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St Petroc's Post

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Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week seems to have flown by with alarming speed. We are fast approaching Half Term and the children are absolutely awesome. They are bursting with energy and fully engaged with all of the topics going on in their classrooms. I have been very impressed with the enthusiasm over the missing Mrs Rees, at the hands of the naughty pirate 'Captain Redbeard'. There are clues as to her whereabouts throughout the school and the Reception Class have been on the hunt! This followed on nicely from the excellent 'Pirates Love Underpants' Book Event at Budehaven Community School. The Reception Class and the Dolphins preschoolers looked fantastic wearing their bandanas, eye patches and neck scarves, and loved taking part in the story-based adventure activity.

As the week progressed, we had some wonderful sporting fixtures for Key Stage 2. The girls enjoyed some excellent football sessions with Shebbear College, while the U11 boys made their way to the South West ISA 5-a-side tournament at St Joseph's. They all had lots of fun and made the most of those opportunities. Special mentions to some of the younger children that were selected to take part and who have been doing so well. Their match reports were read out brilliantly in assembly this morning. Next week, the younger children in Key Stage 1 will be having some mixed Mini Football sessions with Shebbear College, plus we have a group heading to Mount Kelly for their much anticipated Hockey fixture. This is part of our preparations for life in Key Stage 2 and it is testament to their potential that we are able to embrace fixtures for our youngest children now. They are always played in a fun and friendly way but with elements of competitiveness that are managed very well. Those experiences bring so much back into the classroom and I am incredibly proud of them and the way we can trust them to represent the school on the sports field. I am already looking forward to the fixtures we have in the Summer Term.

I have challenged the children to be more resilient this week. They are going to use 'the 4Bs' to help them solve problems and better organise themselves independently. I hope they can remember what they are when they are stuck, stressed or under pressure within a task. This follows on with this half term's theme of perseverance. This morning, we watched one of my favourite speeches, from Admiral William H. McRaven, telling the children to start their day by 'Making your Bed'. Please do take a look if you get a chance or ask the children about it. Last but not least, I wish the very best of luck to our Youth Speaks team, who represent us at the North Devon and Bude Area Final in Barnstaple tomorrow, having won the local competition last week. Have a great weekend everyone.

Ben Hilton
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Diary Dates

Wednesday 12th February
• Y1-4 Mixed Mini-Football v Shebbear College (H)

Thursday 13th February
• 2pm Y2-4 Hockey Coaching Fixture v Mount Kelly Prep (A)

• 4pm Reception & Year 1 Multiskills Event at Budehaven School

Friday 14th February
• Year 1 & 2 Class Assembly

• Break for Half Term (No Stay & Play)

Monday 24th February
• Term resumes

Friday 6th March
• Friends of St Petroc's Quiz Night

100 Club Winners

1st Prize
Cooper S

2nd Prize
Mrs Cole

3rd Prize
Mr Hilton

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FRIDAY 7th FEBRUARY

st. Petroc's school

@7.30 PM / eyes down 8pm sharp

40 Ocean View Road, bude, EX23 8NJ

£5 ENTRY

LICENSED BAR

all welcome

includes first game, halftime snacks and dabber

additional game cards £1.50 each/ £10 for all 10 games

CASH, CARD AND MOBILE DEVICE PAYMENTS ACCEPTED

Great prizes for first to a line and full house

including gift vouchers for Rob McPaddling, Tamar lakes,

Allure beauty, lappa valley, circus funtasia, urchins cafe, zach's ice lollies,

beau nidol, lifton farm shop and many more!

Little Turtles

Dough-re-mi

This week, the Little Turtles have been helping to make some play dough, exploring its texture and making marks using forks and textured rolling pins. We have also been working on our physical development, using the soft blocks to climb on. It was especially fun when we pretended they were motor bikes to ride on! Throughout the week the children have also treated us to the sound of music, using a range of musical instruments in the circus tent to practice being budding musicians. What a busy, varied week!

Sea Lions

Tunnel vision

The Sea Lions have taken full advantage of the glorious winter sunshine this week. We used our counting skills to play hide and seek, shouting out 'ready or not!' to warn each other we were searching. Some of us practised our mark making, using different coloured chalk on the ground, while others manoeuvred our way through the wicker tunnel, using lots of different movements such as crouching and crawling.

