

# St Petroc's Post



## Letter from The Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an eclectic week, even by St Petroc's standards! The children have been busy discussing their Christmas Wishes, in support of Bude and Stratton Town Council's project.



The Stay and Play children have been contributing towards the 'decorate a Christmas Tree' competition and the corridors have been awash with the sound of our Dolphins, Reception and Key Stage 1 children practising their nativity shows. I particularly enjoyed giving a parent tour and seeing a collection of teddy bears sat on chairs, clearly being the 'stand in' mums and dads, which was lovely to see. On Monday, I was lucky enough to walk through the new Gymnastics activity, which is soon to start officially for our Dolphins, and they seemed to be very engaged!

Congratulations to the sports teams that enjoyed fixtures at Mount Kelly on Wednesday and to the Key Stage 2 Cyclists who enjoyed some superb 'cornering' practice with British Cycling Coach Sam Legget on Thursday, despite the cold afternoon winds. Sam has mentioned frequently how impressed he is with both the ability and functional movement of the children here and we look forward to next week, where we will join Bude Juniors to help promote the benefits of Grass track, Time Trial and Team Pursuit events. This activity will also help boost our data collection for our Maths lessons on data handling, following the event. This was topped off by hearing all about the wonderful trip to the Education Centre at Rosemoor, where our Key Stage 1 children made fantastic Christmas tree decorations and all enjoyed modelling Robin crowns.

While the children were juggling all of these opportunities, they also were exceptional in their understanding and quick thinking when clearing the field for an urgent and impromptu landing of the Devon Air Ambulance, for one of the residents nearby. The children were fantastic and we were delighted to be able to help in any way that we could. We send our very best wishes to the patient and their family.

I shared with our children this morning, the reflection of such an event. It highlights some very important realisations at times, for us as adults, about what matters. It also demonstrated our absolute reliance on the sterling work that those doctors and pilots provide for a community like Bude when we need help most. The land based ambulance was 47 minutes away, the helicopter was here in 12 minutes, flying at 200mph! It is something I would like us to consider supporting in future fundraising efforts.



## Diary Dates

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>  
November**

Cycling Competition at  
Bude Junior School

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup>  
November**

Year 6 & 7 Class Assembly  
November Moment

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>  
December**

12-3pm Friends of  
St Petroc's Christmas  
Bazaar at An Mor

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>  
December**

1pm Dolphins Nativity  
Play  
2:15pm Reception & KS1  
Nativity Play

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup>  
December**

9:15am Dolphins Nativity  
Play  
10:15am Reception & KS1  
Nativity Play

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>  
December**

4pm Christingle Service at  
St Michael's Church

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>  
December**

4:30pm Carol Service at  
Bude Methodist Church

## Letter from the Headmaster (continued)



We also had some wonderful comments made by the visiting parents this week and I applauded the children for maintaining their standards, which have been set so high throughout this last term. It has been great to be able to show so many of our Dolphins and Sea Lions families around the school and for you to meet the children. If you are yet to book a visit, please contact the Office.

Many of you hadn't realised that there is a little more to see that you might expect from the kerbside. This was a view reiterated by Victoria Kennington, the South West Regional representative from the Independent Schools Association, who came to visit this week, following our recent National Award for Innovation and Partnerships. The achievements of our children, in every setting throughout the school, from 3 months to 11 years, are gaining recognition in a number of ways. From the 'Outstanding' Independent Schools Inspection in May, the ISA National Award and then - just last week - St Petroc's appeared in the Times Top 100 Prep Schools List.

Well done to all of the children, the staff who show endless dedication to them and to the School and to you, our parent body. Without any of those very special ingredients, we would not have the unique learning environment that we do. In the words of Sebastian from Sea Lions, and in my best Optimus Prime Voice, 'Petrocians – I salute you!'

Have a great weekend everyone.

Ben Hilton  
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## The Friends of St Petroc's



### Give As You Live

#### Turning shopping into fundraising!

With Christmas coming up, we thought it was a really good time to remind everyone of a really easy way to fundraise for the School.

