

St Petroc's Post



Letter from The Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers,

As another eventful week draws to a close, the children have progressed in so many ways and I reflect on the many highlights I have witnessed. There is always so much going on that, as the Head, it is sometimes a challenge to see and hear it all, but my week has been amazing and I have loved spending time with children from all our settings and classes. This morning's Year 4 Class assembly was fantastic and I enjoyed hearing about Robert Burns, learning a few new things about his character! The children spoke superbly and their presentation to a hall full of parents and their peers was truly excellent. Honing those skills will stand them in good stead when they progress into upper Key Stage 2 and beyond. Thank you to the parents who were able to attend.

Over the week, I have seen a space rocket emerging from the 'Launchpad' in the Reception Classroom and searched for vegetation on the surface of a planet with our very own Mars Rovers, within our Lego Wedo unit. I also enjoyed problem solving with a Lego Mindstorm Robot and, it turns out, coding isn't as easy as you would think! Years 6 and 7 have been improving their debating skills and their public speaking in front of visiting parents this morning was fantastic. The junk modelling by the children in Stay and Play (our inclusive after-school care provision), who successfully made a sculpture that was taller than me, was excellent fun too.



We also had some very 'Petrocian' team working, where the Year 5 children presented to the Reception class in our Outdoor Learning Classroom. This morning, we welcomed Bude Juniors to us, so that we could all benefit from Patrick Bailey, the Cornwall Music Hub lead. He provided inspiration to us for our collaboration in Songfest at Launceston Town Hall in March. Tickets are available online now, via the Hall for Cornwall box office. On a sporting front, I must mention the outstanding performances of our Cross Country Team at the ISA South West Championships. Two of our runners have qualified for the National Championships, so very well done! It was also encouraging to see so many of our Key Stage 1 children take part in the Multi-Skills sports event at Budehaven. The children did very well and had lots of fun, which is a clear sign that their functional movement has improved significantly. I would also like to thank our Early Years parents who toured the School this week; I enjoyed receiving your feedback and talking through our plans for the future. As always, please do share any ideas or suggestions you have for either the School or the Early Years. We always take ideas and feedback on board in order to make improvements wherever possible.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Ben Hilton

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Diary Dates

Friday 1st February

- St Petroc's Annual Cross Country

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

Monday 4th February

- Reception & Dolphins visits to Budehaven

Friday 8th February

- 8:45am Class Assembly: Year 1

Tuesday 12th February

- 'Fly To The Line' Regional Finals

Friday 15th February

- 8:45am Class Assembly: Reception

- Break for Half Term

Wednesday 27th February

- Open Day

Thursday 28th February

- Open Day

Wednesday 13th March

- 7pm Songfest Launceston Town Hall



Parking and dropping-off at St Petroc's School and Preschool

Please be reminded that drivers must keep the zig-zag 'keep clear zone' outside the school clear at all times. This is for the safety of your children and we have been approached by the Police on this matter.

Within the marked area it is an offence to:

- Park any vehicle
- or
- Stop any vehicle

i.e. dropping-off is not permitted within the marked area.

As detailed in previous editions of the St Petroc's Post, a new Traffic Regulation Order came into effect on 4th September 2018, which means drivers face a £70 Penalty Charge Notice if they are caught stopping or parking in the 'keep clear zone'.

Further details can be found on the Cornwall Council website if required.

Please also be reminded that, also in the interests of children's safety, parking and dropping-off within the school/preschool car park is not permitted.

St Petroc's Cross Country

Can you help?

Bake a cake?

Be a marshal?

Serve drinks to the runners?

Friday 1st February, 12:45pm

Please contact the office if you can help in any way!



Bude Lifeboat Junior Run 2019

Registration opens on 1st February



Proudly sponsored by Bott Ltd  Workplace Storage & In-Vehicle Equipment

Wednesday 12th June 2019

6:00pm Start for all Sch Yrs 3&under

6:30pm Start for all Sch Yrs 4&above

This is the 11th running of this 1mile race around Bude's cycleways and canal towpath

*Includes Senior 6 Mile Race at 7:15pm
Race 8 of the Cornish Multi Terrain Race Series*



Entry forms available from the RNLI Shop in Summerleaze Car Park

Online entry at www.buderats.co.uk

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WINE & WISDOM

Friday 1st February 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

Turtle towers



This week in Little Turtles we have been super busy keeping active. We have been using our large squishy shapes as an obstacle course and have loved running up and down, crawling, jumping and stretching. So much fun!