Dolphins

Pirates and portraits

On Monday, some of the Dolphins were lucky enough to take part in a special themed obstacle course at Budehaven Community School. The children re-enacted the story 'Pirates Love Underpants', by Claire Freedman and Ben Cort. They demonstrated good listening and physical skills, jumping, crawling, balancing and running, all being careful not to bump in to each other.

Aurla: "Help them, share with them, cuddle them."

The children have been busy creating self-portraits, looking in mirrors and talking about positive self-image. The children were asked what they like about themselves and their answers included their hair, their eyes, their lips, their glasses and their moles! We have also read a variety of story books, while the Dolphins demonstrated good listening skills, including 'One Winter's Day', 'The Selfish Crocodile' and 'The Smartest Giant in Town'. Why not ask the Dolphins what they recall from their favourite one?

During Circle Time, the Dolphins chatted about how to be a good friend. Some of the children spoke about what they do to make their friends happy.

Daisy: "Play together with Coco. Give them a cuddle."

Huxley: "Give them high fives and fist bumps".

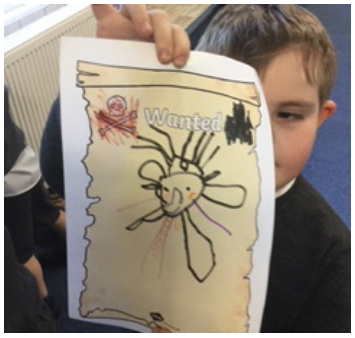
Benjamin: "By listening to them and giving them a toy."

Daniela, "Saying nice words and hugging them".

Reception

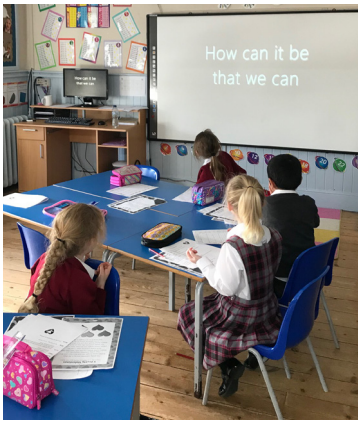
A chocolatey haul

After our successful and exciting trip to Budehaven at the beginning of the week, to take part in the 'Pirates Love Underpants' event, the children have continued to be excited by the theme of pirates. We have built a giant pirate ship and made treasure maps. Unfortunately, the pirate 'Redbeard' captured Mrs Rees on Thursday so we made 'wanted' posters and wrote notes to the school, to let them know what had happened.



Luckily Mrs Rees escaped with a treasure map and we followed the map to find the pirate treasure. The children were very excited to find out the treasure was chocolate so, after we used the treasure to do some estimating, counting and sharing, we enjoyed eating our haul!

Years 1 & 2



On the ball

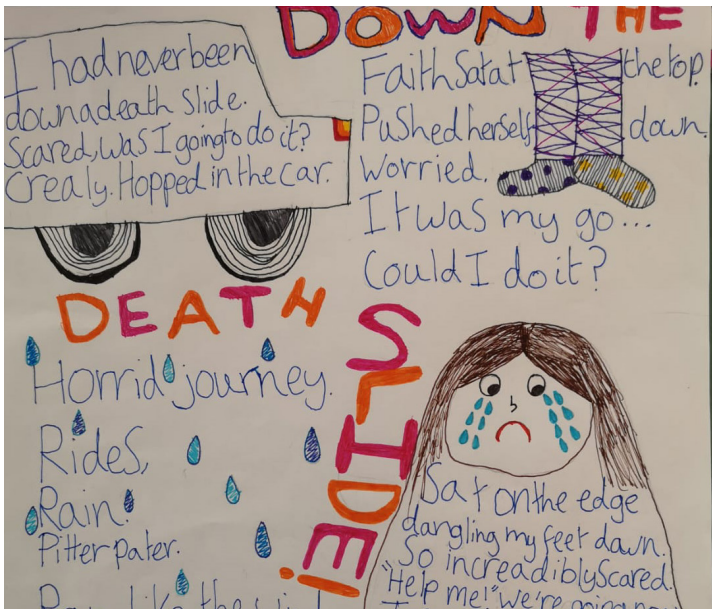
In P.E this week, Years 1 and 2 put their reflexes to the test and practised their skills of invasion, as they took part in a Bee Netball taster lesson. The pupils had lots of fun participating in the focussed and progressive activities. They enjoyed picking up little hints about the game, such as the 4 second rule, standing still with the ball and making a 'W' with their hands when using a chest pass. The pupils have also thrown themselves into preparing for our forthcoming Class Assembly. Alongside our normal lessons, the children have been learning two songs, a poem and producing some secret writing. Mrs Wood is particularly impressed with the enthusiasm, excitement and commitment all the children are showing; well done!

