

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022

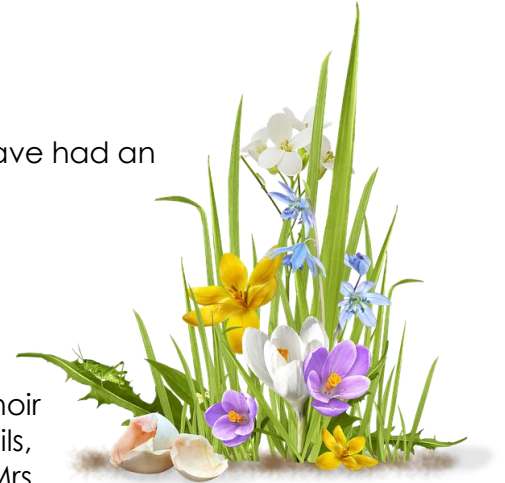
Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are all safe and well. We have had an exciting week in our Academy.

## **SongFest 2022**

What an amazing time our choir had at SongFest 2022. Surrounded by the breath-taking Truro Cathedral, the pupils performed the songs they have been learning in choir beautifully. Even though it was a very long day, all the pupils, staff and parents really enjoyed this spectacular event. Mrs Crease and Mrs Smith were very impressed with the behaviour of all

of the pupils and how well they coped with the demands of the day. We are so proud of each and every one of you for all your efforts to take part in such a wonderful event. A special thanks must go to the parents/carers who supported their children at the event and with all the practicing at home.



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## Year 3 and Year 4 – Farm and Country Day

Year 3 and 4 had a fantastic experience at the Farm and Country Day at the Royal Cornwall Showground, Wadebridge on Thursday.



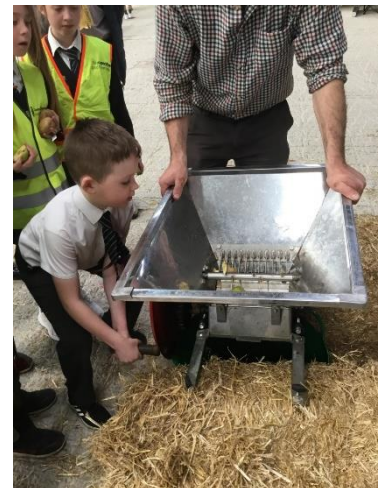
The children learned about farming and food production in Cornwall, with lots of amazing opportunities such as: milking the cows and goats, skimming milk, making cream and butter.



The children were excited to see combine harvesters, ploughs and tractors and even press the button to bail some hay! They were able to meet farmers who explained the process of looking after cows, sheep and goats.



Food tasting was also very popular where the children learned about ice cream production and even making their own Cornish egg bread.



*Liam declared: "I thought it was fascinating to learn how to make butter out of milk."*



*Kerra explained: "I did not know that there are dairy and beef cows on farms"*



*."McKenzie said: "I really enjoyed making egg bread and I told my family how to make it too."*

*Unique replied: "It was brilliant learning how to use a milking machine! "*



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## Year 4 - Science

In Year 4 for Science Week, the children have been looking at this year's topic of Growth. They completed a reading comprehension as well as investigated their own questions about growth. Some of the things that the class have investigated are:

- Which tree is the tallest?
- Which microbes grow the quickest?
- Which is the oldest animal?

We have also been working on investigating which materials are best for making ear protectors to protect our ears from loud sounds.



## Year 4 – Black History

Year 4 have continued their learning about Barack Obama. The children had already identified that he was a former president of the United States but didn't understand the historical significance of him being the first African American president. They learned about where he was born and the different events in his life which led up to him becoming president. We discussed the differences he would have seen in his life when he was elected president. The children also learned about how he improved healthcare across the nation and the causes that he and his wife Michelle support through the foundation that they have set up.

