

St Petroc's Post



Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have particularly enjoyed the last few days. The first full week of term is always such a spectacular hive of energy and this week was no different. We are more settled back into our routines and the children have picked up their pace so well; it always makes me very proud. Of course, we also had our official Open Days and welcomed a number of visitors. It was lovely to share the next steps in my vision for the school, as well as some of the ongoing plans that we have for our exciting future. If anyone wishes to visit us, please contact the Office and we will gladly fit you in. You would be most welcome.

I was delighted to see so many activities springing back into action this week. I talked through some of them with the children in this morning's reward assembly and it was amazing to list everything. It's wonderful to see so many of our Key Stage 1 children receiving certificates for their written work and for a Key Stage 2 pupil to be awarded Player of the Year at a local Netball club. I was also pleased to congratulate our Year 2 and 3 children for their performances in Thursday's mixed Cricket session with our friends from Shebbear College. Today's assembly was a perfect opportunity to celebrate achievements, from both inside and outside of the classroom, and long may it continue.

Watching the children - from age 3 to 11 - learning through their various activities this week has been an example of what childhood should be - fun and full of adventure! From Swimming, Tennis, Bikeability, Music, Athletics and Yoga, to Cricket, Rounders, Golf, Surfing, Robotics, Programming, Outdoor Learning and Cookery - these are the things that create memories. They are also opportunities to discover hidden talents, strengths and weaknesses, all of which help to mould and shape a young person in a way that can sometimes be immeasurable on a data tracking sheet. We will continue to embrace these life skills and opportunities, which add so much to the valuable focus, work and progress taking place inside the classroom.

I spoke to the children about our job being to 'inflate' their 'balloons', so they can each identify what inspires them. Being an adult is not an easy job and neither is being a child. We must work together to boost each other in all the ways that we can. To help create magical memories and experiences, and to inspire our children to embrace life's challenges, giving them the tools to not be afraid of failure and to celebrate success, in whichever form it presents itself. That is what inspires me.

I hope you all can inflate a balloon over the weekend.

Ben Hilton
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Diary Dates

Monday 6th May

Closed for May Day
Bank Holiday

Wednesday 8th May

2:15pm U11
Cricket/Rounders
v Mount Kelly (Away)

Thursday 9th May

Year 4 Trip to Rosemoor

Friday 10th May

WWF Fundraising Day
(Non-uniform day)

Monday 20th May

KS2 Science Workshop

Friday 24th May

St Petroc's Day

Prep School break for
Half Term

Saturday 22nd June

Friends of St Petroc's
Summer Fun Day



The Friends of St Petroc's

Summer Fun Day

SATURDAY 22ND JUNE
ST PETROC'S SCHOOL FIELD,
40 OCEAN VIEW ROAD, BUDE, EX23 8NJ



SURF SIMULATOR
£2



BUNGEE RUN
£1

WITH GIANT INFLATABLE PARK 12-3PM
£6 unlimited bouncing
BOUNCY CASTLES - ASSAULT COURSE - GIANT SLIDE
DOG SHOW (50P ENTRY) - GAMES - BABY & TODDLER PLAYZONE
BBQ - BAR - LOCAL CRAFT BEER - PIMMS - CREAM TEAS - ICE CREAM
FACE PAINTING - PLANT STALL - CROQUET - LOCAL CRAFTS
AND MUCH MORE!

FREE ENTRY FROM 12 NOON

VISIT FACEBOOK FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND UPDATES  BUDE SUMMER FUN DAY



Little Turtles

Spring has sprung



This week the Little Turtles have been talking about Spring, flowers and insects. The children had their feet painted to create colourful butterfly wings for our display board. The Little Turtles have also been playing with the dolls and pushchairs, showing our caring side by looking after our babies. This week we have also had some new friends join us in Little Turtles.



