



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

After-school Clubs

- **Cheerleading Club cancelled this week**

School Trips

- Able Writers
- Yr 5: Science Showcase

Letters coming home this week

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Monday 21st

- Football Match: vs St Cleer

Tuesday 22nd

- Able Writers

Wednesday 23rd

- Yr 5: Science Technical Showcase

Thursday 24th

- Cake Sale
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Friday 25th

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Other

- Please complete and return all trip letter slips ASAP
- Awards should be returned by the following Wednesday
- Mufti Day date change – changed from Tuesday 2 April to Friday 5 April.

Sports News

Last Friday we took five teams to the inaugural South West Youth Games Rock Climbing Competition in Plymouth. We were one of 10 schools that took part with a total of 18 teams competing for the title. Our five teams, each consisting of 3 members, all performed superbly well throughout. Each team member had to select three separate climbs to complete and they had 4 minutes on each climb. Points were awarded for reaching the top of each climb, with additional points awarded for completing increasingly difficult challenges (reaching the summit only using a particular colour holds, completing the climb in under 30 seconds, or without the use of hand holds on one very tricky climb!).

Each team could score a maximum of 180 points for their 9 climbs, with an additional 20 points awarded for the 'leap of faith'. When all the points had been totted up our team of Seren W, Ruby F and Harry A had amassed an incredible 185 points and were crowned the winners! The team finishing second, from a Plymouth school, were some 50 points behind us! In addition to that, our team consisting of Abbie C, Olivia T and William W missed out on the bronze medal by just 3 points!

Each member of our teams attempted every challenge and some really pushed themselves to overcome their fears. Without doubt, our children all surpassed my expectations of them and the confidence they showed during this event was incredible. Well done to all 15 who took part, and a special thanks to Phil, who once again, gave up a day to help transport us there and back!

Cake Sale



On Thursday we have a cake sale to raise money for Hillside School in Uganda.

On Cake Sale days, we ask that parents make or donate cakes for us to sell to the children for 20p so we can raise money for different causes.

We do ask, however that all cakes are nut-free.

Parents Evenings: Wed 13 and Thu 14 February

Codes for booking your slot to speak to your child's teacher will be in next week's newsletter.



Lunch Supervision

All children have plenty of time to have their lunch in the hall and are encouraged to eat as much as possible. With the number of children eating it is possible for children to slip through the net especially in KS2 when there is an element of trust as well.

We are putting a table together for children who do need specific monitoring because they are not eating enough of their lunches. If your child is one of these and you have any concerns do give their name to the office.

Some children have their snacks in lunch boxes as well so it would be a good idea to make sure their daytime snacks are separate in their school bags so it is clear what you are expecting them to eat at lunch time. Every child is different and has a different appetite –you know your child’s needs better and we want to support your wishes.

I do not want any child being encouraged to eat if you are happy with what they have eaten. It is a delicate balance as we do not want food to be an issue.

I do know that energy levels will have an impact on learning in the afternoons if children are not eating enough for them.

Descriptosaurus and vocabulary

We are encouraging the development of vocabulary in a variety of ways. All classrooms have a descriptosaurus and access to the online one.

Each week we are going to put some quality phrases and sentences on our newsletter. Please practise saying them with your child and discuss how they may be used in writing. If we have not said something we cannot use it in writing. Research shows the importance of talk and there is evidence to show that the life chances of children improve if they have opportunity to talk and converse freely at home.

We will do our best at school and hopefully our sentences can guide discussions at home as well. In a world full of technology please do not forget the power of talk.

Whole School Word Count

As a school, this year to date, we have read:

42,441,093 words and 4,099 books



Library Visits

As part of our reading promotion children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be going to the library during this term.

Appointment

Last week we appointed Miss Rebecca Drury to cover Mrs Hawkings’ maternity time. She moved down to Cornwall last summer and is currently at Brunel. She has had experience in both EYFS and Year 1 so is in a good position to take Mrs Hawkings class from Reception to Year 1. On her return Mrs Hawkings will complete the year with her current class. This means that they will have had the same number of teachers and consistency.

Miss Drury will be coming into school and we will set up a meet the teacher session later this term, we wanted to get the right person secured.

The feedback from our interviews was great. We had a very strong field and met some lovely teachers all who would have had the skills to teach our children really well. They were very positive about the experience and really enjoyed the day at our school. During the day they taught a phonics lesson to Year 1 children, taught a maths activity to EYFS children, were interviewed by half of Year 6, completed a literacy test and had a formal interview. It is a very thorough process and undertaken by governors and staff with expertise in these areas.

I look forward to introducing you to Miss Drury.

Safeguarding Reminder

Please do speak to Mrs Curtis or in her absence Mrs Cunningham about any concerns.

As we take our responsibilities very seriously. Mr Arundell, Mrs Hawkings and Mrs Clark are also trained at the same level so someone is always available.

School Direct

If you know anybody with a degree interested in becoming a teacher do encourage them to find out about our course. We have places available for next year still.