Years 3 & 4

Recycling Egyptians!

'Tut' as we now call him (that's Tutankhamun to you) has had a spring clean from Years 3 and 4! The children are continuing with the Egyptian theme within their studies and were very pleased when Mr Hilton reminded them that a previous Year 3 had made a Tutankhamun death mask. The pupils have resurrected him and have done a super job of sprucing him up to use in the display we're working on!

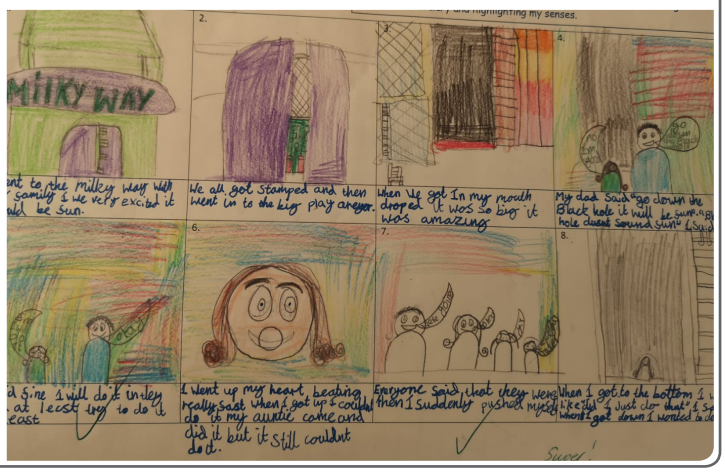
Year 5



They then copied out their highlighted words and arranged them into stanzas, to create their free verse poem. Finally, in week 3, they completed the final re-drafting of their poems, before presenting them in the style of Michael Rosen. The poems are excellent reads, full of excitement and drama. I think most people will have a memory that they can relate to. Come and have a read!

Poetic presentation

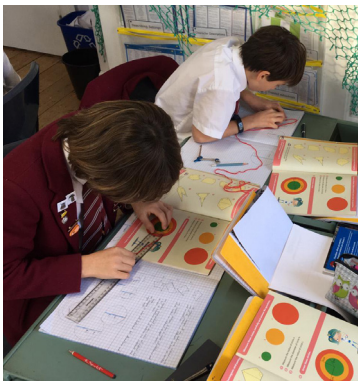
Year 5 completed their free verse poems this week and enjoyed presenting them in their choice of manner. The poems were the result of a 3 week project. In week 1, they remembered a real life experience that made them excited, worried or anxious. They took these ideas and planned, then wrote, a prose (narrative) based on their experience. In week 2 they highlighted key phrases and words that added lots of imagery and visualisation for the reader.

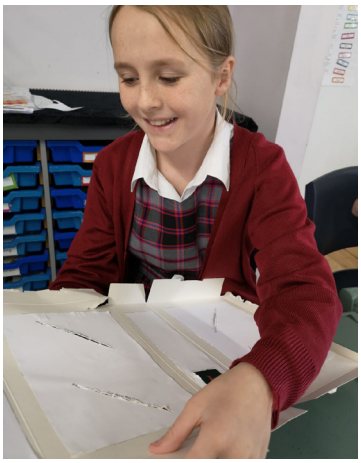


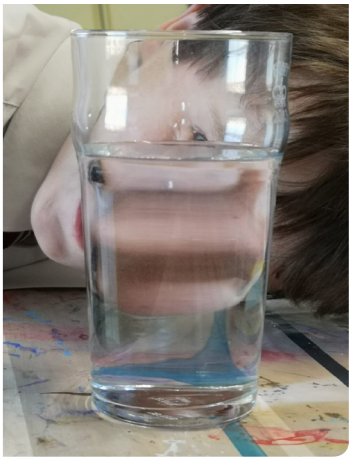
Year 6

Ray of light

Year 6 have been exploring and extending their knowledge of shape in Maths. They started by identifying and measuring irregular shapes and circles. They then moved onto the translation and rotation of shapes on a grid, plotting and reading coordinates as they went. In Art, the pupils have been using scratch art to explore their latest piece by artist Paul Klee. The general consensus amongst the group was that the painting represented woodland animals hidden within the trees at night. The children traced the image and started to etch away, revealing foxes, owls and many more creatures hiding in the darkness!







