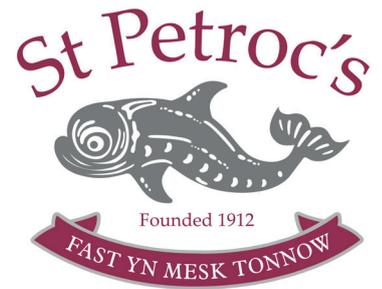


# St Petroc's Post



## Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers,

As another week rolls by at speed, I wish you a fantastic weekend. There is even a glimmer of much needed sunshine as I write this week's edition. I was immensely proud of the way that the Friends of St Petroc's pulled together in a very tight timeframe to reschedule, organise and host the Fireworks Display on Tuesday evening. I felt it was a roaring success and it was great to see so many children from the school and Early Years in attendance, as well as very welcome guests from the wider community. I thought the organisation, display and overall atmosphere were a great snapshot of life within the school, so thank you all. To those that helped us be 'school ready' the next morning, I am also immensely grateful. The main thing is that everyone remained safe on a night when risk factors are always at the forefront of our minds. I thought the new lighting down to the field helped considerably and the improvements are set to continue. I am regularly reminded that small steps are integral to ongoing success and, although I am frustratingly impatient, we are making them on a continual basis.

I must mention our pastoral visitor on Wednesday, Mr Paul Glass from Kent College, Canterbury - a fellow MIST school. He spent time throughout the school and commented on our focus on small building blocks. 'Self Confidence for Life' and all that! But, in all seriousness, he saw some of the fantastic progress and particularly loved seeing the standard of work within the classrooms. Attention to detail is paramount for me and so it is wonderful when external visitors notice it, especially when they visit so many schools around the country. St Petroc's children deserve all the praise they receive.

Our U11s performed superbly at the Netball tournament at St Joseph's, once again showing a real ability to transfer skills from other sports. They showed great teamwork and spatial awareness. We also must commend our Cross Country team, who braved the wind and mud this very afternoon up at Kingsley School. The children did very well and a couple actually stopped to help other runners, who were stuck in the muddy conditions and had lost their footwear. Such good sportsmanship displayed again. Well done indeed! Selflessness that is reminiscent of the Brownlee brothers I gather... We now turn our attention to the Independent Schools Association South West Regional Swimming Gala on Tuesday (a very early start), where our children will compete for a place at the Nationals at the Olympic pool in London later this month. Good luck to those involved!

Have a great but restful weekend everyone.

Ben Hilton  
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## Diary Dates

### Tuesday 12th November

ISA Regional Swimming  
Gala

### Friday 15th November

Children in Need

Year 5 Class Assembly

### Friday 22nd November

7.30pm Friends of  
St Petroc's Quiz Night

### Saturday 7th December

Friends of St Petroc's  
Christmas Bazaar

### Thursday 12th December

4:30pm Christmas Carol  
Concert at Central  
Methodist Church

Last Day of Term  
(No Stay & Play)



Little Turtles

Glitterati



This week in Little Turtles we have had great fun making some wonderful firework pictures. We cut up cardboard tubes and used bright, colourful paint to make some amazing patterns. We then used different coloured glitter to make them sparkle and shine!



Sea Lions

Paint and poppies



This week, the Sea Lions have enjoyed lots of different craft activities around our main theme of 'fireworks.' This included some large scale painting using different media to create the effect of fireworks, as well as light and dark collages using black and white paper.

Most of the children have talked about seeing some fireworks, either at school or at home, and it was lovely to see so many of them enjoying the display we had here at St Petroc's.

Towards the end of the week, we began thinking about Remembrance Day and have started to create a display of poppy pictures in our room. The children have enjoyed looking at pictures of poppies and watching the CBeebies poppy video. We will continue with this next week.

Can we please ask that all children come to Sea Lions with warm clothing for outside play. We aim to go into the garden twice a day and it can be quite chilly, so we need to wrap up in thick coats and hats where possible. Thank you!





Dolphins

**Safety first**



The children have enjoyed learning about how to keep safe when attending a fireworks display and recalled some of the safety rules.

During circle time the Dolphins spoke about how they help their families and also discussed Remembrance Sunday. The children enjoyed taking part in many activities throughout the week, from sticking and gluing to cooking and drawing.

