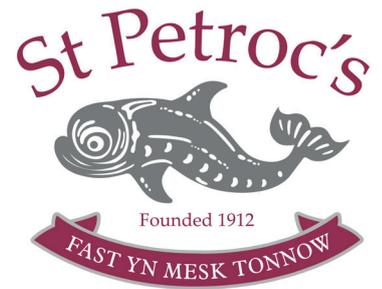


St Petroc's Post



Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers,

It would appear that the weather gods have turned their backs on Bude this week. It has been a challenging few days in that respect but the children have been superb in their approach, energy and enthusiasm for their time at school. I have particularly enjoyed spending time in all of the classrooms and also visiting the Dolphins again today. The children looked after me very well, thankfully.

We have the most wonderfully inquisitive children in every area of the school and it is a privilege to hear their conversations and to attempt to answer their wide ranging questions. (Some of which are pure genius!)



Diary Dates

Wednesday 2nd October

8:40am 'Open the Book' Assembly followed by refreshments for parents and carers

Friday 4th October

Year 6 Class Assembly

Wednesday 16th October

3:30pm Break for Half Term (No Stay & Play)

Monday 28th October

Term resumes

I have also been wowed by the facts on orangutans in Key Stage 1; the writing, in particular, was well presented and packed full of interesting facts. The Reception children and their self portraits are equally as impressive! The Year 6 murder mystery stories are also coming together rather nicely, and seeing the photos of the infamous 'blood' smoothies in Science ended yet another brilliantly diverse week at St Petroc's.

The Rugby World Cup has got off to a great start for England and the children showed their support by cheering them on during the USA match yesterday. It was good to see some patriotism and Becky in Reception clearly takes her Rugby very seriously, judging by her volume, excitement and concentration!

Thank you to all who attended or contributed to today's Macmillan Coffee Afternoon. It was rather fitting that it took place today, at the end of an emotional and memorable week in which a very special Petrocian rang the 'end of treatment bell' to signal the culmination of a very long journey. Isabel's class loved watching the video of her ringing the bell, as well as seeing her certificate and special Purple Heart Bead of Courage. Please reflect on how fortunate we all are, take the time to give your family a huge hug and, if you can sing a little Oasis in the background, all the better! Some might say, don't look back in anger, you remarkable people!

Have a great weekend everyone.

Ben Hilton
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Little Turtles

A sticky situation



We have had another super fun week full of wonderful play. We have been showing our friends 'kind hands' when using the spoons in the sensory tray; the rice was quite tricky to scoop up but we persevered. We have also been using our problem solving skills to work out which balls fit in the tubes and which ones are too big. What super clever children we are!



Sea Lions



Favourite places

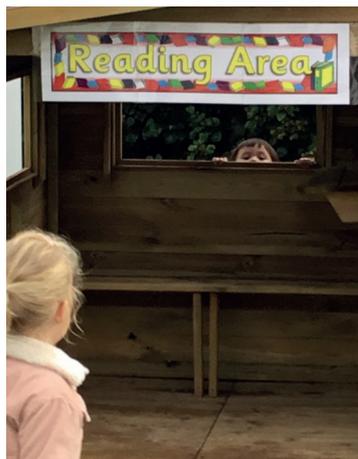


This week the Sea Lions have been looking at where they live, not just the house they live in but also the environment around them. We've been asking 'what's your favourite place?' so any pictures you can provide of their favourite places to visit, or where you live, would be great for our classroom display.

The children have also been exploring their senses. While playing with ice, they described it as "cold" "wet" and "slippy". Some even put their teeth on edge by trying to eat it!

In between the showers we've continued to enjoy our lovely garden, using team building and communication skills to play 'hide and seek' and 'peek-a-boo!'.

Following on from last week, when we did self portraits, some children have this week been using Mr Potato Head to show what they thought Mummy or Daddy looks like.





Dolphins

Bug hunters



This week, the children have continued exploring the world around them and enjoyed being scientists, searching their garden for bugs. They supported each other and looked under logs, boxes and toys to discover the magical world of minibeasts. They recorded lots of different species: worms, woodlice, beetles, red spiders and centipedes.



The Dolphins have even used a microscope in their Science laboratory, to look more closely at different patterns on shells, leaves and flowers. During circle time they spoke about their favourite bug or animal and then recorded this news in their books.



Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Tasty fundraising

Thank you very much to everyone who organised, attended and supported today's Coffee Afternoon raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

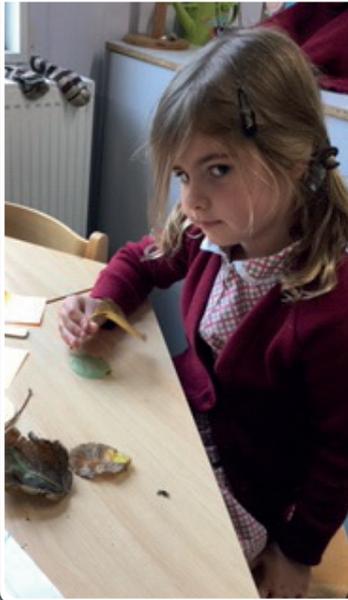




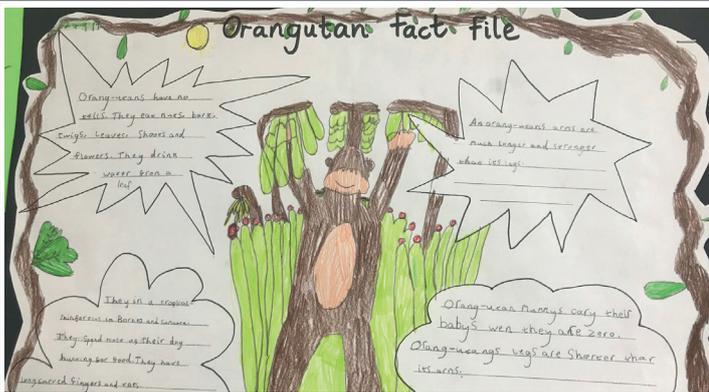
Reception

Subtraction satisfaction

Having collected some interesting leaves while out in the Outdoor Learning Area, Reception Class used them to play some Maths games back in the classroom. The children then progressed onto making their own subtraction sums using the numbers.



Years 1 & 2



An amazing display

Years 1 and 2 have been finishing their English topic on orangutans this week. They have made amazing fact files, showing detailed drawings and sharing incredible facts they have learned. These are now on display in our classroom so please do come and have a look at them. Towards the end of another busy week, the children have also started their new Maths topic, which will be looking at 2 dimensional shapes and their properties





Years 3 & 4

Art through the ages

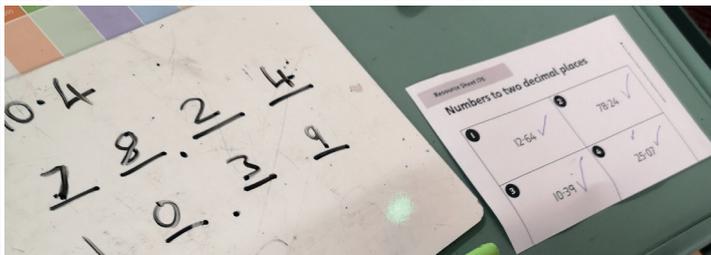
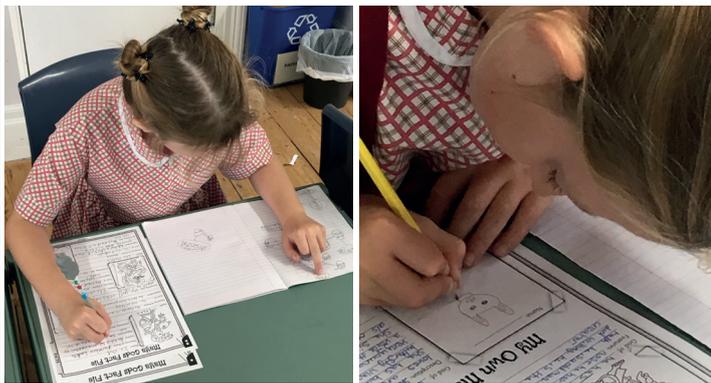
Years 3 and 4 fully embraced the Stone Age in Art this week. After looking at the types of animals around in the Stone Age, as well as the ways in which they were drawn in cave paintings from that time, the children explored with charcoal and dry powder paint to create some cave art of their own.