Sea Lions



Jungle fun



This week the Sea Lions have had yet another exciting week. We became lions and tigers, and visited the jungle café. We've also made the most of getting outside, even if the weather has been a little chilly, wrapping up warm in our winter coats, hats and gloves.





Dolphins

A fine outlook



The Dolphins have enjoyed another busy week. They have played number games, matching and identifying different numerals, and also worked together to make a number display in the class.

Some of children have continued to make models using different construction materials and spoke at length about their creations. They have also had lots of fun in the role play weather station, observing the weather and reporting back with their forecasts.

We do like to explore the outdoor environment in all weathers, so please provide waterproofs and welly boots for your child, clearly labelled with their name.



Music with Gary





Reception

Sun, shadows and safety

It has been a productive and exciting week in Reception. We have been continuing our work on space and this week the focus has been on the sun. The children learnt that the sun gives us light and warmth and helps our food to grow. They had a go at weaving, to make a large sun to add to our display, and we explored shadows using the projector in class (as the sun decided not to shine for us!).

We also talked about things that are hot at home and how to stay safe around them. We emphasised this by going outside with Year 5 to the fire pit to build a fire and learn how to stay safe around fire.

What a great week; well done everyone for all your enthusiasm!



Year 1



Rocking around the clock

Year 1 have had a very impressive week, particularly in Maths. We have been telling the time and the children have been participating in a range of activities to practice 'o'clock', 'half past', 'quarter past' and 'quarter to' on the analogue clock and even using the digital clock. It has been a very technical week all round, with the children learning lots of new grammar terms in English, such as suffix, prefix and past and present tense. They also spent time labelling the parts of modern day windmills, in preparation for next week's Art lesson where they will be making moving 3D models of traditional windmills.





Years 2 & 3

Poetic potential

Good grammar has been the focus for our Literacy learning in Years 2 and 3 this week. To reinforce their understanding of adjectives, the children made a list of words they could use to describe the weather, before writing them onto weather symbols to be displayed in the classroom.

They have also been introduced to poetry writing, whereby nouns and verbs have also been in evidence. Poems about the beach, football, horse riding, walking dogs in the rain and a snowy day have shown that there does seem to be some budding poets in the class.



Year 4

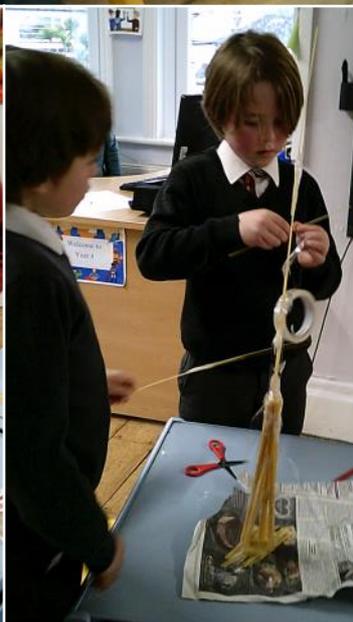


Spaghetti structures

In PSHE, Year 4 have been learning the importance of collaboration and working together to achieve a shared goal. During discussions the children worked out that they need to respond to challenges by showing fairness and consideration to others, working independently and collaboratively, to empathise with another viewpoint and possibly to take and manage risks.

Their challenge was to work together in pairs to design and create a structure, using only spaghetti, tape and newspaper. The aim was to make a taller structure than the other groups.

The children showed they could overcome frustrations, listen and respond to each other's ideas, celebrate success and overall they demonstrated great teamwork. Lana and Kaitlin worked extremely well as a team and built the tallest structure, measuring a whopping 92cm.