Money can be raised for the Friends of St Petroc's through free donations, simply by shopping online using "Give as you Live".

The site covers many of the major retailers including Amazon, Ebay, John Lewis, M&S, Sainsbury's, Boots and many more. All you have to remember to do is access your usual shopping site through Giveasyoulive, shop as normal and they do all the rest, simple!

We are currently buying a giant basket swing for the school, with your help we can add to it very soon.

Thank you,

From The Friends of St Petroc's

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## Wine & Wisdom

### Cheque presentations

The funds raised by the recent Friends of St Petroc's Wine and Wisdom evening have now been officially presented to the two recipients.

Bude 1<sup>st</sup> Scouts and Bude Nippers, both of which benefit many local schoolchildren, have each received an equal share of the £450 raised on the night.

The school hosted between 60 and 70 keen quizzers who found the questions (which drew from tests such as KS2 SATs, GCSEs and BTEC), surprisingly challenging!

The participants enjoyed a wonderful evening of Wine and Wisdom, although some preferred one aspect slightly more than the other! We extend our warmest thanks to you all for your ongoing support of our charitable events; it makes a huge difference to many local people and allow us to see some friendly faces in a fun and sociable way!





# CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

**NEW VENUE**

**An Mor Hotel  
Hartland Terrace  
Bude EX23 8JY**

**St Petroc's**  
  
Founded 1912  
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**Saturday 1st  
December  
12pm – 3pm**

**2018**



**CRAFT FAIR \* JUMBLE**  
**FATHER CHRISTMAS \* FOOD & DRINK**  
**TOYS \* CHILDREN'S BOOKS \* TOMBOLA \* CHOIR**  
**GRAND PRIZE DRAW \* FUN & GAMES \* & MORE!**

## Christmas Wreath materials - a reminder



The pupils will be making Christmas Wreaths to sell at the Christmas Bazaar and we are appealing for materials to help us with this!

Any old Christmas decorations (baubles, ribbon, artificial berries, bells), plus natural/unnatural foliage and twigs, pine cones, etc.

Please bring materials in a bag **on Monday** with a name label attached and drop off to Mr Fox.

Thank you!





## Little Turtles

### Box clever



This week in Little Turtles, we have had the best time playing with cardboard boxes! The babies have shown that you can have fun things all around to play with - but nothing beats a box! We have had some wonderful moments of sharing, kind hands and the most amazing smiles and giggles.

We have also been busy celebrating the American festival of Thanksgiving by creating handprint turkeys, which we have displayed in our porch for you all to see.



## Sea Lions

### Budding little gardeners



This week the Sea Lions have been out in the garden, pulling up the old flower beds and making the garden look nice. We are hoping to plant some winter pansies in them. It was quite cold this week, so we wrapped up warm and put on some gloves to keep our hands clean when we pulled up the old plants.

We've also been practising our independent skills and getting ourselves ready for the garden, taking off our own shoes, putting on coats, puddle suits and wellies. Then, when we come in, we have a go at putting our own shoes back on!





## Dolphins

### Ever wondered about evergreens?



This week, the Dolphins have been excited to paint their clay divas, choosing bright colours.

During circle time, the children took part in discussions about Autumn and the children recalled how they get energy.

Taylor: "We get energy by eating carrots, broccoli, mushroom and ice cream cake".

Marley: "bananas, apples and potatoes".

Kieran: "Cheerios, pancakes and apples".



Evergreen trees have long roots and we discovered that they do not shed their leaves because they do not need as much water or sunshine to keep their leaves green. Trees which do shed their leaves require a lot of water and sunshine, so therefore go into a hibernation period. This is why they shed their leaves and store energy in their trunk until Springtime.

The Dolphins have listened to a selection of 'Percy the Park Keeper' stories and recalled their favourite part. The children have also demonstrated good turn taking and sharing, while independently selecting activities.





## Reception

### Party preparations

Continuing our topic of celebrations, we have been looking at birthdays this week. Harry the hedgehog turned five today and all week we have been building up to the celebration party.