## Aspire UNICEF UK/Ukraine Appeal

A reminder for anyone who has not yet donated, but wishes to, the Trust have set up a central Aspire JustGiving page which is now live and will remain live until the end of the spring term – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

[www.justgiving.com/aspire-ukraine](http://www.justgiving.com/aspire-ukraine)



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## Remain Alert: Covid-19

Cases of COVID-19 in Cornwall are very high compared to the national average. We ask all parents/carers to please continue to act responsibly and follow the guidance. Remember: If you test positive you should stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. For more information, please use the link below to access the Aspire Academy Trust's Coronavirus (Covid-19) information page.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - The Aspire Academy Trust](#)

## After School Club – New Independent Club

During the next two weeks, we will be sending out information about the school led afterschool clubs available for the summer term. In advance of this, we are delighted to be able to share with parents/carers an amazing opportunity to attend a French after school club. This club is run by an external teacher but will be held in school on a Thursday from 3:15pm to 4:15pm. It is open to children from Years 2 – 6 inclusive and is bookable and payable direct through their website. Places are limited and are available on a first come first served basis.



**Kidslingo**

Weekly fun and interactive French club, delivered by an expert linguist. Engaging topics such as Me & My Family, The Universe, My Hobbies, About the Town, Circus Fun and many more.

Our award-winning classes boost confidence, creativity & cognitive development whilst having fun. We explore the world around us as we learn through games, songs, story-telling and drama.

3.15-4.15pm every Thursday.  
**£5.50 per class, payable half termly in advance.**  
Weekly worksheets and FREE access to online games platform with over 250 games to play at home.

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## Bonjour!



Sign up now to a **NEW** after school club at Connor Downs Academy!

My name is **Vicky** and I teach French in a fun and engaging way!

My French sessions consist of:

- ◆ Singing songs
- ◆ Playing games
- ◆ Following actions
- ◆ Role play



If you would be interested in your child taking part in a French club, please book your space here: [www.kidslingo.co.uk](http://www.kidslingo.co.uk)



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Parents/carers can enrol their child/children using the link below :

<https://www.kidslingo.co.uk/area/french-classes-central-west-cornwall/>

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## Children's Holiday Sports and Activities



14-16 year old  
Volunteer Award Programme



**Coast**  
ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

WWW.COASTACTIVITYPROGRAMME.COM  
07939863010



KS1 5-7 - Learn New Skills



KS2 7-11 - Develop Skills



KS3 11-14 - Master Skills

**Sports and Activities Holiday Club**

Morning 9:00am - 1:00pm  
Afternoon 12:30pm - 4:30pm  
Or why not join us for a full day 9:00am - 4:30pm

**FREE HOT MEAL INCLUDED**

St Ives School  
11th-14th April  
5-16 Year olds

Penpol School Hayle  
19th-22nd April  
5-11 Year olds

Helston Community College  
19th-22nd April  
5-16 Year olds

**SCAN TO BOOK**

Free spaces available to those eligible for Free School Meals.  
To get your code please visit:  
[www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme](http://www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme)



**FREE**

Half days: £15 or **Free** with a FSM code  
Full days: £25 or £5 if using FSM code  
Book all 4 days and get 10% discount

**Be ACTIVE**  
**Have FUN**  
**Develop SKILLS**  
**And make FRIENDS**

**TIME MOVE**  
Holiday Programme

Department for Education

active CORNWALL

We are very excited to be able to offer our Sports and Activities Holiday Programme during the Easter holidays in Hayle, St. Ives and Helston. With Free spaces available to those who are eligible for FSM.

We would like to support as many children as possible with their development and wellbeing during this Easter period.

During the Easter Holiday's the government are funding all children eligible for benefit related free school meals a space at holiday activity clubs.

School holidays can have particular challenges for some families because of increased costs such as food, childcare and reduced incomes.

Our programme offers fun engaging activity with a **free hot meal for all children** and aims to support children and families who may be affected by the triple inequalities of social isolation, poor diet and low levels of physical activity.

It is a great opportunity for all children and our camp is open to children from Reception to Year 11.

We offer half days or full days and different programmes for the different Key Stages, including a Volunteer Award Programme for those aged 14-16 years old.