Sea Lions



A fine balance



This week the Sea Lions have been talking about feelings and emotions, starting with happy and sad, and what makes us feel that way. We've discovered that Mummy and Daddy are the source of happy feelings, and sadness is when we hurt ourselves.

Our role play corner is now a hospital, so we can help make our friends feel better when they hurt themselves. We've enjoyed putting bandages on each other and dressing up as doctors and nurses.

We've also been creating collage faces, sticking on eyes, nose, mouth and ears, as well as making playdough faces and using our fingers to draw faces in crazy foam.

The Sea Lions also went to explore the big field, for the first time for some friends, and enjoyed going on the big swing. We learned about balancing and going over, under and being on top of the balance beams.





Dolphins

Make it count



This week the Dolphins children have been busy playing with numbers, recognising them and then counting an irregular arrangement of items. Some of the Dolphins had a go at estimating the number of objects, then counting to check their answers.

The children also enjoyed playing a listening game and identifying different household sounds. On Wednesday the children had a visit from the Dog's Trust. They took part in a discussion regarding how to behave around dogs in the home and also in the outdoor environment.

In the role-play area, the Dolphins enjoyed taking lots of pizza orders and put their cooking skills to good use, demonstrating great team work throughout the week.





Reception

Budding gardeners

The Reception Class has been weeding and digging, to prepare our raised beds for planting. You will see some bamboo sticks for our runner beans to grow up and shorter sticks for our sweet pea plants to climb. While preparing the garden, the children found interesting forms of life - worms, snails, beetles, ants and ladybirds. Thank you, Mrs Smith for the Sweet William plants that we have also added to our garden. We are really looking forward to a colourful and productive garden this year.

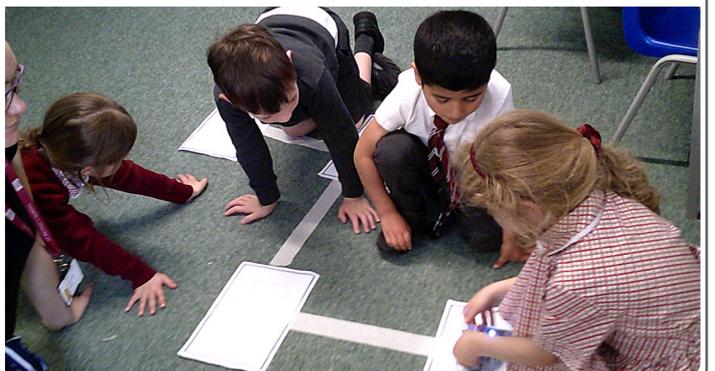
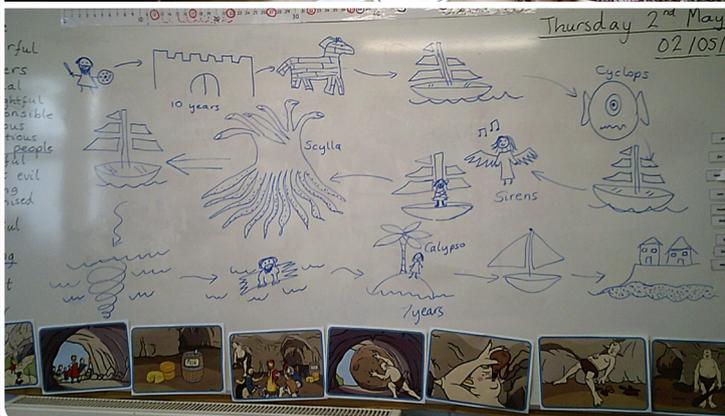


Year 1



Voyage of discovery

Year 1 have been engrossed in the voyage of Odysseus this week. They have learnt about his 20 years of peril and the numerous challenges he had to overcome to get home. They have discussed what traits make a hero and have begun gathering adjectives ready for their own story writing next week. Earlier in the week, Year 1 retold the tale of Odysseus and the Cyclops by drawing scenes from the story and sending their Bee-Bots on the voyage and to safety. Luckily all the Bee-Bots survived their visit to the Cyclops' cave!





