

St Petroc's Post



Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a week of less memorable moments for me personally, after enduring the dreaded tummy bug that has been making its way through the community. There is a lot of illness doing the rounds, so please do ensure the children are getting plenty of rest and Vitamin C. Similarly, if - like me - you have had an unwell child at home, please ensure they are sufficiently recovered to resume life at full 'St Petroc's pace' before returning. We do find that, occasionally, some come back too soon and struggle, as we can sometimes underestimate the demands and commitments that we expect from our children. No matter how stoic they are, sometimes we need to say 'no' to doing an activity, club, fixture or even going to a birthday party when they're not fully recovered from illness. It's not an easy job being a parent at times; a lesson which, even in the Hilton household, can be slow to learn.

So, after a period of enforced absence from school and the children that I care about so much, it was fantastic to return, hear their news and see the things they have been working on this week. I must draw particular attention to the two Year 6 teams who competed at last night's Rotary Club Youth Speaks competition, hosted by Budehaven Community School. The two topics researched and presented by the pupils were the plight of African animals and the problem of plastic pollution. All the participating teams, from each of the local schools in attendance, contributed to a superbly presented evening. All of the team scores were within 6 points of each other, which demonstrates how strong the field was and also how hard all of the teams had researched their titles. Well done to everyone and we wish our winning team the very best of luck for the next stage of the competition, which is the Area Finals in Barnstaple next month.

Public speaking and presenting in this format has huge value and, as I have said to the pupils many times, these skills will help secure them a job one day, so do not underestimate them. To think that some of our Year 6 began their performing 'journey' in our Dolphins Preschool Nativity just a few years ago! On a related note, any Dolphins parents that are interested in the school for September, please contact me ASAP to discuss things and arrange a tour. There are only a few remaining places for Reception Class 2020 so, if you would like more information, please ask. Thank you to those of you that have already secured your places; those early commitments really do ensure we are best prepared to plan and deliver the children's enhanced transition sessions.

Have a great weekend everyone. Please stay healthy!

Ben Hilton

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Diary Dates

Monday 3rd February

- Budehaven Book Event (Dolphins & Reception)

Wednesday 5th February

- 2pm KS2 Mixed Football Coaching Fixture v Shebbear College (H)
- ISA U11 Boys' 5-a-Side Football Tournament at St Joseph's

Friday 7th February

- Friends of St Petroc's Bingo Night

Wednesday 12th February

- U8s Mixed Mini-Football v Shebbear College (H)

Thursday 13th February

- 4pm Reception & Year 1 Multiskills Event at Budehaven School
- 2pm U8s Hockey & Netball Coaching Fixture v Mount Kelly Prep (A)

Friday 14th February

- Year 1 & 2 Class Assembly
 - Break for Half Term (No Stay & Play)

Monday 24th February

- Term resumes

Friday 6th March

- Friends of St Petroc's Quiz Night



FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

ST. PETROC'S SCHOOL

@7.30 PM / EYES DOWN 8PM SHARP

40 OCEAN VIEW ROAD, BUDE, EX23 8NJ

**£5
ENTRY**

**LICENSED
BAR**

ALL WELCOME

INCLUDES FIRST GAME, HALFTIME SNACKS AND DABBER



ADDITIONAL GAME CARDS £1.50 EACH/ £10 FOR ALL 10 GAMES

CASH, CARD AND MOBILE DEVICE PAYMENTS ACCEPTED

Great prizes for first to a line and full house

**INCLUDING GIFT VOUCHERS FOR ROB MCPADDLING, TAMAR LAKES,
ALLURE BEAUTY, LAPPA VALLEY, CIRCUS FUNTASIA, URCHINS CAFE, ZACH'S ICE LOLLIES,
BEAU NIDOL, LIFTON FARM SHOP AND MANY MORE!**



Little Turtles

Terrific textures



This week in Little Turtles we have been exploring the dinosaurs in the sensory tray, with coloured rice and lentils. We have loved investigating the natural materials and honing our motor skills by scooping using spoons and pots. We also enjoyed the feeling of the rice in between our fingers. What a lot of fun the Little Turtles have had!