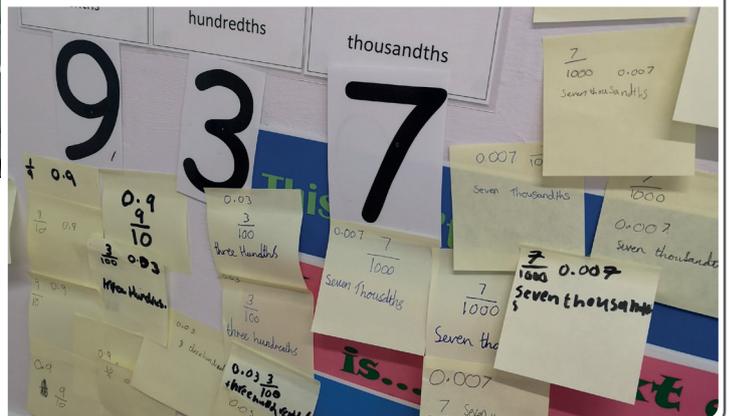
Year 5

Deities, decimals and division

Year 5 have had a divine week of deities through their lessons in Humanities and RE. They have explored, compared and seen similarities across the Ancient Maya and Hindu faiths, in particular the representation of the gods in those cultures. From gods of creation to those of destruction and from gods of harvest to gods of storms! The children then went on to think about what is important to them, and people of the world, and designed their own gods of sport and health, animals, survival, love and much more!



In Maths, the pupils have been investigating the place value of all numbers, including those after a decimal place. We progressed onto multiplying and dividing numbers by 10, 100 and 1000. This is a vital skill that can be carried over into almost any mathematical problem. A fun week of Maths for Year 5!





Year 6

Blood smoothies

Year 6 have been learning about the circulatory system, studying the heart, lungs and blood vessels. We added an extra bit of fun this week by making mock 'blood' smoothies. The pupils replaced the plasma with pineapple juice, used marshmallows to represent white blood cells, raspberries to mimic the red blood cells and sprinkles for the platelets. They measured the quantities and whizzed everything up to make a fairly tasty 'blood' smoothie. Yum! In a couple of weeks, Year 6 will be observing a real pig's heart dissection with Mr Fox.

Ingredients for making 'blood':

Red blood cells (raspberries): 45%

Plasma (pineapple juice): 55%

White blood cells (marshmallows): <1%

Platelets (sprinkles): <1%



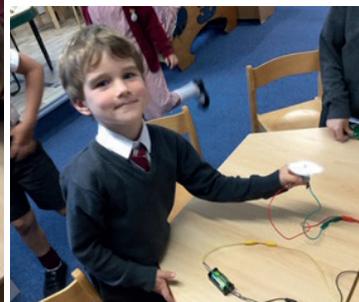
"Does this make us vampires...?!"

Stay & Play



Exciting electricals

In Tuesday's 'Constuction Challenge' at Stay and Play, the children were challenged to build a fantasy world. Their imaginations clicked into gear as they considered the materials available for them to use. In Wednesday's Science workshop, the Stay and Play pupils had a go at making electrical circuits. The children learned about how a circuit works, that they needed a power source and that the circuit needed to be like a circle with no breaks in it. The pupils had great fun exploring the equipment and there was great excitement when they made the lightbulb work. They were then given the challenge of making a motor spin and were fascinated to see that they could also make a piece of paper spin around.





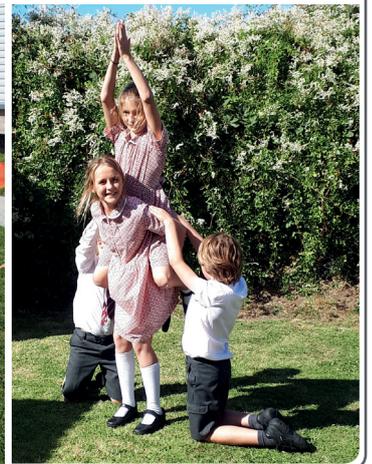
Drama

Open air theatre

During some less inclement weather, Key Stage 2 enjoyed taking their Drama lesson outside to the Outdoor Learning Area.

They improvised, using their bodies to make inanimate objects, and the rockets were particularly impressive.

The pupils also used their creative powers to produce small plays, which had to include the use of a single letter. Some great ideas!



Games & Sport

Just dance!

Key Stage 2 danced their way through a wet and rainy Monday games session today. After watching some motivating Zumba videos, the children teamed up to plan and practise some workout dance routines.

With a little help from Justin Timberlake and some of our Year 2 street dancers, the children came up with 5 creative and fun dance routines, which they performed back to their excited peers.

The impromptu dance session made for a very motivating Monday to start the week.





Join us for a special 'Open the Book' assembly

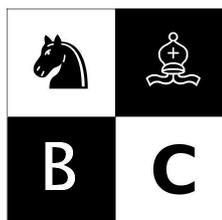
- Wednesday 2nd October
- Assembly at 8:40am
- Refreshments 9am - 10am
- At St Petroc's School

Open the Book have been supporting schools for 20 years and have been coming to St Petroc's for 5 years. As well as helping us with events such as the Annual Cross Country, Sports Day and our play productions, the Open the Book team also work with 5 other local primary schools.

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