“Fireworks scare dogs, dogs stay at home”  
- Paloma

“Stand back from the fire”  
- Sebastian

“Stand back they go bang”  
- Teddy



“Be safe, stay far away from the fire” - Cooper



Love in a Box

**Helping under-privileged children this Christmas**

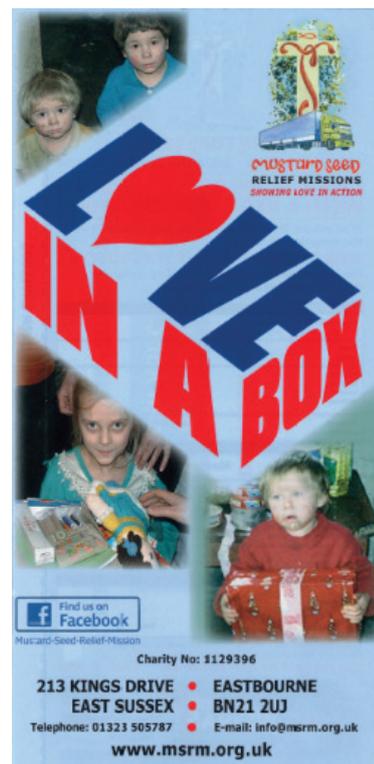
Please join us in supporting the Mustard Seed Relief Mission's 'Love in a Box' collection this year, to send much-needed items to under-privileged children in Eastern Europe this Christmas.

Take a look at the leaflet sent home in book bags for some suggestions of what you could put in your box(es), according to the age of the recipient.

If you need further information or another leaflet please ask in the main office.

Remember to wrap the box and lid separately, then secure them together with a rubber band, as all the boxes have to be checked by Mustard Seed.

**Please note: all boxes need to be brought into school by Friday 15th November ready for collection.**



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**Non School  
Uniform  
Day  
Suggested  
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## WHEN & WHERE?

**Friday 15th  
November  
2019**

## CONTACT:

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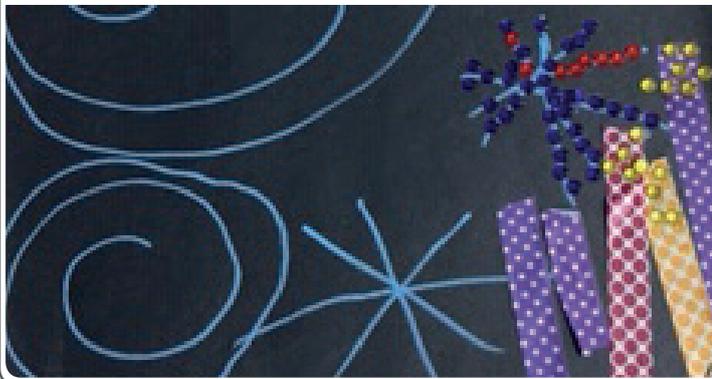
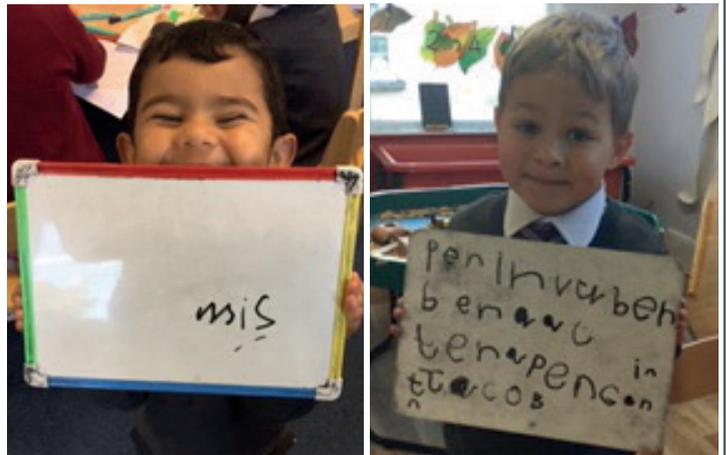
**[bbc.co.uk/pudsey](http://bbc.co.uk/pudsey)**



Reception

**Artwork inspiration**

Remember, remember, the 5th of November...  
 What an exciting week we have had! The Friends of St Petroc's firework display on Tuesday evening inspired the class to create some lovely fireworks pictures. The children drew firework shapes, then used patterned tape and sparkly dots to decorate them. We have also been getting excited by our writing this week. The children have started to write the letters they are learning in phonics and putting them together to make words. They are writing everywhere and on every available piece of paper they can find, it is fantastic to see such enthusiasm for writing!