We have planned party games and made birthday cards and invitations, which gave us the opportunity to practice writing words and numbers. The children have also baked cakes ready for the party.



We have looked at how people celebrate birthdays around the world and the children particularly liked the idea that in Israel the children are given a crown to wear on their birthdays.

In Maths, we have been learning to find 'one more' than a number and trying to write a number sentence. We have also been thinking about how to be a good friend and made friendship potions. One recipe was 'a sprinkle of love and a scoop of happiness', which sounds like a lovely base to a friendship!

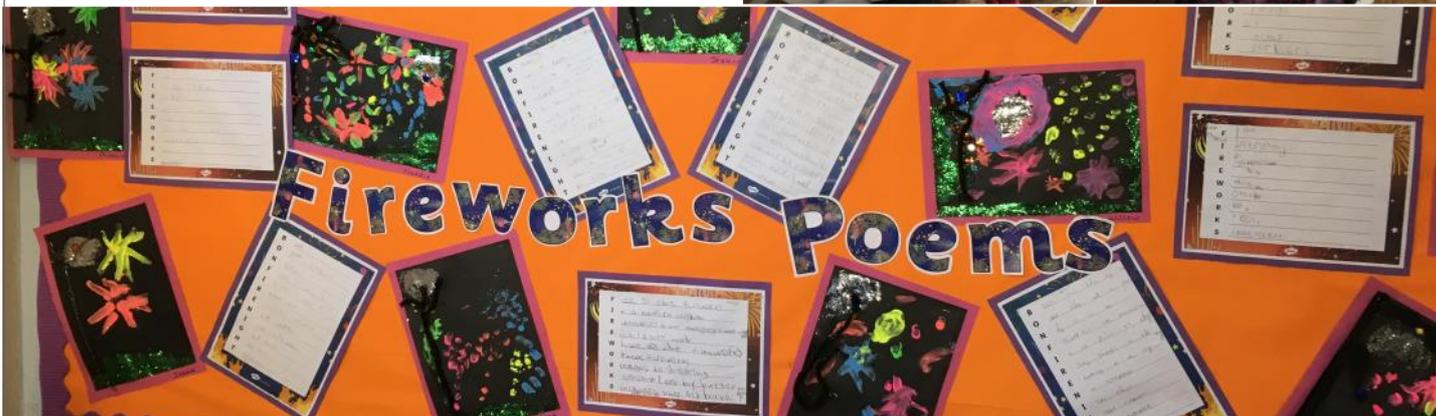
## Year 1

### Poems with sparkle

This week Year 1 spent some Maths time in the Computer Room.

The children are becoming much better at logging on and enjoyed the various Maths games, which help them develop their number skills.

The children have also created poems and pictures for a super fireworks display in the classroom.





Years 2 & 3

**Showstopper sandwiches**

It's been a big week of learning through experience in Year 2 and 3. The children have been measuring the classroom, and lots of the objects in it, choosing which tool is the best one to use out of a ruler and a metre stick.

Our Science learning this term helped us to successfully grow five good crops of cress, which we used as the main ingredient in our cookery show 'How to Make a Cress Sandwich'. The children performed brilliantly, delivering clear instructions full of verbs and conjunctions. Then came the most enjoyable part - the eating. Mrs Croxall is happy to report that there was not a crumb left from any of the cress sandwiches!



