br>week.<br>Great effort!  |
| W<br>O<br>L<br>F<br>R<br>O<br>C<br>K | Darcey<br>For your attitude<br>towards learning is<br>very good and I can<br>see you are trying<br>so hard to under-<br>stand some tricky<br>concepts, particu-<br>larly in Maths. | Charlie<br>For forgiving<br>another child during a<br>fall out.  | To everyone<br>for completing<br>your stories.<br>I cannot wait to read<br>these over the weekend.<br>Thank you        |



# Bumble Bees



Hello everyone,  
This week has been a busy one for the Bumble Bees.  
I'm sure the children will all agree with us, that they have really enjoyed the theme this week, honesty.  
We have talked greatly about the importance of honesty, and telling the truth.  
We have explored difficult scenarios and how sometimes how we can get mixed up and our honesty is put to the test!  
The group loved the game 'Truth' or 'lie' which involved telling a story about yourself to the group...  
I am pleased to report, that we have some truly honest and humble children in our group.  
Everyone agreed that lying was tricky and uncomfortable. 😊  
Have a wonderful weekend, see you all next week.  
Best wishes,  
Mrs Bulley & Mrs Tapson



## NURSERY PLACES AT GRAMPOUND ROAD SCHOOL

Any parents of children who will be aged 3 plus in September 2021, please

contact Mrs Wright

via

[grampondroad.secretary@celticcross.education](mailto:grampondroad.secretary@celticcross.education)

01726 882646 for further

information on our Nursery provision.

Places are limited so please contact us as soon as possible. Thank you



## Children's Hospice South West's Rainbow run

We are aiming to raise £30,000 for each of our 3 hospices from this event as a part of our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations, therefore your support is invaluable to us and the families we are currently providing vital care for at Little Harbour in St Austell.



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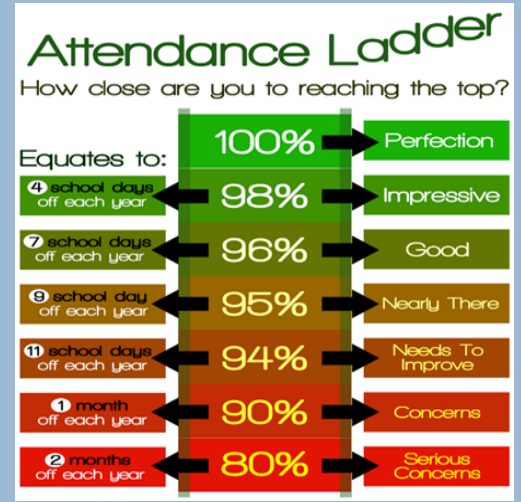
## ATTENDANCE

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

Pendeen: 91.6 % Trevose: 98.3 % Tater Du: 95.2 % Wolfrock: 98.3 %

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**

**PHOTOS—18TH MAY**

**FIVE DAY WALKING**

**CHALLENGE—LIVING STREETS  
TBC IN JUNE.**

**SCHOOL FUN RUN—TBC**

**Half term holidays**

**31st May-4th June**

**INSET DAY FRIDAY 11th JUNE**

**SCHOOL IS CLOSED**

**Please can we remind parents/carers of the following**

**information: As from 19th April (New times) see below**

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

Pendeen 8.45am—3.15 pm

Trevose 8.40am - 3.10pm

Tater Du 8.35am - 3.05pm

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**