Sea Lions

Pouring, prepositions and popcorn



It's been another busy week for the Sea Lions, as we have been practising our independence skills. At snack time we carefully poured our own drinks and we have also been using the dressing-up clothes to practise being more independent in dressing ourselves. We had great fun with the parachute, using it to help us understand prepositions. We played the popcorn game, waving and swishing the parachute to make the popcorn 'pop' on **top**, then waved the parachute so high we could see our friends **opposite** us. We also played 'hop little bunnies', lying **underneath** the parachute, then getting out to jump up and down, waving the parachute as we did so.





Dolphins

Just right!



This week, the Dolphins have enjoyed reading and recalling the classic story 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. Some of the children re-enacted the story while playing in the role-play area, using the figures in the dolls' house and measuring out the porridge into different size bowls. The children also demonstrated good team work while making a big 'Goldilocks and The Three Bears' display and, using a picture from the story, they carefully used their scissors to make a jigsaw puzzle.



During Circle Time, the Dolphins explored soft and hard objects and participated in letter and sound activities. They looked at the letters 's' and 'p', helping each other to recall the sounds using their phonic knowledge, and had fun identifying objects associated with the two specific sounds.

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.

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

You could win one of three cash prizes every month!

Help raise valuable funds for the school and Early Years

Numbers currently available:

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 72 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!



Reception

Dragons and dexterity

Reception Class had a very special visit this week - from a Chinese dragon! Nien the dancing dragon was resurrected from his cave (the St Petroc's loft!) just in time for the Chinese New Year. The children took turns to hold his head or get inside his body, to help him dance around the school. They had to be careful and work together as a team to operate the large puppet.



2020 is the Year of the Rat. The pupils found out that they were born in either the Year of the Monkey (2014) or the Year of the Snake (2015). Reception have also had fun working out how to use chopsticks both in their play and to enjoy a bowl of noodles!

Years 1 & 2



Fascinating fortunes

Years 1 and 2 enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year this week. They found out about all the festivities that take place on the various days of the celebrations. They were fascinated to learn how Chinese zodiac calendar came to be and enjoyed making dragon fortune tellers. They were particularly impressed to find out that Chinese New Year celebrations last for 15 days!





Years 3 & 4

Tut tut!

Years 3 and 4 have had a very intensive week of hard work and have covered a lot of English grammar with their Tutankhamun project. We feel we know him so well, he's now just 'Tut' to us! They have used the topic to work on their main and subordinate clauses, using appropriate conjunctions to make their work flow. They have also taken their tense work a step further, becoming more confident as to their use.

In Maths, the children have taken a short break from formal number work and have instead worked on shape, specifically perimeter and angles. They spent some time applying their learning to a practical project of measuring the perimeter of the picnic tables and benches. They discovered that the table was 480cm and the bench was 314cm. Mrs Cook bets you always wanted to know that!

Also, congratulations to Lucas and Rosie-May for gaining a certificate each in assembly on Friday. All the children in the group are working very hard - it's always such a pleasure to celebrate their efforts.



Year 5



On a roll

To help us visualise the distances between each planet, we used our good friend and non-standard unit of measure: toilet paper! We crunched some Mathematics, using rounding and division, and eventually had a scaled down version of the solar system.

Carefully counting our sheets of toilet paper, the class headed out to the playing field and measured out the distances. Again, as with the sizes of the planets last week, we were left astonished! The rocky planets were relatively close to each other and the gaseous planets stretched far, far away. Why do you think this is??





Year 6

Victory at Bude Youth Speaks Competition

Year 6 have been eagerly anticipating and preparing for the local Rotary Club Youth Speaks Competition 2020. Over the last few weeks, they have researched a topic of their choice which discusses a current issue that is important to them. One team opted for protecting the rights of African wild animals affected by poaching, while the other explored how plastic pollution has made its way into our oceans and soil.

