

Friday 17th March 2023

Dear parents/carers,

I hope you and your families are safe and well. Despite the wet and windy weather over the last few days, the children have had another full and exciting week in school.



Year 5 – Dunes Visit

On a beautifully sunny day on Tuesday, the final Year 5 outdoor learning group had an amazing time exploring Upton Towans. They climbed up to a high point and used binoculars to observe the surrounding area and a compass to help them understand directions. They continued their journey, running into a dune blow out where they learnt about the formation of the dunes and created their own dune system. While exploring the dunes they discovered rabbit warrens and badger setts.



Finally, they observed nature closely using lenses and magnifying equipment.



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KS1 Healthy Foods

Mrs Allen, our amazing catering manager, has had lots of fun with Years 1 and 2 learning about the importance of trying healthy foods, **eat well...stay well!**

The children have learned that being healthy means looking after yourself by eating healthy foods, keeping active and feeling good. They tried a rainbow of colours from red hot chilli peppers to raw cauliflower and discussed how important fruit and vegetables are with helping to fight infections and for growth.

They finished the session by drawing a healthy eating plate with foods that they had enjoyed trying.



Wellbeing Champions

We are delighted to introduce our wellbeing champions. They will work alongside Miss Scaife, our Wellbeing Champion and Senior Mental Health Lead, to come up with ideas and implement plans to support all our pupils with their mental health and wellbeing.



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Outdoor Learning



This week, Reception Class children have been learning about the importance of insects. They learned about bees and stick insects and closely observed them using different lenses and a microscope.



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Choir



Mrs Hollis for accompanying our choir members to the workshop.

What an amazing week our choir members have had! On Tuesday, fourteen of our Year 3 and Year 4 choir members attended a Sing In vocal workshop at Truro Methodist Church as part of Cornwall Music Festival. The children all had a great time and learned a lot of tips for singing. We would like to thank



On Wednesday afternoon, all our choir members had the opportunity to take part in a rehearsal for Song Fest. Patrick went through a lot of the songs we have been busily learning and taught the children some actions, the importance of clearly pronouncing each word sung and how they can use their bodies and voices to help to show how they are feeling. He was very impressed with the children's singing.

Year 3 - Phillack Church visit

On Wednesday morning, Year 3 visited Phillack Church as part of their learning in RE about the features of a Christian Church. The children were joined by Mrs Annette Claridge, a minister from the Godrevy Team. Mrs Claridge told the children about the history of the church and showed them the key features such as the font, lectern and altar.



proud when Mrs Claridge commented on how well behaved and interested the children were during the visit.

The children were thrilled to explore the church and see the stained-glass windows, carvings and artefacts inside the church. Later the children sketched the windows and archways linked to their learning about buildings and architecture in Art. We were very



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British Science Week

As part of British Science Week, Year 3 carried out an investigation in their teams to see if water could travel. It was fun observing the paper absorb the water and travel to mix the primary colours into secondary colours.



Year 5 have been looking at Chinese Inventions that changed the world, including the Water Clock.



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Year 6

Year 6 carried on from their Cross Fit experience this week with circuits in the hall.

They also began to practise using the glockenspiels to play along with Carole King's 'You Got a Friend'



Bags2School

A final Reminder: Bags2School collection for Tuesday 21st March.

Please find on the flyer a list of the items that they will accept.

Please could **all bags be brought to school by 9:00am on Tuesday 21st March** and be left in the playground where a member of the Friends will kindly accept your donations.

Unfortunately, due to lack of space in school, we are unable to accommodate any bags in school before the day of collection.

Please encourage all your family and friends to sort through their unwanted clothing, bedding and towels. The more we collect the more funds can be raised. All funds go towards additional resources and opportunities for all children. Thank you, as always, for your support.



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Attendance

<u>Attendance</u> Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year R	99.6 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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*We are delighted to be able to invite the parents/carers of the winners below to join us at our final Shine assembly of the spring term, on **Friday 24th March** to see their child receive their certificate.*

*Please come along to the main reception **no earlier than 2:35pm**. A special well done to:*

Year R – Charlie

For being a thoughtful, caring and hardworking member of Reception every day. Well done, Charlie!

Year 1 – Harrison

For his amazing effort in phonics and always trying his best in every lesson. Well done, Harrison!

Year 2 – Elsie R

For the hard work and effort Elsie puts into her handwriting. Well done, Elsie, it is beautiful!

Year 3 – Perran

For excellent work on reading comprehension about Romulus and Remus. Well done, Perran!

Year 4 – Sam

For being a thoughtful and caring member of the class. Well done, Sam!

Year 5 – Hugo

For his amazing support with the visualiser and power point display each lesson. Well done, Hugo!

Year 6 – Harry

For always giving 100% in maths on a Tuesday night, making the most of the opportunity. Well done, Harry!

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Writer – Maisie (Year R)

For reading and writing tricky words in her sentences. Well done, Maisie!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Ollie (Year 1)

For reading at home every night, working really hard in our phonics lessons and doing a super job on his practice screening check. Well done, Ollie!

KS2 Reader – Senara (Year 4)

For working hard to ensure she writes detailed, accurate, full sentence answers in her comprehension. Well done, Senara!

Mathematician – Lenny (Year 5)

For his fantastic knowledge of decimals and his ordered approach to problem solving. Well done, Lenny!

Rock Star – Berran (Year 6)

For consistently answering questions with great speed and accuracy. Well done, Berran!

Performer – Amelia (Year 2)

For excellent reading aloud in front of the class, using great expression. Well done, Amelia!

Moki Fitness Tracker – Freya (Year 5)

For recording the greatest number of steps in a week using the Moki Fitness Trackers. Freya's total was an amazing 34,387 steps. Well done, Freya!

Character – Evelyn (Year 3)

For being a super role model, showing great enthusiasm for learning about the features of Phillack Church. Well done, Evelyn!

Kind Regards,



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