In Science, Year 6 have been experimenting with light. After learning that light can only travel in straight lines, we investigated how light can change direction. Firstly, we looked at refraction. As the light rays hit water, which is more dense than air, it causes the rays to slow down and the light changes direction. Some images become magnified through water and others completely disappear! Next, we looked at reflection. We discussed how rough and shiny surfaces scatter and reflect light, and looked deeply into the angles of incident and reflected rays. We then used this knowledge to make periscopes!

Stay and Play

Gouaches découpées

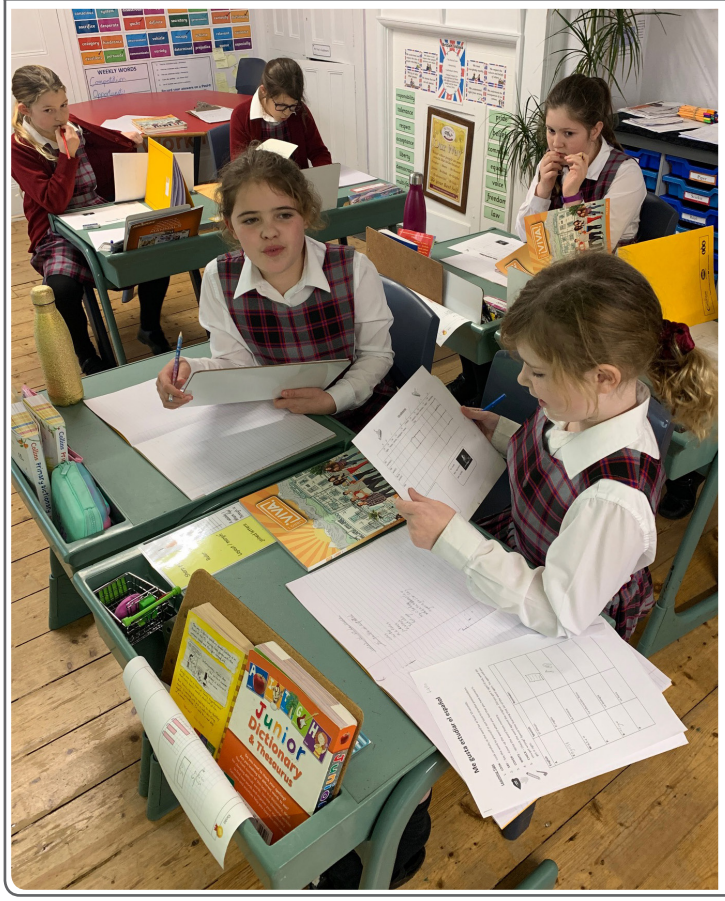
Henri Matisse's 'The Snail' was our inspiration in the Art session of Stay and Play this week. Towards the end of his career Matisse would get his students to tear paper, which he then used to create his pictures. His most famous collage is 'The Snail'. The children followed in his footsteps and no scissors were used as they tore pieces to create their own snail pictures.

