

St Petroc's Post



Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers,

We often speak of memorable moments and it's fair to say Storm Jorge is already making plenty. Today, I talked to the children not just about being safe in this weather but also about the awesome power of nature and the effect it can have. I am always mesmerised by the ferocity of the wind and the raging sea, so I encouraged the children to see beyond the gloom of a grey day and look for the things that can be amazing. To consider the crashing thunder, or the howling wind, and use that as inspiration for a drawing, some creative writing, a contemporary dance or even a meal for their family. It was an interesting assembly with lots of great points raised by the children. We are incredibly lucky to live where we do and, although it can at times be challenging and unrelenting, it can also be a remarkable sight to behold, if we look in the right way. A positive way.

Our week began with the delightful sounds of the Songfest opening rehearsal, with Bude Primary Federation and Patrick from Songfest joining us. It was awesome to see the progress and cohesiveness they achieved after just one short session. We now look ahead to a further rehearsal and then a performance at Launceston Town Hall, so I wish them the best of luck for that. Tuesday brought about school-wide hysteria over Mr Fox's Pancake Races. The windy weather impeded the flipping slightly but, being the stoic bunch that we are, the pupils made the absolute most of it and had a great time. Later that day our Shoreline group enjoyed some clifftop Archery - talk about making the most of where we live! Yesterday saw some high-scoring football fixtures with Kingsley School and I enjoyed hearing the match reports being read out this morning.

Thank you to those of you that attended our Open Days. I am always delighted to show people around and what we do here is not staged for a specific date, it is simply a snapshot of the school in action. We are a busy school that is full of opportunities so, should any of our Early Years parents be considering the school for the future, please do get in touch. We are seeing a vibrancy of interest and this early decision-making is invaluable in planning, staffing and investing in the school, for the benefit of the children in the future. The last thing I must mention is that if any of you would like to relieve me of the wooden spoon, feel free to book a table at The Friends of St Petroc's Quiz next Friday. It would save me lots of embarrassment!

Have a great weekend everyone. Please stay safe but embrace the nature on display. Be positive!

Ben Hilton
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Diary Dates

Wednesday 4th March

- Wadebridge Festival (Years 1 & 2)
- Songfest Rehearsal at Launceston Town Hall (Years 5 & 6)
- U11 Netball at St Joseph's

Thursday 5th March

- KS2 Trip to Geevor Mine ***7:45am departure***
 - St Piran's Day

Friday 6th March

- Wadebridge Festival (Years 3-6)
- Friends of St Petroc's Quiz Night

Tuesday 10th March

- Songfest Performance at Launceston Town Hall (Years 5 & 6)
3pm depart school
7:00-8:45pm performance
9:15pm return (approx.)

Wednesday 11th March

- U11 Mixed Netball at St Joseph's

Friday 13th March

- Year 3 & 4 Class Assembly
- St Petroc's Annual Cross Country

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Little Turtles

The great outdoors



This week in Little Turtles we have been making the most of the fleeting sunshine. We have loved getting wrapped up in our warm waterproofs and heading outside in the garden to splash in muddy puddles, whiz around on the bikes and climb the slides! Later on in the week, we also enjoyed a play in the Sea Lions garden with our older friends.



Sea Lions



Printing, pancakes and playground fun



What busy bees the Sea Lions have been this week, making lots of different insects for our Spring display board. The children have been busy cutting, sticking, stamping and printing bumble bees, ladybirds and caterpillars. We also enjoyed some yummy pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, with our role play area being a pancake house. The weather finally dried up and we got to play outdoors on the school playground. Everyone enjoys the painted activities on the ground - skipping, hopping, jumping and counting as we go.





Dolphins

A flippin' good time

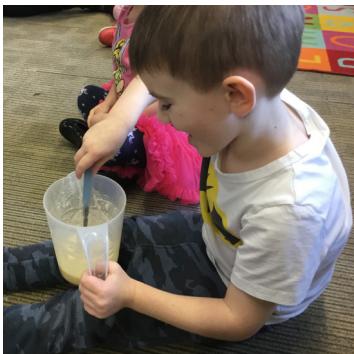


This week the Dolphins children have been learning about farms and tractors. They enjoyed exploring fake snow and rice, retrieving animals and having a go at sounding-out the initial letter of each animal. In the role play area they enjoyed building pens, transporting animals in trailers and pretending to milk cows. The Dolphins also demonstrated good teamwork, using lots of paint, glue and different textures to create a display of a farm and some animals. During circle time, the children spoke about their favourite farm animals and what they like about them.

"I like chickens because they give us eggs." - Mya

"I like pigs because they walk around in the mud." - Lacey

"I like cows because they give us milk." - Daisy



On Tuesday some of the Dolphins were lucky enough to make pancakes. They each had a go mixing the batter and were very excited about flipping the pancakes, making sure they remembered to hold on to the frying pan!

