

St Petroc's Post



Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am very much looking forward to hearing all the fun and frolics of this evening's termly Friends of St Petroc's Quiz Night, in aid of CLIC Sargent. I hope that the night goes well and we all remember that the Quizmaster's viewpoint is final! In all seriousness, it's a lovely social event and, if anyone is considering getting involved, please don't hesitate.

In the classrooms, we have given lots of focus to our core subjects. An emphasis on phonics awareness and highlighting any gaps in knowledge have, in particular, been on our agenda. It is imperative that targets are given and acted upon, so that we can ensure your children continue to flourish. I look forward receiving any remaining reply slips for the upcoming parent workshops. They will be hugely valuable and I really appreciate your support. It builds relationships with our teaching staff and ensures that a consistent approach to learning takes place. My thanks to those of you that have already replied.

Within the Early Years, I have seen some wonderful displays taking shape this week and I particularly like the Christmas tree in our Dolphins preschool foyer. The Little Turtles and Sea Lions have also started making some very interesting looking Christmas creations and I look forward to seeing their displays (and the children's excitement!) grow further as we move into December.

In addition to our academic learning, I have been talking to the children about feelings. Emotions are funny things and often, although difficult to control, being able to identify how they are feeling is a massive milestone. Children should not be fearful of asking questions about their feelings. In our assembly this morning, the children enjoyed a snippet from the movie 'Inside Out' and I would invite you to take a look, if you haven't already seen it. It can be hard to make sense of some feelings as an adult, let alone as a child. Please do invite questions if they have any. It was a very interesting assembly.

I wish the best of luck to the Year 6 pupils who will be representing us at the British Schools Gymnastics Regional Trampoline Championships this weekend. For the rest of us, there are many who are starting to show the signs of autumnal coughs and colds. Please ensure we take time to rest, enjoy some vitamin C and return on Monday with the energy to attack another fast paced St Petroc's week!

Ben Hilton
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Diary Dates

Thursday 28th November

- Years 5 & 6 Swimming Gala in Wadebridge

Tuesday 3rd December

- 4pm Christingle Service at St Michael's Church

Wednesday 4th December

- Fixture v St Joseph's (A)
- Dolphins Nativity*

Thursday 5th December

- Non School Uniform Day (Bottle donations for Christmas Bazaar)
- Dolphins Nativity*
- Prep School Play

Friday 6th December

- Prep School Play

Saturday 7th December

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

Thursday 12th December

- 4:30pm Christmas Carol Concert at Central Methodist Church
- Last Day of Term (No Stay & Play)

*See your letter for details



Christmas

BAZAAR

SATURDAY
7TH DECEMBER

**SANTA'S
GROTTO
12-1PM**

An afternoon of festive fun for the whole family

Amazing raffle prizes including a short break at a Park Leisure Holiday Park,
£100 cash and 365 days of free coffee at Rosie's Kitchen

12-3PM

**AN MOR HOTEL
HARTLAND TERRACE
BUDE**

**FREE
ENTRY**

**ALL
WELCOME**

RAFFLE ★ FESTIVE FOOD AND DRINK ★ SILENT AUCTION ★ GAMES
LOCAL CRAFTS AND GIFTS ★ PROMISE TREE ★ CAKES
FACE PAINTING ★ SANTA'S GROTTO ★ TOMBOLA
PRE-LOVED CHILDREN'S CLOTHES AND TOYS
AND SO MUCH MORE!

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Little Turtles

Super scoopers



The Little Turtles have been busy exploring different textures and practising our scooping skills this week. We particularly liked the cotton wool; it was super fluffy and lots of fun to scoop up and put in pots.



Sea Lions

Let the festivities begin...



This week in Sea Lions we have started getting festive, making lanterns and painted candy canes to decorate the room. Some of us loved exploring the sparkly shaving foam, making marks in it and using our words to describe it: "messy," "sticky," "cold". Our role play area has been transformed into 'Santa's Workshop', where the children have been busy designing, making and wrapping presents.

It was lovely to be able to enjoy some sunshine in the Sea Lions' garden at the beginning of the week. We had lots of fun in the sandpit and also did some aeroplane spotting while the sky was clear.