Here is the link for parents to access their Voucher Codes for their Free places:

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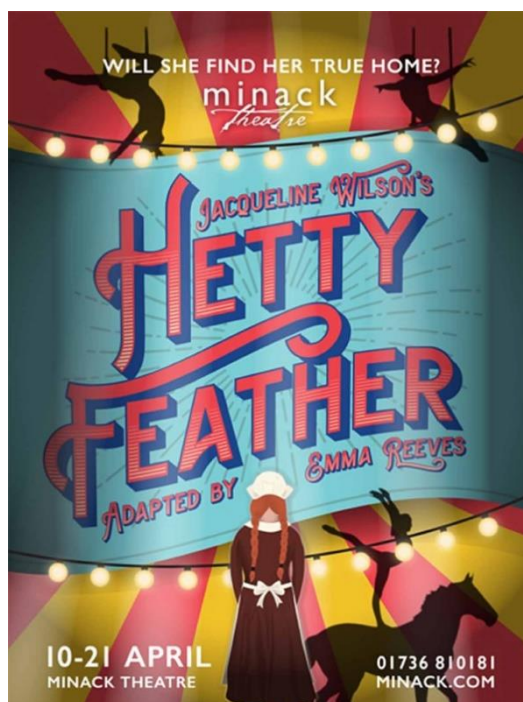
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## Minack Theatre – Easter Holidays



Roll Up! for a circus of dreams at the Minack this Easter

### Special Discount Offer

Hetty Feather hates her cruel life at the Foundling Hospital and longs to find her true mother. Only her courage and imagination give the determined little redhead the strength to keep her hopes alive but when she encounters the glamorous, flame-haired circus performer, Madame Adeline, her dreams become dangerously entangled with the perils that lurk in the real world.

Adapted by Emma Reeves from the popular children's books by Jacqueline Wilson, this imaginative stage version will have surprises and delights for both fans and newcomers to the story.

The Minack is offering a 50% discount on tickets for local children & families for performances of Hetty Feather on the following dates & times:

Monday 10 April at 7pm  
Tuesday 11 April at 7pm  
Wednesday 12 April at 7pm

Book your tickets online or by phone using the discount code supplied.

Offer strictly limited to children attending schools located in TR18, TR19, TR20, TR26 or TR27 postcode areas. This offer is non-transferable.

**minack.com**  
**01736 810181**



## Attendance

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Our school target for attendance is 96%		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year 1	97.6 %
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year 5	96.8 %

## Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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### **Year R – Alfie**

For showing fantastic progress with his reading and phonics. Alfie is showing greater confidence and enjoyment with his work. Well done Alfie!

### **Year 1 – Elsie R**

For her excellent enthusiasm, determination and progress every week with her swimming. Well done Elsie!

### **Year 2 – Phoenix**

For excellent work. Phoenix has a wonderful attitude to learning and is a great role model. Well done Phoenix!

### **Year 3 – Jacob**

For super effort and attitude and going outside of his comfort zone to learn Savvy dance routines. Well done Jacob!

### **Year 4 – Reuben**

For developing his resilience and can-do attitude to his work. Well done Reuben!

### **Year 5 – Ella**

For her high standard of presentation in all of her work. Ella takes a real pride in everything she does and is proud to share it with visitors to the classroom who love reading her work. Well done Ella!

### **Year 6 – Jack**

For his enthusiasm in class for Geography. Jack shares really interesting facts with the class and is always keen to extend his knowledge. Well done Jack!

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**Writer – Rupert (Year R)**

For his effort and enthusiasm when reading and writing different words during phonics.

**EYFS/KS1 Reader – Ruan (Year 2)**

For excellent reading comprehension skills and achieving an outstanding spring term assessment score.

**KS2 Reader – Olivia BS (Year 6)**

For regularly reading at home and tackling new words with confidence.

**Mathematician – Sam (Year 3)**

For showing a great recall of times tables in our class knockout game.

**Performer – Holly (Year 5)**

For singing and performing with a big smile on her face at Songfest.

**Moki Fitness Tracker – Isla (Year 4)**

For recording the greatest number of steps in a week using the Moki Fitness Trackers. Isla's total was 23,424 steps. Well done Isla!

**Citizen – Mia (Year 1)**

Mia is a kind, caring role model to all her peers in Year 1. Mia is always looking after her friends and adults in class and is always ready with a hug!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy  
Head of School