Year 4



**Creative sparks**

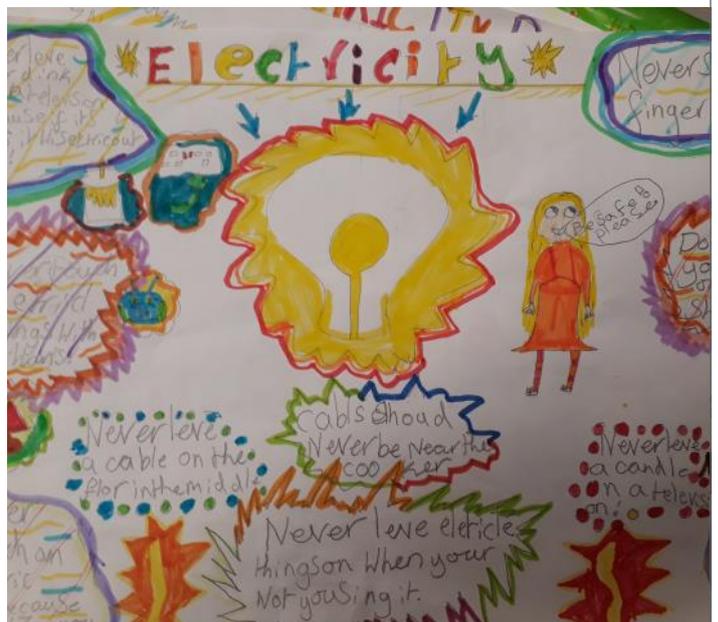
This week, having listened to a three part spooky podcast as part of their fictional English topic, Year 4 have had a go at writing the first drafts of their own ghost stories.

We had a class brainstorming session to work out the key elements needed to write a fictional story, followed by some seriously ghostly ideas. When the first drafts were finished, the children read them aloud, inviting constructive feedback from their classmates.

Year 4 have launched themselves into our exciting new topic with electric enthusiasm! In week one we explored electrical appliances in the home and highlighted the dangers that everyday objects could pose. This week, we compared series and parallel circuits and found out which one is the most efficient.



We are now under-way with our buzzer games, which require a lot of fiddly work and constant problem solving. They'll soon be ready for everyone to come and play!





## Year 5

## Powers of persuasion

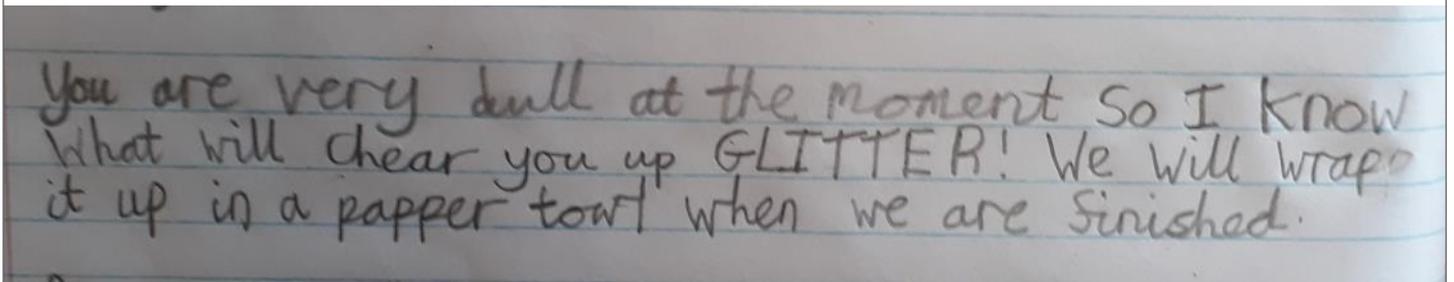
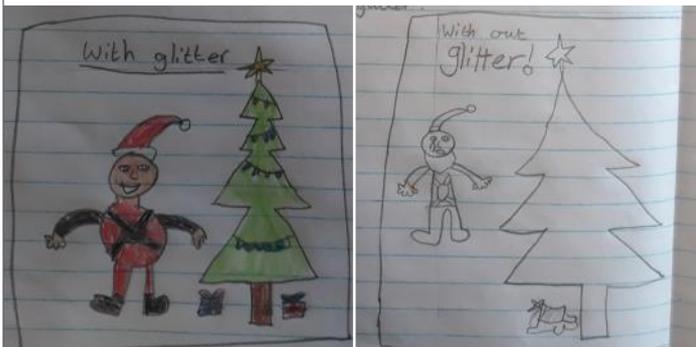
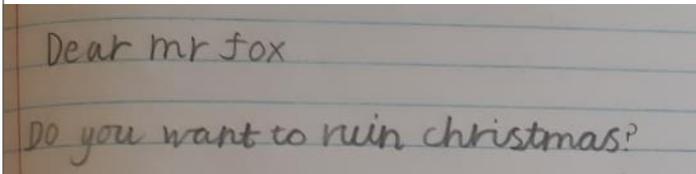
Our topic this week has been persuasive writing. The pupils have learnt a handful of techniques to help persuade the person to whom they are writing.

