

St Petroc's Post



Letter from the Headmaster

Dear St Petroc's families,

I thank you for your patience and understanding. Clearly, it has been a somewhat unusual, eventful and unexpected week and, at times, we have been stretched. The picture has changed considerably over the past ten days and even more so in the past 24/48 hours. It has been very challenging for us all. We all have our concerns over the children, staff, parents, colleagues and also members of the amazing wider Bude community. Priorities are now to reassure the children. With so much uncertainty in the air, children will - quite understandably - pick up on our adult concerns and stresses, if they have not done so already. Please take a moment after reading this to digest what I am saying. Ignore most if desired but please do not ignore the next part. Children may be worried. They may be worried because we are worried and there is every possibility that we have not 'hidden' those worries, frustrations and challenges from them because it has been almost impossible to do so. It is in shop windows, passing conversations, adverts, on the radio in the car and on the television at every turn. Remember that their eyes and ears are magical receptacles. So please be mindful to take ten minutes today - as soon as possible - to talk to them about things. Tell them it will be ok. Different yes, but it will be ok. Not talking about the endless hand washing, coughing and sneezing (they've had enough of that from me!) but about taking care of each other, being kind, helping out at home. About getting along with their siblings and enjoying sharing some of their school work activities with their family, because they are fortunate to have been given some extra time family time. A rare opportunity for many of us.

Try to forget the hustle and bustle of our normal working week and how chaotic all of our lives normally are - just take it back to ground level. Play some games, do a jigsaw together, laugh or sing, dust off the Monopoly or Scrabble. Let's work together to take the positives out of this bizarre and extraordinary situation. Yes, our adult world has changed but equally the 'rug' has been completely pulled out from under our children's usual routines too. We will all miss our friends and work colleagues, in the adapted working conditions. However, teachers and pupils have a particularly special relationship and so please think like a child for a second; no matter how grown up or mature they appear, what setting they may attend here, or elsewhere. They are all amazing little sponges, awaiting guidance and care. Tell them this will be ok and that we all hope to be together again very soon, along with their friends. Next week, our class teachers within the Prep will be calling and speaking to the children directly. We will be arranging some reassuring FaceTime (or equivalent) conversations and, as a staff, we have already been looking at a variety of ways to keep us connected after the Easter break, if and when that might be needed. My final point is to attempt to reassure lots of unease. 7 days is a long time and to reflect now, a lot has changed. Who is to say what may return, be rearranged, changed or reintroduced in the next three weeks, let alone anywhere beyond that. So let us all be mindful not to fuel 'what ifs', or ponder impossible to answer questions and scenarios, until facts are known. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your positive comments and messages of support for the school and our staff, in what is an unprecedented situation. At the core of this, we at St Petroc's care about your children and their education considerably. Please keep us informed of anything you feel important and we wish you the very best for the next week or so, and then for a wonderful Easter beyond.

Do not ignore the important part above. Please stay healthy and follow the guidelines in place.

Kindest regards,
Ben Hilton
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Little Turtles

Floral affection



This week in Little Turtles we have been super busy making cards for our mummies, ready for Mother's Day on Sunday. We have used some bright colours and a flower outline to print a beautiful bouquet of flowers, then added a special message...



Sea Lions



The Sea Lions have been hoping to spread a little bit of luck and enjoyed using corks to print clover leaf shapes, enjoying the various shades of green paint.





Dolphins

A special Sunday



This week the Dolphins have been busy creating lovely Mother's Day cards to celebrate Mothering Sunday. They have also been telling us about how they like to spend time with their families, enjoying activities such as going to the beach or the woods.



The Friends of St Petroc's



The 100 Club

Join the 100 Club!

Each number costs £4 per month, with 50% of each month's donations supporting the work of the Friends of St Petroc's and the remaining 50% being the prize fund for that month's members.

You could win one of three cash prizes every month!

Help raise valuable funds for the school and Early Years

Numbers currently available:

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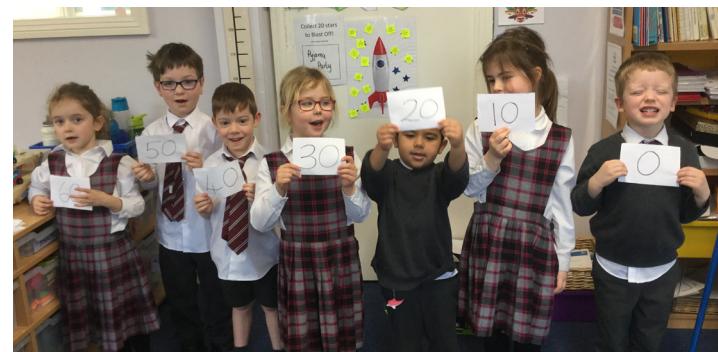
Contact Lindsay on mail@lindsayhazeldine.com for more details and to get the ball rolling with your 100 Club membership!