Next week, the Dolphins will be celebrating World Book Day throughout the week and the children are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character on any (or all!) of their preschool days.

If you have any unwanted shoe boxes, cereal boxes, egg cartons, boxes, etc. which you are able to donate towards our junk modelling supplies, the Dolphins would be very grateful!

The Friends of St Petroc's



The 100 Club

Join the 100 Club!

You could win one of three cash prizes every month!

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!

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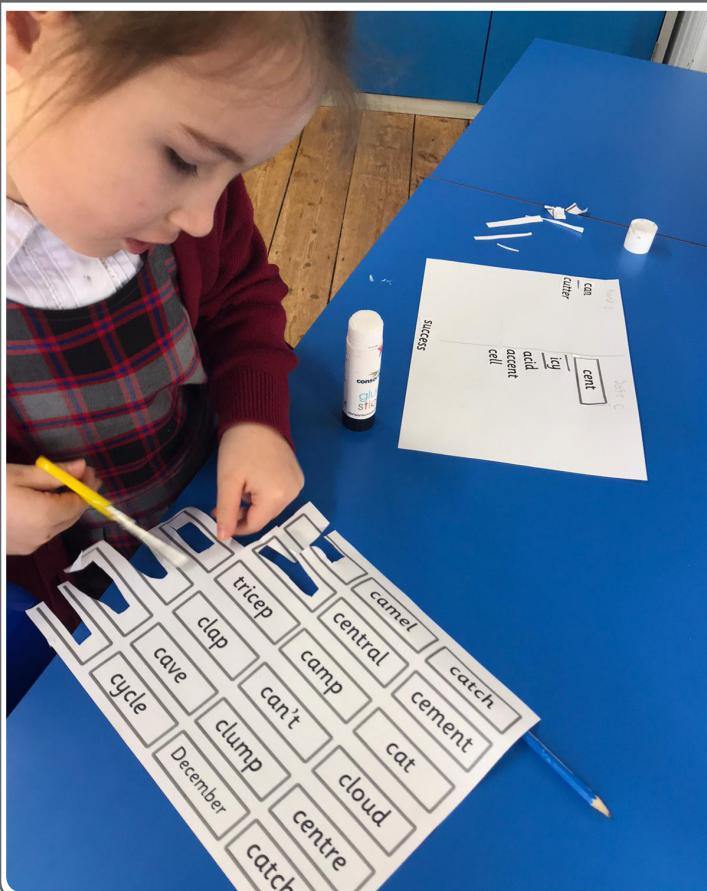
Reception

An eggscellent week!

On Monday, Mrs Cuff brought in a mystery egg for the children to see. The challenge was to find out what kind of animal may have laid this egg. The children had some fantastic ideas, including dragons, penguins and chickens (massive chickens!) this lead onto discussions about which animals lay eggs and which don't. We used information books to find out more about the animals that lay eggs and also talked about how they protect their eggs. This lead us outside to build nests. Some nests were very advanced, including traps to stop predators eating the eggs!



Years 1 & 2



Races, reading and records

Years 1 and 2 have been busy halving and doubling in Maths this week, and have also been doing some fantastic phonics work. After taking part in a very blustery pancake race on Shrove Tuesday, we researched the history of Pancake Day and found out that the biggest pancake ever flipped was bigger than a double decker bus - and needed a crane to flip it over!





Years 3 & 4

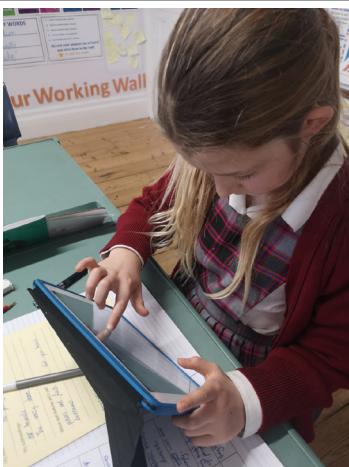
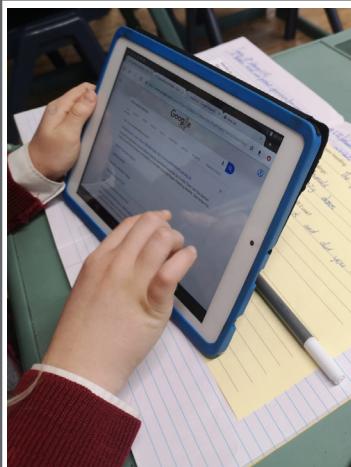
Legendary learning

Years 3 and 4 have had a very busy week in their core subjects. They have started reading and working on legends in English, starting with Saint George and the Dragon. It's a rich topic which gives a wealth of opportunity to explore the use of language, especially descriptive prose. They are also moving on a notch with their Maths and it is becoming quite a challenge. The Year 3 pupils are working on expanded addition, to take them into the carrying over of ones and tens. Year 4, meanwhile, have been reacquainted with multiplying and dividing decimals by 10, recognising the associated rule.