Years 2 & 3

Out for a duck chick?!

The Year 2 and 3 classroom has never had so many visitors before! Everyone wanted to have a look at the chicks, very kindly brought in by Serena and her mum.

The eggs had spent 21 days in an incubator, before the chicks hatched 2-3 days ago. There was no fear of them flying away, although a few of the children expressed a desire to take them home!

It was decided that they were possibly the best show and tell ever during Golden Time!

Once the class had settled down, they discussed the life cycle of chickens and other farmyard animals.

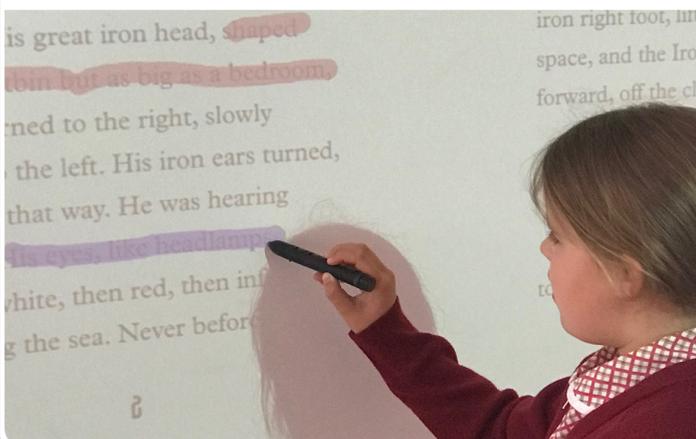
The children were also celebrating taking part in their first Cricket match this week. They did amazingly well, throwing accurately and surprising themselves when they managed to hit the ball.



Year 4

Capturing imaginations

In English, Year 4 are studying the Iron Man by Ted Hughes. The children have been looking at the author's use of powerful language to capture our imagination, including the use of similes. Having identified them in the text, they then created their own creature from stone, glass, ice or mud and used their own similes to describe their characters.



On the 10th of May you can wear animal-themed clothes to school and Mrs Croxall and year one will be presenting a wildlife day assembly



Voluntary donations for wildlife fund
We hope you can come!

Year 4 have also started their Summer ICT work this week, by creating posters in Microsoft Word. Their project tied in with the Year 1 WWF fundraising day next week. They learned or revised how to create a text box and add text, then changed the colour, font and size of their text to make the information stand out. They also added a picture which was relevant to the project. All the children achieved their objectives and we look forward to future ICT projects over the Summer Term.



Year 5

Calculations and clippings

Year 5 have been learning the importance of budgeting this week and were given a 'hypothetical' £50 to do a weekly shop. In each category (protein, carbohydrates, fruit and veg, health and breakfast) they could spend £8 to £10. They recorded a running total and amount left over (change). If they were sensible with their budget and spent less than £10, the left over money could be put towards buying treats! The Maths involved with this task involved adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers with 2 decimal places, problem solving, place value knowledge and thorough checking of the final amounts to ensure the total spend and change added up to exactly £50.

In Science, Year 5 have been looking more closely at asexual plant reproduction and the children have made their own clippings of geraniums to see if we can get them to reproduce. Alongside this, we tended our potato crop, which also reproduce asexually. Hopefully both are successful!



Years 6 & 7

Pop pom patterns

During a break from their SATs preparations, Years 6 and 7 have been combining their creative flair and Maths knowledge to develop geometric pom pom rugs. The children have been looking at textile designs from around the world and noticed that, in a lot of cultures, people use geometric shapes and patterns to decorate their buildings. The pupils have designed their own pop pom rugs, using wool, and exploring how we can layer shapes to make intricate designs. As Rosie said, "It takes a lot of patience...!"