Reception

Star bakers and scrubbers!

Reception have been busy baking cakes this week. They have also been learning about how to stay healthy and part of that is washing up after themselves. The children loved washing up and we are sure they would love to help at home now! We have also been learning to count in tens, putting the numbers in the right order and recognising patterns in number.



Years 1 & 2



Hunting for bears and eggs!

Over the last few weeks, Years 1 and 2 have been enjoying some of the new Beebot equipment. As a group, they read 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and then using the Beebot, made their way around the floor mat, scene by scene. In the following lessons they created their own story mats and wrote out a command sequence to retell the tale. On Friday, the children spent the morning creating Easter baskets, ready for an Easter egg hunt on the field this afternoon.





Years 3 & 4

Eggscellent artists

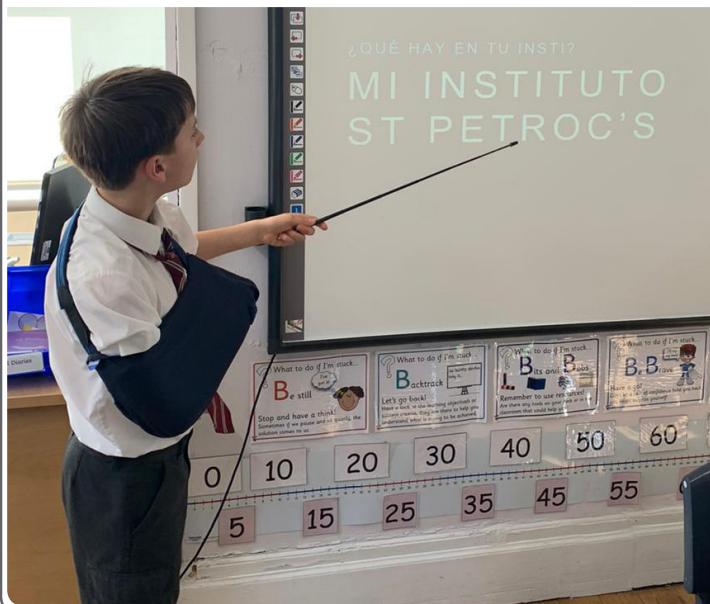
The Year 3 and 4 children always enjoy learning from their older peers and have today been honing their orienteering skills by collaborating with them to create an Easter egg hunt for the younger children. In Art, the pupils have used some interesting techniques to create masterpieces inspired by the highly individual style of artist Paul Klee.



Modern Foreign Languages

Spanish

Years 5 and 6 worked together on Monday to create keynote presentations that show off the facilities in the school. They used the Spanish verb 'hay' to say what there is and is not in our school. They took photos and made brilliant presentations. ¡Muy bien chicos!

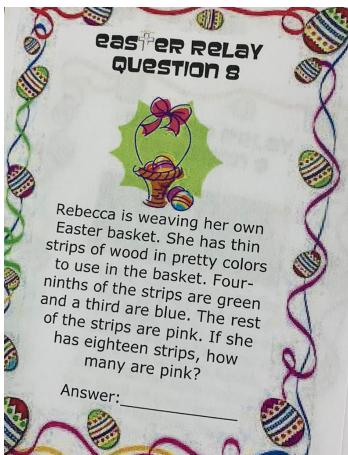




Maths

Egging them on

Years 5 and 6 also combined for an Upper KS2 Problem Solving session this week. The pupils put their Maths skills to the test, solving complex multistage calculations, Sudoku, fractions and decoding problems! They worked brilliantly in teams of three, competing to win an Easter prize. Mrs Cole and Mrs Rees were so impressed with their resilience and 'out of the box' thinking. Well done to you all and what a fun, energised morning!



Recreation

Monkeying around

The new monkey bars have created much excitement this week. It has been amazing to see the older children helping the younger ones to get across safely. A special mention to Kaitlin, Charlotte, Lilly and Evie, who have all been keen to help the younger members of the St Petroc's family.





Sport

Football with St Joseph's and Polwhele

Match report by Isaac

In our first match we were against St Joseph's and we won 2-0. Then we played Polwhele. It was a good game but they won 2-0.

Then we played St Joseph's again and it was a close game. The final score was 2-3 to them. The Player of the Match was Ben.



Orienteering

Eggscellent adventures

KS2 hid paper eggs all around the school field and marked them as accurately as possible on their orienteering maps. After lunch they swapped maps and were joined by KS1, who have been looking at map reading skills in their learning with Mr Fox. An enthusiastic and fun egg hunt around the field ensued! The best part though: cashing in the paper eggs for chocolate ones!