These included: superlatives, groups of three, repetition, emotive language, exaggeration, rhetorical questions, facts, opinions and word play - to name just a few!

There has been an ongoing 'hot' topic in the Year 5 classroom, and in the Staff Room recently, over the use of glitter on Decoration Day. The school seems to be rather divided!

Mr Fox wrote a very persuasive letter to the class to make them see his point of view. They eagerly set to work, writing their replies, willing with all their power and might to make Mr Fox to change his mind.

They did impressively well! It was decided that glitter will be used this year, but sensibly and with as little as possible being washed down the drain!



Dear class,

Do you care about the environment?

It is Christmas soon, and in schools around the country, children will be using the evil, life damaging and single-use plastic material called glitter!

Glitter is plastic. It is small enough to flow through pipes and sewage systems. Therefore, it will run straight into our rivers and seas and will kill everything in its path. There may be a lucky few fish who eat it and don't die. Until caught by us. Then guess who eats the fish with the plastic inside?

Would you drop litter on the street? Would you throw your crisp packet in the sea? Would you pour glitter down the sink? The poor wildlife don't have a chance. They've done nothing wrong. A whale last week washed up on a beach with 1000 pieces of plastic in its stomach!

Last year you created an assembly on single-use plastic. Everyone knows that St Petroc's school *was* a school that loved the environment. We ran regular beach cleans; we even banned single-use plastic bottles! Are we now going to ruin all of our hard work?

Glitter is the most damaging form of plastic. It gathers on glue, and goes down the drain. Goodbye gross glitter glue! Have fun killing everything! I ask you, is this your problem to solve or someone else's? What is the least you could do to help the plastic problem?

