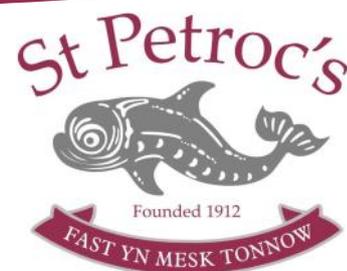


St Petroc's Post



Letter from The Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, Half Term has officially arrived! It rather does creep up on you and as the Spring Term develops, projects become finished and displays are replaced, it is important to remember some of the wonderful topics we have covered and the rate at which our children change focus, move on and strive for more. I am sure that the children are excited to have a well-earned break and I know many of you have plans, so I wish you all safe travels. For those of you that are able to enjoy some much needed family time, and to allow everyone to recharge their batteries, I hope it is enjoyable for you and that the weather stays as it is. For the staff, typically as energy stores are depleted and we finally 'stop' being so busy, we normally see and feel the runny noses and sore throats getting a grip on us. I hope that the recent period of illnesses are behind us and I wish you all a very healthy, rested Half Term.

I made the mistake last week, as I looked ahead, of saying: "Wow, next week looks rather straight forward". Sadly, I did not 'touch wood' and this week brought about lots of activity and eventfulness. There were some children who worked hard to complete projects and pieces of work, some who were enjoying last minute holidays and others who were a little under the weather, which often happens towards the end of such an accelerated and intense half term. Outside of the classrooms, we have again enjoyed some wonderful mixed Football with our friends from Shebbear College and, this time, it was our Under 9s team. I must give special mention to Lucas and to Kaitlin for their truly outstanding performances. I was very proud of them both for the energy and skill that they displayed. We managed to squeeze in seven games in the end and enjoyed a friendly tournament.

It was lovely to see some of our Early Years parents viewing the school, and I thank you for your time, as well as some prospective candidates for the new Headteacher role at Shebbear College. The feedback was positive and, in particular, it focused on how friendly and family orientated the School is, which made me feel particularly pleased. It's always great to receive feedback but, when it is from fellow professionals, visiting from other similar and some larger schools, it is of true significance. They loved seeing the activities programme that our Dolphins children enjoy, the variety of opportunities offered in higher year groups and, in particular, the level of confidence displayed throughout life at St Petroc's. This was especially evident from our Dolphins and Reception children, who happily talked through what they were learning, and how they held and conducted themselves was fantastic. The irony is, I think 'we' can often take that for granted. Our children, well - your children - are very special, unique and talented. Well done everyone!

Have a wonderful weekend and Half Term everyone.

Ben Hilton
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Diary Dates

Monday 25th February

- Prep School term recommences

Wednesday 27th February

- Open Day

Thursday 28th February

- Open Day

Thursday 7th March

- World Book Day

Wednesday 13th March

- 7pm Songfest
Launceston Town Hall

Friday 15th March

- Comic Relief
Red Nose Day

Friday 22nd March

- 7:30pm Friends of
St Petroc's Wine and
Wisdom



Friends of St Petroc's

Fundraising for



Jay's Aim



Talan's Trust

WINE & WISDOM

Friday 22nd March 2019
7:30pm

£5 per person

Payable on the night

Contact the School Office on 01288 352876 to Book a Table

Nibbles provided

Pay Bar with Wine, Fizz and Beers

Come as a Team (Max 6) or
on your own and join a
team on the night



to be held in the School Hall, St Petroc's, Ocean View Road, Bude



Little Turtles

Beach babies



How lucky are we to live in such a fabulous area; we had awesome fun on our trip to the beach! The babies investigated the sand with their fingers, they also used sticks to create some wonderful marks. We had a go at building towers with the stones, they were very wobbly and made a big crash when they fell down!



Sea Lions



Love bugs



This week the Sea Lions have been talking about love! We made cards and baked delicious cheese scones to give to someone we love. When we spoke about who or what we love, the responses were all different. Jax told us that "cheese and Marmite" are what he loves, before promptly remembering that he also loves Mummy! Harry L said "Grandad", while Delilah told us that she loves Mummy, Daddy and Ludo (her Sea Lions friend)". We also used some black ink to stamp spots onto our love bugs, and used a very different method to print our Valentine's cards... keeping it healthy with some celery.





Dolphins

Red letter days



This week the Dolphins children have continued their Chinese New Year celebrations. All week the Dolphins have enjoyed having prawn crackers, egg noodles and spring rolls for snacks and they have had a go at using chopsticks to select the food they wish to try.

The Dolphins have also participated in many letter and sound activities, identifying objects beginning with the letter 'P'. Red playdough has gone down a storm and they have used the different size letters to cut out the initial letters of their names.



School Open Days - Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th February

Limited places remaining for Reception class 2019

Tour the School, meet the teachers and experience for yourself what makes learning at St Petroc's so special. Wrap-around care, from 8:30am to 5:30pm, offers flexibility and reassurance for working parents/carers.

Daily sport, a wealth of extra-curricular activities and a truly family feel are just a few of the things that make St Petroc's an extraordinary and enriching place to learn.



Booking is advisable for School tours; please speak to a member of staff or call on 01288 352876



Reception

Alien encounters

In Reception, the children have been listening to the story 'Aliens Love Underpants', and they even designed and made a washing line full of underpants! The story tells us that aliens landed in the garden and were thrilled to find underpants on the washing line. Some were even taken back to their own planet!