Activities

Canal capers

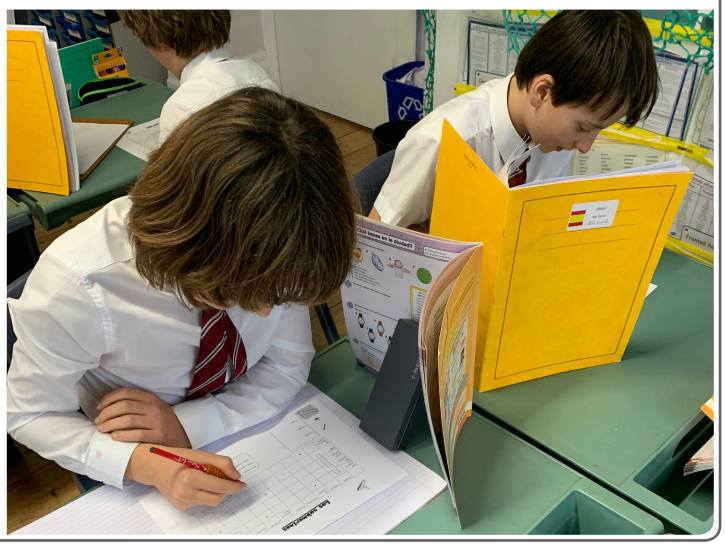
With the weather back on our side this week, our intrepid adventure sports group were back on the water in their Canadian Canoes. In two teams, the pupils completed an aquatic treasure hunt, solving clues and paddling their way to the answers. Both teams got all the clues but the winning team - Mr White's boat - were accused of being a little 'over resourceful' by asking a member of the public for help with one of their answers!

Modern Foreign Languages



¡Muy bien chicos!

Year 5 and 6 have been practicing their Spanish conversation with a game of Batalla Naval, or Battleships. The pupils had to create sentences using opinions and school subjects to search for their enemy's hidden pencils, rulers and rubbers. They got quite competitive, spoke plenty of Spanish and enjoyed a Spanish twist on a classic game!



Sport

ISA Football tournament at St Joseph's

Match report by Indigo

It started off well against Polwhele on Wednesday. All our hopes were up and we were easily getting up in their half. The only problem was that our defence was unoccupied and, every time we did get up, we could not score.

After that we had a rest but we had lost. This continued throughout our game against St Joseph's. Finally, against Trinity, Ben just knocked with his knee in the first half and we scored.

Our next game was against Kingsley. It was a very close game, with some amazing passes and the final score was 1-1.

We had a little break until we were against St Christopher's, which we won 1-4.

Finally, in our last game, we fought our hardest ever and were very close but Trinity's defence was solid. We had a brilliant time and were the smallest and youngest team.

Thank you to Mr Fox and Mrs Rees for taking us there; we really enjoyed it. And we particularly enjoyed the cookies!

Sport

Key Stage 2 Football Training Workshop

Also on Wednesday, we had a mixed St Petroc's and Shebbear Football workshop. A number of Key Stage 2 pupils from both schools joined together in the sunshine to enjoy a carousel of football activities, co-ordinated by Mr White on the St Petroc's field. From dribbling and passing, to team work and communication, the children had the opportunity to practise a number of skills key to the game, before bringing it all together in two friendly matches to finish off the afternoon. It was lovely to see all the children exploring and enjoying the sport and learning more about themselves and their abilities. A great afternoon of sport in the sun! Smiles all round!

The 100 Club

Join the 100 Club!

Each number costs £4 per month, with 50% of each month's donations supporting the work of the Friends of St Petroc's and the remaining 50% being the prize fund for that month's members.

Each month, three numbers are drawn at random and the lucky winners receive a share of the prize fund!

You could win one of three cash prizes every month!

Help raise valuable funds for the school and Early Years

Numbers currently available: 8 17 19 20 25 32 36 38 40 41 45 46 47 48 49 52 54 57 59 60 62 65 66 68 70 71 72 73 74 77 83 84 86 87 89 90 91 93 94 95 97 98

Contact Lindsay on mail@lindsayhazeldine.com for more details and to get the ball rolling with your 100 Club membership!

Lifeboat Junior Run 2020

Limited number of places remaining

This years Bude Lifeboat Run will take place on 10th June at Bude Rugby Club. The Junior (1 mile) race is for children aged 15 and under on race day, using a safe course that is traffic-free and uses the local cycle path and towpath.

With limited places available, runners are encouraged to book their place early, with registration open until Monday 8th June (closing sooner if fully subscribed).

Click here to book

Music lessons

Contact Mrs Cook for more information

Just to remind parents that we are lucky at St Petroc's to have have 3 very talented peripatetic teachers for Music.

- Mrs Jose teaches piano, flute and singing
- Mr McCausland teaches drums and guitar
- Mrs Degener teaches strings

If you would like your child to take part in any lessons, please can you contact Mrs Cook in the first instance rather than the teachers directly. Mrs Cook can be contacted either via the school office or directly via email:

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