Yours sincerely,

Mr Fox



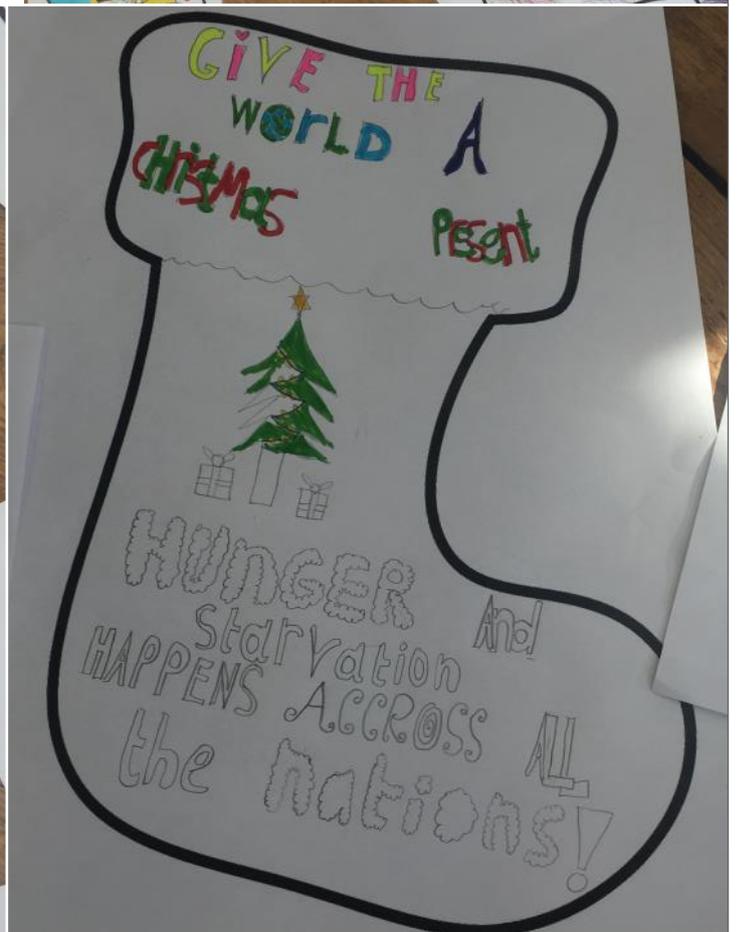
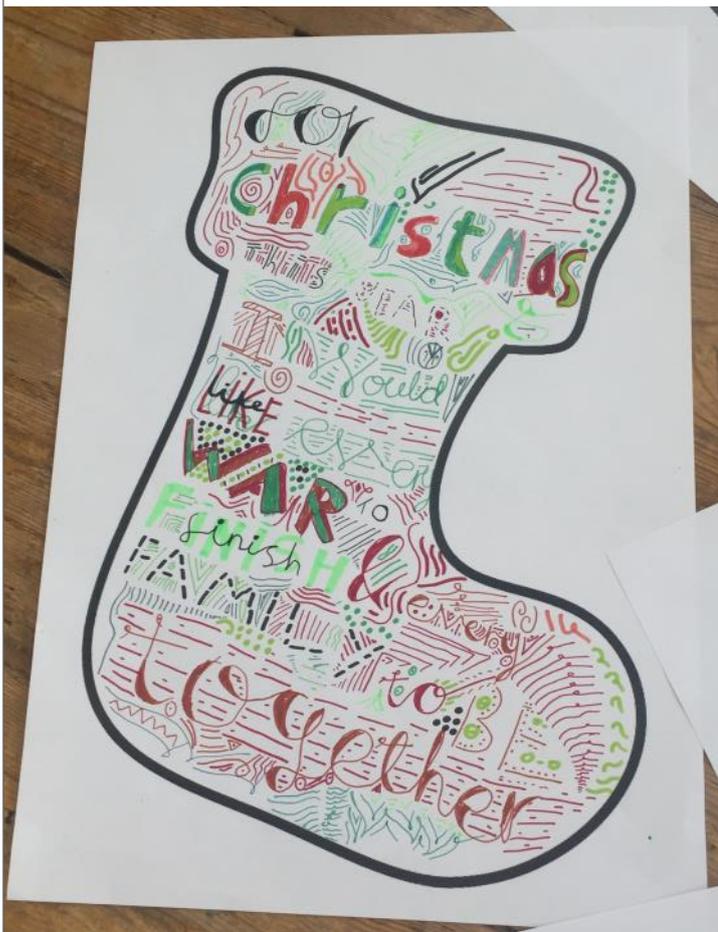
Years 6 & 7

**Christmas wishes for the world**

Year 6 and 7 have had a varied week. They have been working on comprehension and, in their English unit on Biographies, they have been learning about Emiline Pankhurst and Neil Armstrong, before progressing onto Louis Braille.

Next week, they will be going on a mission to warn the citizens of Pompei about an impending disaster!

The children have also been completing their Christmas Wish stockings for the world. This is in support of Bude and Stratton Town Council's plea for children's artwork for their Christmas Fayre on Sunday 2nd of December. This takes place at the Parkhouse Centre and The Castle, the day after our own Christmas Bazaar at An Mor on Saturday 1st December.





## U11 Fixtures at Mount Kelly



### Hockey

*Match report by Rosie*

When we got there the weather was a bit rubbish,  
And everyone was feeling sluggish.  
Evie went up as goalie (she had never done it before),  
She put on all the gear but had no fear.

At the start of the game we had to defend,  
Mount Kelly were just sneaking round the bend.  
They were raking up their score,  
But we just needed to push a bit more.

Mount Kelly swapped their people,  
As we got a bit more nimble.  
The next half went better for us,  
As we hopped on the goal bus.

Seren got a goal in for the crew,  
And I got one it too.  
The final score was something-2,  
We don't really know, we lost count!

