

SENNEN SCHOOL

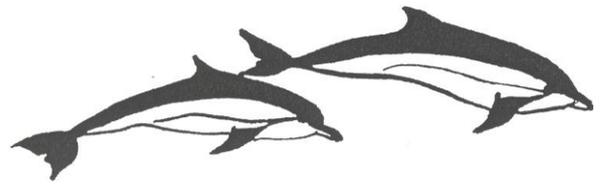
NEWSLETTER

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ATTENDANCE: YEAR R & 1 94.8%
YEAR 2 & 3 96.2%
YEAR 4 & 5 91.5%
YEAR 6 96.4%

AIRE CLASS - Aire Class enjoyed the visit to the Shaun the Sheep Experience at Land's End on Tuesday. Many thanks to the staff there for opening it up especially for us, and to all the parent volunteers. The children enjoyed learning about how the films were made, comparing this to their own filming experiences. They were especially interested in the zoetrope, watching how Shaun was made to jump over a fence on this early device. They also enjoyed asking and answering questions about the large-scale models, including when they were throwing 'poo' at the pigs! We continue to spot more signs of spring in the garden and have enjoyed some Easter activities. The children have 'Spring' homework - lots of practical activities, but please keep up with reading at home as well. If you are not already a member of the public library, this might be a good time to join. Next term we will be looking at the theme 'Different Worlds', and also doing lots of planting and growing. Gardening Club will start early in the term - all children welcome.

AIRE SUPERSTAR is Jago for always listening carefully to his instructions and showing resilience when carrying these out.

BRISONS CLASS - We really enjoyed our dance workshop with the Minack theatre and the children have created a superb ghostly pirate dance. I have sent out a separate letter with some information for parents if they would like to watch this performance on Thursday 20th April. In Maths this week we have been practising our written methods for adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. The children have been very resilient in their approach to our half termly Rising Stars assessments. In Literacy we have been looking at features of instructions and writing instructions. We completed our topic work by learning about tornadoes and watching a volcano explode. In Science the Year 2's have been carrying out an investigation to see which leaf snails favour.

They thought very carefully about how to make it fair and scientific. The Year 3 and 4's have been learning about how animals are adapted to their habitat and have made their own weird and wonderful creatures. The children enjoyed their Easter Hunt which involved solving riddles and sums. The children are very excited about Maths active learn and have spent some time exploring it and learning how to use it in class. We've had a very hardworking half term and a wish all of the children a lovely Easter break. **BRISONS SUPERSTAR** is George for his enthusiasm in lessons and mature confident approach in our Rising Stars assessments.

COWLOE CLASS - This week in Cowloe we have been learning how to use place value to solve many different multiplication problems including multiplying numbers with decimal places. We have also been getting more confident at using place value to help us multiply a 3 digit number by a 1 digit number using the column method. In Literacy we have been learning to use a large variety of punctuation in our writing. We will be using what we remember about writing an argument to complete a big write. In the afternoons we have been reflecting on what we have learnt about evolution and inheritance and discussing why certain aspects of our genetic makeup are inherited. **COWLOE SUPERSTAR** is Lucy for showing great sportsmanship in PE lessons encouraging her friends and trying her best.

LYONESSE CLASS - We have had a lovely final week of term in Lyonesse class. In Literacy, as well as keeping up with our grammar and spelling practice, we have been writing some creative and imaginative instructions. We watched a video called, 'A Cloudy Lesson', in which a grandfather teaches a grandson how to make clouds. We then created our own magical solutions about how weather could be created; so we have: tsunamis being pushed through the sea by angry crabs, dragons hiding inside volcanoes; unicorn snot forming the makeup of rain and a 2 mile radius being necessary for wind creation. All of these have been written using the organisational, and language, features required by an instructional text. In Maths our SATS revision has had a final check in with place

value, addition and subtraction before we move on to other areas. The children also created an Easter egg hunt for Cowloe class using their understanding of directions. For homework over the Holidays I will be setting slightly less than in the last few weeks. This is because I feel the children have earned a break, so they can rest and prepare to come back full of energy to crack on with things in the final few weeks of revision. They have worked incredibly hard this term showing amazing reflectiveness on their learning, which has enabled them all to make great progress. Enjoy a well deserved break.....but don't stop reading!

LYONESSE SUPERSTAR is Ethan, for reflecting carefully on his work as he goes along which allows him to adjust if needed and continually improve.

Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra - on Wednesday we really enjoyed the performances and workshops provided by the percussion section. The whole Orchestra are performing tonight at the Hall For Cornwall.

The winning house is Maen with 420 house points, Gwynver had 409 and Vellandreath had 315. Tommy had the most points for Maen, Kyle for Gwynver and Alex W. for Vellandreath - well done everyone!

WHAT'S ON AFTER EASTER?

MON 17TH APRIL - EASTER MONDAY - HOLIDAY

TUES 18TH - RETURN TO SCHOOL

Different menu today - pork or veg sausages with chips, peas, baked beans and icecream of fruit for pudding **NO JACKET POTATOES**

TODAY

Guitar lessons

WED 19th - 3.15 Scratch Club

THURS 20th - 9.05am Vision Screening for Reception children

3.15 Beach Club starts

NO Gardening Club

FRI - 1.20 Year 2/3/4 swimming

CAPE CORNWALL SCHOOL UNIFORM EVENINGS

For those children going to Cape Cornwall School in September there are two uniform evenings, namely Wednesday 24th May 3.30 - 5.30pm and Thursday 25th May 3.30 - 5.30pm.

School Council we are incredibly proud of them and owe them a massive congratulations. As you will know, last week they presented to the Michelmores Trust to win £500 to purchase ukuleles for the school. We are very pleased to announce that although we didn't win the top prize they were so impressive that we were awarded a special £250 prize!

Thrive Room

We are planning to establish a Thrive Room to further embed The Thrive Approach within Sennen School and continue to support children with their emotional and social development. Our aim is to help our children to feel happy and secure, able to enjoy friendships, relate well to others and be ready and able to learn. Many Thrive activities are play and art based activities. So to help equip this room we are asking for kind donations. Any of the following in good condition would be gratefully received and can be put in the collection box in the foyer. Small toy figures, cuddly toys, puppets, cushions, natural materials and any art/craft materials.