After spending the last four days practising their skills of engaging their audience through expression, annunciation and gesturing, they were truly ready to go by Thursday evening. Both teams took to the floor with enthusiasm and their passion for their chosen subjects, and enjoyment at being part of such an event, was plain for all to see. They delivered their speeches with wonderful clarity and continuity.



Both teams excelled in capturing the spectators' attention through rhetorical questions and hard hitting facts. Evie tackled an extremely challenging question from one of the judges with an answer that amazed both Mr Hilton and Ms Croxall with its eloquence. Both agreed they would not be able to make the call between the two St Petroc's teams, as Ed and Ben also performed their roles with confidence. They displayed such familiarity with their speeches that their eye contact had the audience hanging on their every word!

It was a fantastic experience for all and Ms Croxall could not have been more proud to see all the pupils perform to such a high standard.



The wait for the result was agonising, as all the teams involved had demonstrated sound knowledge. The wait was worthwhile, however, as the final result saw Indigo, Lilly and Charlotte pip the other teams to the post and be crowned the winners. Their speech was well-researched and sprinkled with a bit of humour that both lightened and emphasised the reality of micro-plastic in the environment. It was a very competitive field as, in the end, there were only six points between first and last position!





Stay and Play

Sticking at it

During our outdoor Stay and Play activity the children had the challenge of making the alphabet from sticks. They naturally shared the work, with some children finding sticks of various lengths and some building the alphabet. There were some discussions about the best stick for the job and the children needed to negotiate why their stick should be chosen. They had a fantastic time.



Activities



Coastal competitors

The elements set the pace this week and Canoeing was put on hold... Instead, Joel from Shoreline and the intrepid, hardworthy Petrocians took to The Downs and battled against each other in an orienteering competition. Amidst the gale force winds, the pupils navigated their way around using a map and had to find answers to numerous questions. Team Alpha came away with the win!





Celebrating success



Lifeboat Junior Run 2020

Entry opens Saturday 1st February

This years Bude Lifeboat Run will take place on 10th June at Bude Rugby Club. The Junior (1 mile) race is for children aged 15 and under on race day, using a safe course that is traffic-free and uses the local cycle path and towpath. With limited places available, runners are encouraged to book their place early, with registration open from Saturday 1st February until Monday 8th June (closing sooner if fully subscribed).

[Click here to book](#)

(link will be activated at 10am on Saturday 1st February 2020)



Bude Lifeboat Run

Are you having a clear-out?

Donations of games welcome!

We love being out and about whenever possible but Mother Nature seems to be testing our resilience with some particularly unfavourable weather lately.

When the elements do mean 'wet break' is unavoidable, the children enjoy playing games (with some healthy competitive spirit!) but our 'range' could do with a bit of a refresh.

If you are having a bit of a clear-out and are looking to rehome any preloved (but intact/complete) games which your children have grown out of, the pupils would be delighted to add them to their 'wet break' collection.

Any games donations would be most gratefully received but please don't send any which your children would be upset to find in the hands of another pupil!


Thanks in advance (but let's keep our fingers crossed that the weather soon improves and the children are able to get out and about as usual!).

New Day, New Venue
Saturday 1st February
10-12noon

Bude Methodist Church



CLOTHES

A clothesline with blue clothespins holding up the word 'CLOTHES' in large, colorful, block letters. The letters are: C (red and blue), L (blue), O (green), T (purple), H (yellow), E (pink), and S (blue).

SWOP

A clothesline with blue clothespins holding up the word 'SWOP' in large, colorful, block letters. The letters are: S (pink), W (blue with a yellow button), O (a colorful beaded necklace), and P (green).

0-4yrs Clothes, Shoes
Toys, Baby Equipment, Bedding and
Maternity.