Thank you Mrs Chespy and Mr Fox for taking us.

### Rugby

*First half match report by Ruben*

It was the perfect weather for a game of rugby (not!). In the first half we played well, with Zach scoring our first three tries, then Ayden scored one. We tackled well and passed much better than we did in practice. At the start, when we kicked off, we all ran at the ball and we would normally be on the opposition's try line before they had even touched the ball. Indigo nearly scored but ran right over the try line so he didn't score. Then Ben scored a try, making it 5-2 to us. We played well for the last couple of minutes but we didn't get another try.

*Second half match report by Ed*

In the second half, we didn't play so well. We managed to score three tries. The best try was scored by Ruben, then Ed ran up to score but got pushed out before the ball hit the ground. We all did great tackles, especially Zach, who did a really good tackle. Then Ayden ran up and scored and, finally, Ayden scored the last try. The score was 5-8 to us but the teacher said it was 5-7. Player of the Match was Zach.



## Grass Track Cycling - Week Two

### Speedy progression

Sam from British Cycling and the KS2 troops took part in their second training session on the field. The biting cold wind didn't deter the majority.

This week the focus was on cornering; deciding which line to take when entering and exiting the corners. The progression was fast and enormously impressive, which allowed the session to move onto 4 X races. Super determination by all!

This training has all been leading up to a competition next week, which is being held up at Bude Junior School. We're going into the event with confidence, but we're yet to see who we'll be up against! Wish us luck!



## November Mo-ment

### Get the mo down next Friday!



Join us at 3:15pm on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November for the final viewing and judging of the spectacular face fuzz grown by Mr Hilton, Mr Fox and Mr Scantlebury!

Want to get a slice of the action? Bake and decorate a moustache (nut free!) cake for our competition, to be judged by the Mo Bros. All proceeds will go to The Movember Foundation, who are the leading charity changing the face of men's health, by addressing some of the biggest health issues faced by men: prostate cancer, testicular cancer and mental health.





## KS1 Trip to Rosemoor

### Christmas crafts

KS1 had a wonderful introduction to the festive gardens on their Wintery visit to Rosemoor this Thursday.

They spent the morning making decorative crafts in the 'Christmas From Your Garden' workshop. The first was a plaster of Paris ornament, which was moulded from clay imprints of winter plants such as holly, ivy and also some fir cones that the children gathered from the woodlands.

While these were left to set, the children made some seasonal Robin nest crowns, which were decorated with a variety of colourful, Autumnal leaves and finished off with a dusting of snow!

A fantastic time was had by all and a great big thank you to Rosemoor, and our fantastic workshop leader John, for having us and for helping us make such exciting crafts.



## Children in Need

### A Pudsey-tastic day!

A huge thank you to everyone, from both Early Years and Prep, who joined in with our fundraising for Children in Need last week.

We raised over £130.00, for this fantastic cause!





### Have you lost a scarf or a bracelet?

#### Collect from the School office

A grey scarf and a multi-coloured bead bracelet have been found in School and are being kept safe in the main office until they can be reunited with their rightful owner(s).

If either of these items are yours, please pop in and see Anne!

Thank you in advance.



### 1st Bude Cubs

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**2018 CHECKLIST**

Everything you need to include in your Christmas box:

- 2 x tins of meat
- Tin of potatoes
- Tin of sweetcorn
- Tin of carrots
- Jar of cranberry sauce
- Gravy granules
- Stuffing
- Christmas pudding
- Mince pies
- Packet of custard
- Tin of fruit
- Packet of yummy, sweet biscuits
- Box of chocolates
- Packet of 'nibbles' (peanuts or similar)
- Chocolate log or Christmas cake
- Soft drink (plastic bottle & no alcohol please)

You're welcome to add other Christmas treats to your box (please don't include alcohol, cigarettes, vouchers or any perishable food).

**Please place all the items into a decorated closeable cardboard box and take it to one of the collection points by Sunday 9th December ready for collection and distribution. Thank you very much!**

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