The children searched the garden for signs of an alien landing. They found alien footprints, alien eggs, alien food and a few craters that might suggest that aliens did come to our garden. There was even an alien invasion and we needed to use our detective skills to find out what had happened to solve the mystery of the missing pants! We have also been busy in the classroom writing alien words, learning how to use speech bubbles and recognising rhyming words.



Year 1



Year 1 also enjoyed an impromptu lesson in the Outdoor Classroom on a sunny afternoon. They were tasked with concocting a spell to undo the curse that kept Hansel and Gretel trapped inside the witch's gingerbread house. To begin with they discussed how witches' potions are usually used for evil purposes and contain unpleasant ingredients like poisonous toadstools and fish scales. But the children decided that they wanted to collect pretty things from nature to make a potion that does good. Then, around the cauldron, they added their ingredients and took it in turns to read the rhyming chants they had just written. They completed the spell, freed Hansel and Gretel and, as is tradition, they all lived happily ever after!

A week of creative writing

The children started the week reviewing their weather poems, writing them up to enter a poetry competition that is open to many schools across the UK.

They then moved on to planning and drafting their very own fairy tales, creating characters, adventures and settings inspired by their recent reading of traditional stories. We have met many a giant, witch, fairy, ghost and even a unicorn this week, through the children's musings!





Years 2 & 3

Money, money, money!

After a fun-filled week, the children from Years 2 and 3 truly deserve their half term break. Their wind socks are blowing in the garden, the computer room has been used to its full potential, we've visited the school library and the pupils are making good progress with learning to tell the time. But possibly the most fun was had playing shops. Taking it in turns to be the shopkeeper, using real money and goodies (which were mostly edible!), has really enhanced their mathematical skills, especially once they discovered they had to work out the correct change for their friends before they could become a shopper!



Year 4

Fantastic fiction

Year 4 have started their fiction topic on 'The Spiderwick Chronicles', exploring fantasy fiction by asking questions and developing an understanding of inference. They have used drama and role play to delve deeper into the characters, setting the scene and adding suspense. They produced a wonderful dramatisation of Mallory being tied to her bed by her hair!



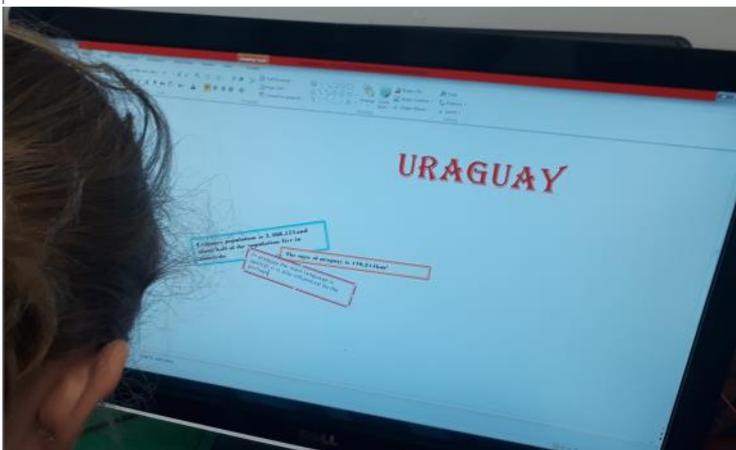


Year 5

Humanities

Year 5 have this week been continuing their topic on The Americas and have been working in pairs to research and present useful and interesting content on a chosen country in America (North, South or Central).

Population, languages, economy, recreational sports and geological features are just some of the areas the pupils have looked at. They are using PowerPoint to present their findings and are learning new techniques to help them crop, remove backgrounds and add artistic effects to their posters.



Years 6 & 7



Al fresco!

In Art, Years 6 and 7 have been using various types of media to draw flowers and plants around the School campus. The pupils were able to choose their own style of illustration and have progressed from charcoal and oil pastels onto acrylic paint.

In today's session it was stipulated that the pictures had to have wood in them, ensuring that the children explored different textures and techniques of illustration.

The pictures aren't quite finished yet but, when they are, they will be put on display for everyone to see!

Years 6 and 7 have also continued practicing their Key Stage 2 play and on Friday afternoon took advantage of the beautiful weather to take their script rehearsal out to the Outdoor Classroom.





Football training

Year 4 Mixed Football v Shebbear

On Wednesday it was the turn of Year 4 to don their boots and hone their skills while playing in a series of exciting short matches against Shebbear College. The teams were mixed (and regularly remixed!) in every sense, as the girls and boys from both schools displayed excellent sporting spirit, playing both with and against their peers from each school.

With the almost Spring-like sunshine bathing the field, the children worked on their use of space and the accuracy of their kicks, all while going for goals and hotly contesting each match.

With another delicious match tea afterwards to refill the energy banks, the children showed excellent physical skills during play and great social skills both on and off the pitch. Well done all!





Key Stage 2 Rock pooling

To the beach!

Corallina officinalis, Ulva species, Littorina obtusata, Patella vulgata, Littorina saxatilis, Blennius pholis, Sabellaria alveolata and Actina equina were just some of the living organisms found on Tuesday's rock pooling adventure. Can you find the English translations? One of the above became a tasty snack, picked straight out of the water!

Although life was thriving all around us, it was still sad to see how vastly strewn marine litter was, tangled in the rocks. Our Spring Beach Clean date will be announced soon but, in the meantime, if you're on the beach do help out with a #2minutebeachclean!



Stay and Play

Sensory Science

Stay and Play this week has been lots of fun. The pupils explored their sensory Science play by making slime.

They thoroughly enjoyed this activity, putting their hands in the slime and writing their names.

They found the process of making the slime extremely interesting and fun!