Art

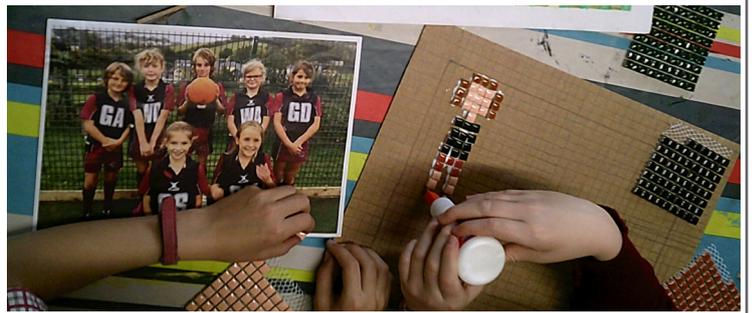
Creating with colour

Key Stage 2 have had a fantastic week of Art lessons. Mrs Croxall has been thrilled with the attitude and quality of the pupils' final pieces for their current topics.

Year 4's felt collages of life at St Petroc's are on display in the School hall and present everything from activities to school trips.

Year 5 have started work on their ceramic mosaics. They have taken photographs from school life and have turned them into designs, based on the work of the Ancient Romans.

In Art Club, the children have been decorating boxes. It's been an extremely busy and colourful week in the Art Room.



Dogs Trust Visit



How to be safe and responsible around dogs

Mr Hilton would like to thank Stacey from the Dogs Trust for her time this week; she helped the children learn how to behave around dogs, both ones they are familiar with and ones they aren't, what to do in certain situations and - most importantly- how to be safe.

These sessions are set to continue and the children were fantastic with Stacey's cuddly toy dog 'Midnight' and also with 'Cleó' the real Labrador, who came to say 'hi' later in the day.





Cricket

U9s Mixed v Shebbear College

On Thursday, Shebbear College joined us for a training game of diamond cricket. Playing in two teams, this is a quick fast format where four players bat as a team while the rest of the players are fielding. With Mr Fox bowling, the children worked on their speed of batting, fielding and communication.

The Year 2 children really stood out for their catching and throwing. They had never batted before, so this was a completely new experience for them. Cricket is also a new sport for Year 4 girls and they really embraced it.

Key Stage 2 also enjoyed Cricket this week; honing their bowling skills during Wednesday's Games session.

Reminder - Key Stage 2 need Cricket whites in School for boys' matches!



Match report by Zephy

On Thursday we played a game of mixed Cricket at home. It was great weather for it and Shebbear College were against us. My team were fielding, the other team were batting and I was at the very back. The other team was very quickly out, so the next team came on while Mr Hilton was timing the teams on a race around the Cricket pitch. The next round was quick but Rosie-May hit the ball really far and it nearly hit Mr Fox. Next, we swapped over so my team were batting. I was first and hit it far. So did Ralph.



Summer Surf Club

Surf's up

Summer surf club has kicked off with record numbers of pupils! The surfers were blessed with clean, consistent waves, providing great conditions for the beginner and the intermediate levels. The coaches Mike and Jackson maintained their levels of stroke throughout, even though there was a pretty fierce travelling rip current! The group are now also joined by Miss Cottle, who has tonnes of surf life saving experience and Mr Fox, an ex-surf coach of 8 years himself, to maximise progression and wave count!



Peace Rose



A commemorative presentation

The Inner Wheel Club of Bude have kindly presented us with a 'Peace Rose', to commemorate 100 years since the end of World War One. The rose was discovered by a grower in France just before the start of World War Two. As war approached, it was thought that the plant nursery might be destroyed.

Some clippings from the new rose were smuggled out of France and sent to America, where they were successfully grown and kept safe. Thousands of plants were grown from the clippings and, at the end of the war, at the first meeting of the United Nations, each member was presented with a 'Peace Rose'.



Bikeability

Great progress all round!

All the children did really well, had a great time and learned lots of valuable new skills.