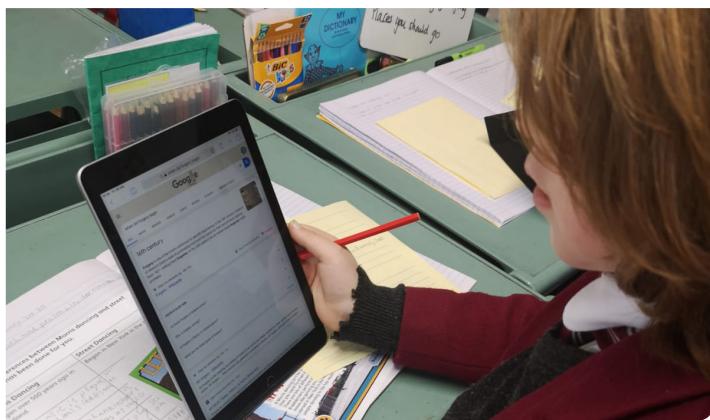
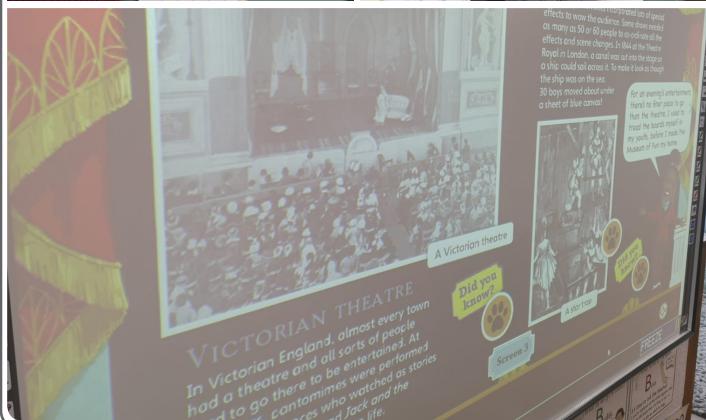
After that, they definitely deserved their Egyptian Tea Party this morning. The tea was from Egypt (via Mrs Wood) and the cakes were sourced a little more locally, from Sainsbury's! The children decided that they prefer British tea but they were happy with the cakes, which we shared with Year 6 to thank them for all the things they do around the school.

Year 5



Very resourceful

Year 5 have been looking at non-fiction this week, picking apart features and styles of writing to capture the readers' interest. Studying an online resource called 'Museum of Fun' the children have been adding their own screen/slides to be included in the museum. Using Learn Pads and the new iPads, the pupils have created some very exciting titles: 'Hit the Waves', 'Meet the Forge' and Super Sea Creatures' just to name a few... This topic will carry on over into next week and will eventually be turned into an online resource of their own. Keep your eyes peeled!





Year 6

Say, from whence you owe this strange intelligence?

Year 6 have started a new topic on play scripts this half term, with a focus on Shakespeare's 'Macbeth'. They have started reading the script in English lessons and guided reading, and are already getting into the characters of the three witches, Banquo and Macbeth. They have made some insightful predictions about what the story has in store and are exploring the Shakespearean language with great enthusiasm.



In Maths, the children have been let loose in garden centres and sports shops, spending with imaginary budgets. They have been practising their knowledge of place value and column methods to purchase as many products as they like for £100, £150 and £200, before working out the change they would be returning. Ms Croxall says they all have all demonstrated the ability to make interesting - if expensive - garden designers!

Stay and Play**Pastels and clay**

The Stay and Play children got inspired by the paintings of Monet in their art session this week. They used pastels to draw the detail in their pictures, then added a wash of blue to give a watery background. The children showed great concentration, resulting in some lovely pictures.

Later in the week they created some marvellous clay figurines, showing great dexterity and creativity!





Activities

Archery

Our outdoor adventurers tried their hands at Archery this week, under the guidance of Joel from Shoreline.

"Conditions were super challenging for our Archery session on Tuesday, but that didn't stop the enthusiastic team from St Petroc's! We somehow managed to avoid all the hail!" - Joel



Pancake Races

A Shrove Tuesday tradition

It was flippin' cold on Tuesday but we made the most of a brief break in the weather and headed out to the field for our annual pancake races. The children had a fantastic time and managed some excellent flips along the course, despite the strong cold wind blowing them - and their pancakes - off course!