Reception

Party planners

The children in Reception were increasingly excited as the week progressed, as they prepared for celebrating Pete the Cat's birthday today! As well as writing invitations and making birthday cards, the children made 'to do' lists and realised that planning a party can be hard work! We had a lovely time at the party, playing games and sharing party food. Pete the Cat had a wonderful time and particularly enjoyed the dance-off at the end of Musical Statues!



Years 1 & 2

Seasonal scavengers

Years 1 and 2 had a wonderful day at Rosemoor on Wednesday, enjoying some fabulous seasonal activities. First they went on a scavenger hunt, seeking out natural objects from the garden, such as pine cones and little ferns. The children then pressed them into clay to make a mould for casting Plaster of Paris Christmas decorations. The children also made a crown featuring a robin sitting in a nest of leaves! We all had a great time.





Years 3 & 4

Amusing articles

The Year 3 and 4 children have been busy building sentences today. They used colour coded cards to differentiate between word classes such as articles, nouns, verbs, adverbs and adjectives. They started with 4 word sentences and progressed to use 9 words, which made for some very amusing results. They enjoyed recording their work in their books and had a lot of fun ploughing through the words. Well done Year 3 and 4; good work.

"The black cat sneezed quickly when he felt grumpy" - Benjamin



"A pink dolphin crawled happily because he felt lazy" - Jude



Year 5

Mathematical measurements

Year 5 have been having a great time this week, working hard to master the use of protractors and compasses. They've been working on measuring all types of angles, ensuring that every little detail counts, and their 'Billiard Board Challenge' ensured they paid great attention to this. As well as studying angles, Year 5 have learned the different names for parts of a circle and got to grips with a compass, creating circles with a given radius.





Year 6

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...

This week, Year 6 have taken a step into Winter and towards the end of their English unit on imagery in poetry. They have planned and drafted the final of a trio of poems, this one describing a snowy, festive scene. The focus of this poem has been the use of personification and similes to help bring their poems to life.



In Maths, Year 6 studied 3D shapes and how to calculate their volume, while in Art, they gave Christmas a modern twist when creating some card designs. With the help of Year 5, the pupils designed and carved stencils, then used fluorescent colours and finger painting to make Christmas cards that will be available for you all to purchase at the Christmas Bazaar on 7th December!

Games

Don't rain on our budding sports leaders!

Due to the recent inclement weather, lots of our Games sessions have had to be moved indoors, so Mr Fox and Ms Croxall have worked meticulously to run interesting, fun and challenging indoor activities. One day this week, we joined forces with Stay and Play! Working in groups, Key Stage 2 were given 15 minutes to design a 'skills' game to teach to their younger peers. When the younger children came in, they worked around each activity on a carousel.



They had 8 different activities to try, all focusing on balance, coordination and agility. The leaders displayed great communication skills and were fantastic at encouraging them. Mr Fox and Mr White sat back and enjoyed watching the sheer excitement and reward from everyone. There are definitely some great leaders and young athletes in the making!



Congratulations!

Perseverance pays off!

Kaitlin has been very determined for the last few weeks, focusing on her presentation, across all of her subjects. She thoroughly deserves her pen, so congratulations from Mr Fox!

"I felt excited to receive my pen license! I've been working really hard recently on my handwriting, joining my letters. I can't wait to start using my pen on Monday!"



Thank you!

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who took part in last week's non school uniform day, raising money for Children in Need. You donated £66.41, which will help support disadvantaged children and young people across the UK.



The 100 Club

Join the 100 Club!

Help raise valuable funds for the school and Early Years

You could win one of three cash prizes every month!

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.

Each month, three numbers are drawn at random and the lucky winners receive a share of the prize fund!

Numbers currently available:

7	8	17	19	20	25	32	36	38
40	41	45	46	47	48	49	52	54
57	59	60	62	65	66	68	70	71
73	74	77	83	84	86	87	89	90
91	93	94		95	97	98		

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

CHRISTMAS OPEN DAY
 Saturday 30 November 2019
 11am – 3pm

Cornwall Air Ambulance

Santa's Grotto • Storytelling
 Christmas crafts and activities
 See the helicopter • Meet the crew
 Refreshments • Pop-up charity shop
 Festive bangers and burgers from Rapid Relief Team

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