AWARDS

Be the best you can	Alfie G
Demonstrating Values	Lily P Millie J
Dinner Hall	Ethan H
Eco	Mia S
Effort	Adam C Gwen H
English	Ellis M
Enthusiasm	Jamie H
Excellence	Kamora K Effie S
Good Manners	Layla E
Growth Mindset	Megan HH James H
Helpfulness	Lottie K
Home Learner	Sienna B
Kindness	Hazel E
Literacy	Chloe W
Maths Progress	William S
Maths Superstar	Ruby A Dulcie N
Passion	Bodhi W
Perseverance	Sam B
Phonics	Mollie Y
Player of the Week (Netball)	Millie BC
Player of the Week (Participation)	Ethan F
Positive Attitude	Joshua P
Progress	Olivia J Freddie M Seren H
Reader of the Week	Nina M
Reading Star	Isaac B Rose C
Resilience	Maisie H Owen G Abbie D
Role Model	Ethan J
School Ambassador	Leila C
School Role Model	Ashton B
Standing up for right	Tom W
Star of the Week	Charlie V Eliza F
Tables Champion	Isla SH
Taking Responsibility	JJ D
Thinking	Theodore S
Writer of the Week	William B
Piano Award	Erin S
Singing Award	Rosie S

Sentences of the Week

- He tilted his head forward and flashed a comforting smile.
- Her voice trailed off into a low sigh and she squeezed Robert's arm in a gesture of support.

Curriculum

When reviewing our curriculum recently we made some changes resulting in so much good learning about WW1 last term. This term KS2 are going to have the opportunity in English to look at Shakespeare. They will all be involved in putting on a play, working with actors in sessions after they have watched a performance of *Midsummer Night's Dream*. Our entrance hall will be transformed as well.

In the summer, as well as looking at *The Coast and Sea*, we will be widening the topic to include Landrake and the local area. We have parish records, archives of pictures and a wealth of material that will support this. With two churches and the churchyard to explore and many families who have had connections for many generations, it will be easy to guide learning. On reflection, Sir Robert Geffery himself had a huge impact on the village through his legacy and it will be good for children to be able to find out about this. Landrake would not have had a school without his trust fund. In 1703 there was no free education but a teacher was funded for the people of Landrake. The members of Worshipful Company have maintained the strong relationship and this is unique to our school. It will be good for us to find out more.

If you have any information that may help our project, start collecting.

Gardening Club

Unfortunately, we missed Gardening Club off the clubs list – if your child would like to attend, please inform the school office.

Golf Club

Gold Club will finish on Wednesday 20 March, due to Mr Avery having other commitments.

CROSS COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

23 children from the cross country club took part in a league race at Cotehele on Friday 18 Jan. Despite the awful weather conditions with torrential rain and very muddy conditions, the children all ran well. Thank you to the parents who supported their children for this run as they got absolutely soaking wet. The results are:

Year 3/4 girls: Shiloh S (13) Bea T (19) Poppy C (26) Sienna B (44) Effie S (48) Megan D (72)

Year 3/4 boys: Oscar D (21) Charlie V (69) Joseph A (70) William R (72) Ben C (78) Eddie T (108)

Year 5/6 girls: Abbie C (3) Abbie D (4) Rose C (25) Ruby F (38) Merryn B (40) Lily C (41)

Year 5/6 boys: Hayden W (16) Tom H (29) Owen G (30) Shea W (33) Johan C (31) Tom R (35)

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - LANDRAKE RUN FRIDAY 8TH MARCH 1.30PM

We need help from parents with marshalling the course, car parking and serving refreshments, donating cakes. A letter will be sent out shortly for parents to offer their time for the famous Landrake Run that attracts over 600+ children from over 30 different schools in Cornwall.

Saltash – Plougastel Twinning Association

Would you like to improve your French, make family friends, and visit France as a welcome guest rather than a tourist? Saltash has been twinned with Plougastel in Brittany since 1984 and each year a visit is organised (usually during May half-term). This year we are visiting our friends in Plougastel, and we have some spaces on the coach. If anyone would be interested in finding out more information, please contact Stephanie Yates on 01752 843260 or by Email: sanddyates@btopenworld.com

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Mon 28 Jan	Football Match: vs Callington
Wed 30 Jan	Sportshall Athletics
Fri 1 Feb	League Run
Wed 6 Feb	Netball Tournament
Thu 7 Feb	Maths Masterclass Gym Festival
Mon 11 Feb	Primary Maths Challenge
Wed 13 Feb	Parental Consultations
Thu 14 Feb	Parental Consultations
18-22 Feb	Half Term
Mon 25 Feb	Yr 4: Bodmin Recycling Centre
Tue 26 Feb	Yr 2: Bodmin Recycling Centre Yr 4: Bikeability L1
Thu 28 Feb	Cake Sale (nut free cakes please)
Fri 1 Mar	League Run
Mon 4 Mar	Football Match: vs St Neot
Fri 8 Mar	Landrake Run
Wed 13 Mar	Marine Biology
Fri 18 Mar	Football Match: vs Lifton
Wed 20 Mar	Yr5: Jnr Life Skills – Fire Station
Thu 21 Mar	Cake Sale (nut free cakes please)
Mon 25 Mar	Football Match: vs Windmill Acad.
Thu 28 Mar	Maths Masterclass Yr 3/4: Farm & Countryside Day
Mon 1 Apr	Football Match: vs Darite
Thu 4 Apr	3pm: Home Learning Exhibition
Fri 5 Apr	NSPCC Assembly and Mufti Day
8-22 Apr	Easter Holidays
23Apr-10May	Y3 swimming every morning
Wed 24 Apr	Quadkids
29Apr-3May	Yr 5: Barton Hall Residential
Mon 29 Apr	Football Match: vs Delaware
Mon 6 May	Bank Holiday
Mon 13 May	Football Match: vs St Neot
Wed 15 May	Yr 1/2: Cricket Match
Thu 16 May	Cake Sale (nut free cakes please)
Mon 20 May	Yr 6: St Dennis Recycling
Tue 21 May	Yr 5: Cricket Match at Duloe
Wed 22 May	Sports Day
Thu 23 May	Maths Masterclass
27-31 May	Half Term