Years 1 & 2



**Boom boom...**

Following on nicely from our Great Fire of London topic, we launched straight into Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot, coinciding with the 5th of November! The children have been very busy learning the story and solving problems as if they were one of the plotters. In Music, Years 1 and 2 have been having a go with our new Boomwhackers, which have proved to be a popular addition to the music cupboard. They are a great way of learning how chords work and the children enjoyed experimenting.

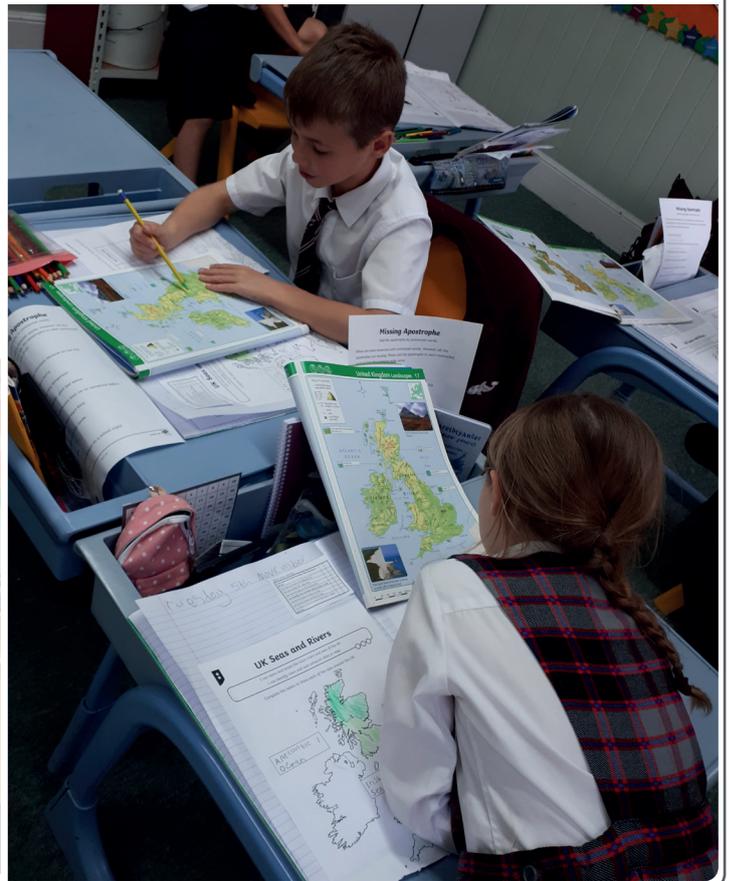
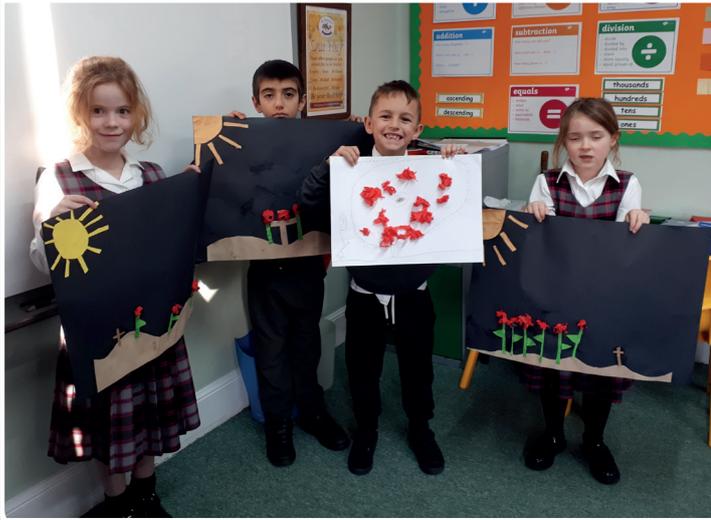