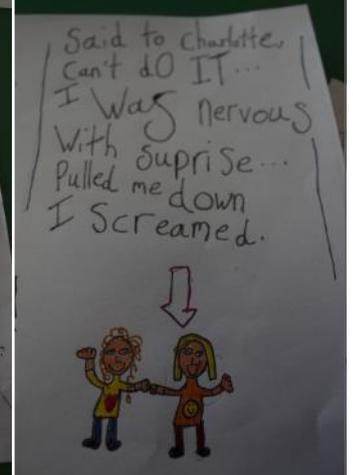
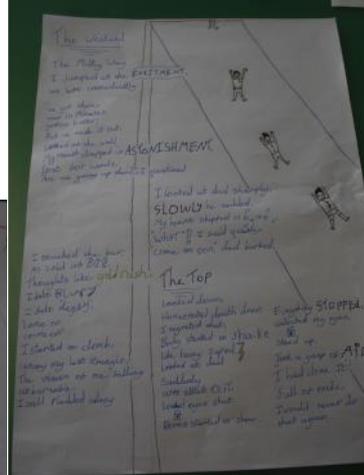
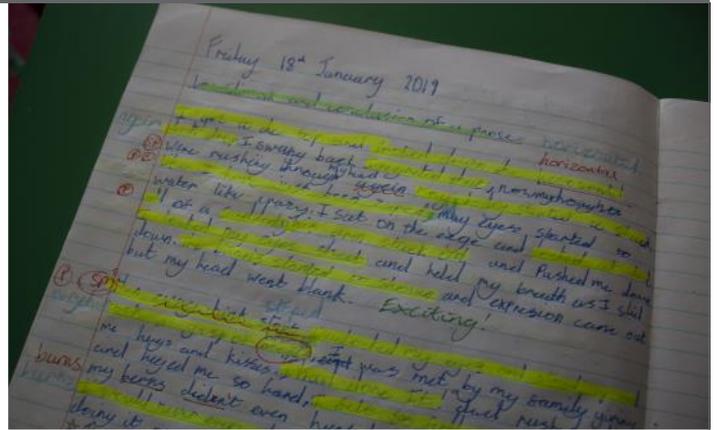


Year 5

Poetic performances

After their idea generating and narrative writing last week, the Year 5 children this week armed themselves with highlighters and took to their work! They went through their prose meticulously, selecting the key vocabulary which held enough detail to let the reader know what was happening but still left much to the imagination. They organised their paragraphs into stanzas and continued to edit their selected words, adding clever punctuation to alter the pace and drama of the poem.

Instant success! They had all of a sudden created a free verse poem! In true Michael Rosen spirit, the pupils then presented their poems in a creative way and read them aloud with expressive voices.



Years 6 & 7



Motoring on

Years 6 and 7 were very excited to get reacquainted with their EV3 robots this week. The pupils are working towards using multiple motors and sensors to be able to locate and move items. They have constructed robots with three motors; two driving wheels and a smaller one to drive an arm on the front.



The pupils had to problem solve, as the gear systems for some robots didn't work properly the first time around. The groups all worked pragmatically and thoroughly to test their build and will begin the programming next week. Great work!



ISA Cross Country Championships

Sporting spirit

On Wednesday, half of KS2 ventured to Haldon Forest. The races were split by year group and St Petroc's was nestled in between other schools from around Devon and Cornwall.

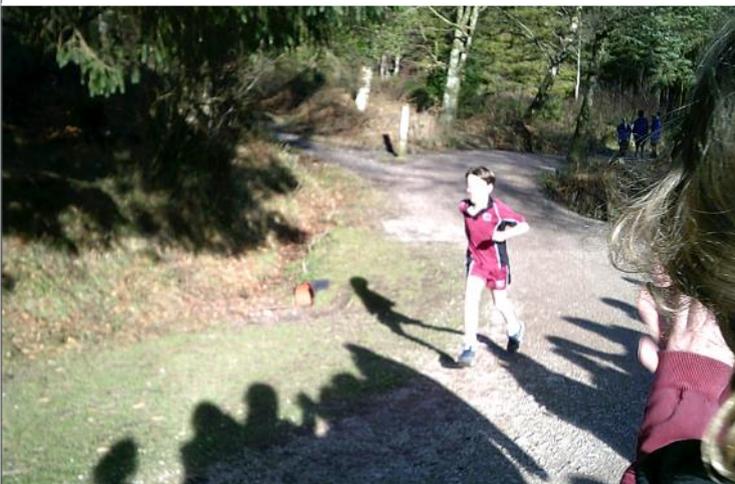
The starts were highly contested, jostling for a position in the middle of the fire track, but soon spread out as the race took them into the forest. A couple of punishing climbs and a fierce sprint to the finish line made sure of an exciting race in each category.

Our results were fantastic; each pupil placing well with bundles of joy as they completed their runs.

Isaac and Piran ran especially well in the two largest heats of the day and both placed below 10th place, which secured them and St Petroc's places at the National finals in Rugby.

A special commendation goes out to Piran who, after taking a tumble on the home straight, picked himself up again and continued to smash through the finish line. True sporting spirit!

This event was a great build up for our own event on the 1st February.





Woodland Walks

Outdoor adventures

After last week's clambering off the beaten track with Ms Croxall and Mr Hilton, this week the Woodland Walks activity group held Pooh-stick and Pooh-apple races with Mrs Cole. The children have already picked out our path through the towering trees to explore next week, as we well and truly make the most of all that Stowe Woods has to offer.

