

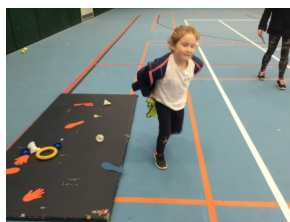


HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE

On Tuesday year 6 were very proud and privileged to be joined for the afternoon by Mr Ivor Pascoe, a war veteran who experienced World War II in Cornwall and the Navy. He was truly inspirational, providing an insight into war time life, answering the children's questions and proudly showing photographs and medals from this time. His messages inspired all the children and adults lucky enough to be a part of this afternoon. Thank you to Mr Pascoe for once again giving up his time to come and share his experiences.



On Thursday, we took 12 children from years 1 and 2 to Mounts Bay Academy to compete against eleven other schools in a variety of events. All children showed fantastic determination and skill, giving their best to beat all the other teams, to end the competition as Penwith Sports Winners! We are so proud of how the children all gained in confidence. They will now go on to compete in the County Finals in April. Congratulations to all who took part!



Year 5 have had an exciting week. On Thursday the children travelled to Hayle Academy to take part in a STEM (Science, technology, Engineering and Maths) morning with other local schools. The children were engaged in a variety of activities including baking cheese straws, making a trebuchet, batik and building a solar powered car.



On Friday, as part of the science topic on forces, the children visited Nexus. The children learned about friction and how the use of gears helps to make riding their bike easier. In addition, experiments with levers and pulleys highlighted how science is used to provide a mechanical advantage which has allowed the human race to construct amazing buildings and empires. The children really enjoyed the experience and staff at both secondary schools commented on their excellent behaviour for learning.

School Meals—Changes to Ordering

From Monday 3rd February 2020, the way in which children order their lunches will be changing. Instead of ordering in their classes in the morning, our school will be moving to the ParentPay booking service to book children's meals. This applies to every child, including those who receive a Free School Meal. All meals will have to be booked at home through ParentPay by midnight of the previous day.

Next week, details of how to book your child's school meal will be sent home along with a copy of the current menu.

NSPCC

We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in their Number Day on **Friday 7th February 2020**. Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it. We are aiming to raise money for the NSPCC through a 'Sponsored Tables Test' (Years 2-6) and a Rainbow Challenge (Year R and Year 1). On Friday 7th February, the children are invited to come to school dressed in a maths or number related outfit. Children can wear any number related outfit ranging from a squad number on your football shirt to a costume to look like Thing One or Thing Two - or anything in between. On the day, the children will enjoy a range of maths activities and investigations throughout the morning and do their tables challenge (Year 2-6 only). We are looking forward to raising money to support the NSPCC and enjoying a morning of maths. Many thanks for your continued support with this event.



Parking/Driving Considerations

A reminder that the Landlord and Landlady of the Turnpike Inn, in the village, have kindly offered parents/carers the use of their car park before and after school to try and ease the congestion on Mutton Hill and Connor Hill. We would encourage parents/carers, wherever possible, to make use of

this very kind offer in order to increase the safety of our children arriving at and leaving school.



We have recently received some reports of cars mounting the pavements when trying to pass other vehicles. Please can we ask all parents/carers to take care and drive safely and considerably for the benefit of all our children, parents/carers and the wider community, and to take advantage, wherever possible, of the very kind offer to use the Turnpike Inn car park. Thank you all for your support with this.

Today we have also sent home to all families a leaflet entitled, '**SafePark at your child's school**' which gives some information on ways to help make the school run safer and healthier for everyone. Also coming home is a '**SafePark Parents/Carers' Pledge**' that we are asking all parents/carers to read and sign and return the tear off clip to their child's class. We hope that you will find this information useful and that we can all help to make getting to and from school safer.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 28th January—Safer Internet day for parents—Year R: 9.15am—9.30am and Years 1—6: 9.15am—10.30am

Friday 7th February—NSPCC Number Day

Friday 7th February—Scholastic Book Fair—Day 1—from 3.15pm in Year 1/2 building

Monday 10th February—Scholastic Book Fair—Day 2—from 3.15pm in Year 1/2 building

Tuesday 11th February—Scholastic Book Fair—Day 3—from 3.15pm in Year 1/2 building

Wednesday 12th February—Scholastic Book Fair—Day 3—from 3.15pm in Year 1/2 building

Wednesday 12th February—School Disco's—Years R, 1 & 2—5.00pm—6.00 and Years 3, 4, 5 & 6—6.15pm—7.15pm. £1.50 entrance on the door and refreshments available to purchase.

Thursday 13th February—Last Day before half term—**3.15pm FINISH**

Friday 14th February—INSET DAY (School closed)

Please note, children will return to school for the 2020/2021 school year on Monday 7th September. Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th will be inset days. We will notify you of the rest of the inset days in due course.

Mrs Eddy

ATTENDANCE

Our school target for attendance is 96%.

1st Place	Year 1	99.6%
2nd Place	Year 2	98.2%
Joint 3rd Place	Years R & 3	96.4%

SHINE AWARDS

Our next Shine Assembly is on **Friday 31st January 2020**, at 2.40pm.

Parents of the children below are warmly invited to attend.

Please come along to main reception no earlier than 2.35pm. A special well done to:

Reception	Charlie	For always trying his best and consistently exceeding his targets, particularly in his reading and writing.
Year 1	Corey	For always trying his best and having a 'can do' attitude especially in maths, learning his number bonds to 20.
Year 2	Finley	For trying hard and demonstrating a good growth mindset during morning activities.
Year 3	Eva	For super effort to answer, in detail, reading comprehension questions.
Year 4	Lexie	For her super efforts to learn her times tables and for using similies and amazing adjectives to describe a character.
Year 5	Eloise	For turning a fail—first attempt in learning into a success in her maths.
Year 6	Amber	A simply outstanding week, consisting of powerful writing, confident multiplication and increasing confidence. Well Done!
Writer of the week	Wesley Year 6	For writing one of the most emotive, powerful letter to our visiting war veteran. It used amazing language and really came from the heart.
YR & KS1 Reader of the week	Caycie Year 2	For her dedication to reading every night and sharing her enthusiasm with peers and family. This has improved fluency and your speed of reading has really progressed.
KS2 Reader of the week	Kayson Year 5	For the enthusiasm he has developed for his reading and the number of times he has made our Reading Stars board.
Mathematician of the week	Leon Year 4	For working hard in maths when partitioning numbers to multiply.
Performer of the week	Lois Year R	For putting on a fantastic performance when learning how to rap our class book, 'The Lion Inside'.
Citizen of the week	Mabel Year 1	For being a superstar in the classroom, helping with tidying up and taking on jobs when her friends are unable to.