Years 3 & 4

**River explorers**

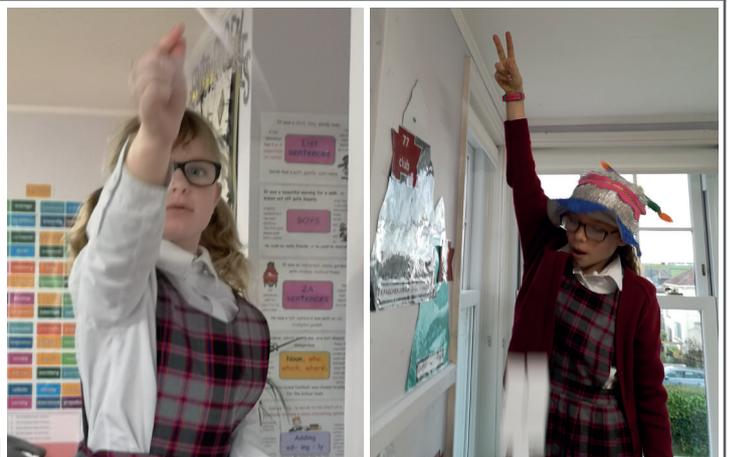
Years 3 and 4 have continued their Geography topic on the UK with a river project. Following their search for cities last week, they have now looked at the water that surrounds the UK and the rivers within it. They used atlases to help with their learning and all of them put the right rivers in the right places! In Art, the children have begun working on poppy pictures for Remembrance Day.



Year 5

**Mean scientists**

This week, continuing with our topic on forces, we focused on air resistance. Using spinners, stop watches and some careful observations, the children conducted a series of investigations to see how air resistance is affected when wing size or spinner weight is changed. The pupils were reminded about variables and fair testing, and were introduced to taking multiple readings for one test. Accuracy was key and every 'drop' was timed three times, with an average (mean) score being used as the final time.



Some excellent results were witnessed: as weight increases, so does the speed at which the spinner drops. The 'spin' also increased, making the spinner more stable. As the wing span increased we had mixed results. One team found that the rate of descent actually slowed when the wing span increased, whereas another team found that the drop time reduced. The latter team also had extra weight added to the spinner, which could be explanation for this. In the coming weeks, we'll use these findings to help us design a successful parachute for our precious cargo - a raw egg!



## Year 6

## Excelling in Science

After completing their lifestyle diaries, Year 6 compiled all of their information on a spreadsheet, counting their hours of sleep, the amount of water and fruit they had consumed, their mood and energy levels. Next week we will analyse the data and try to identify links between days of happiness and high energy, and those of low happiness and reduced energy, to see if we can find a link between diet, hydration, sleep and mood. This project is to help them learn what constitutes a healthy lifestyle.



Year 6 have also started to look at mountains in their new Geography project. They have been learning about how to identify the height of a mountain when looking at it in an atlas. They then went to the Cookery Room to make potato 'contours' which was a lot of fun and really quite messy but the finished products dried pretty well!



## Cross Country



## Considerate competitors

A number of Key Stage 2 pupils took on muddy woodlands in today's Cross Country event at Kingsley College. At 15 minute intervals, the children charged off against a number of local schools to tackle boggy paths, tricky tree roots and a slippery hill climb to end the course. All the children performed fantastically, with determination, consideration and kindness (as Scarlett and Zephy helped a fellow runner fish her trainers out of the mud!). Particular mentions go to Indigo, Jude, Lilly, Isaac and Ben who finished in the top 20, top 10 in some cases, in their races.





## Netball

### U11s 3 Way Mixed Tournament

*Team report by Kaitlin*

In the first match my team played against Egloskerry. Everyone was playing amazingly well and they were still getting used to their positions. We won 1-0. In the next game, St Stephen's were not really getting their positions and we won 3-0. The next game was against St Joseph's and they were very good. We were falling behind and they won 4-0. The next game was a playoff final against St Joseph's and they were really working hard to beat us but we managed to win 2-0. I scored against Egloskerry and Indigo scored against St Joseph's.

*Team report by Evie*

In our team's first game, we were against Egloskerry. We shot past them because our passing was so fast and we got in the D. Scarlett scored twice but then Egloskerry got past us and scored. After half time we got back out on court as quickly as possible and they got close, but a few seconds later Ben scored. We won 5-1.

Our second game was against St Stephen's and now we were a bit warmed up. We were passing and defending well and had good teamwork. Scarlett scored then Ben scored twice, before Scarlett scored another 2.



In our third game we were against St Joseph's and they were really strong. They scored but then we upped our game and Isaac scored twice, then Lilly scored another 4.

In our fourth game we were against St Stephen's and they hadn't lost a game yet. They were tall and hard to beat. After they scored we pushed forward but they pushed us back again. Everyone was defending and passing well and then we scored, finishing the game 1-1.

Thank you to Ms Croxall and Mr Fox for taking us.





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