

# St Petroc's Post



## Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers,

As another week races by in the lives of our Petrocians, big and small, the mood and commitment has been absolutely fantastic yet again! Our mini gymnasts are thriving; we are seeing wonderful balance and movement from them. The coaches have commented on how astounded they are by the progress the children have made while taking part in the various Dolphins activities, which mirror the opportunities within the Prep School. Our Little Turtles have been enjoying some new Ride on toys, kindly donated by some of our past parents, Mr and Mrs Shaw. I am hugely grateful to them and for their continued support of St Petroc's. Despite the fact that their children are now embarking on their A Levels, (which makes me feel rather aged!) it only proves testament to the family ethos of our School and the community spirit so evident here. I gather there is more to come, so... Thank you!

The Dolphins have been on adventures around town once again, this week to Bude Library, following on from the World Book Day celebrations. Whereas, at the opposite end of school, Years 5 & 6 proudly represented us all at the Songfest performance at Launceston Town Hall. They were amazing and, for those of you that came across, I think you will agree they all sounded brilliant. It was lovely to see so many schools working together to create such a spectacle.

The next day, despite a late finish for us all, the children from Key Stage 2 welcomed children from Bude Junior School, alongside a leading communications organisation, for a day of programming, deciphering and decoding. They even managed to squeeze an Art competition in. Well done to both schools for a wonderful celebration of learning within the classroom. The organisers were astounded by the level of creativity displayed by the children, working collaboratively in small groups, designing what they think technology will look like in 100 years. What an exciting, and somewhat unfathomable, prospect!

Today was a spectacle, hearing our children taking turns in telling jokes on the stage to the audience for our Red Nose Day Assembly, delightfully hosted by Miss Calienda and Miss Cottle. We learned a little about where the funds raised by Comic Relief go, and about some of the projects they are involved in, both in the UK and abroad. We ended the day with a handful of children, from all settings and age ranges within the school, coming together for a photo. The children were very proud of their efforts to be in red. Well done everyone!

Have a delightful, if not slightly windswept, weekend.

Ben Hilton

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## Diary Dates

### Monday 18th March

2:15-4pm KS2 Cross  
Country Event at  
Shebbear College

### Thursday 21st March

Reception and Year 1  
trip to Newquay Zoo

KS2 Science Workshop  
with Budehaven Leaders

### Friday 22nd March

St Petroc's Annual Cross  
Country

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

### Wednesday 27th March

Dolphins Bikeability  
FREE Taster Session

### Thursday 28th March

Fly To The Line Final  
at RNAS Yeovilton

### Friday 29th March

Dolphins Mother's Day  
Assembly

1:30-3:30pm  
Prep School Spring  
Concert

Last Day of Prep School  
Term (No Stay and Play)



The Friends of St Petroc's

# 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

The inside scoop



This week in Little Turtles, we have been busy exploring different coloured flour. The children practiced their scooping and pouring, and have all enjoyed getting their hands messy. Continuing the Maths theme, some of the children enjoyed building, counting and stacking the alphabet blocks into really tall towers and structures. On Thursday, we acquired some large cardboard boxes, which came from a delivery in the School. The children had an amazing time filling the boxes - not just with toys but also with themselves! They all enjoyed practicing their physical skills by climbing in and out.



Sea Lions

A colourful time



This week the Sea Lions have been learning our colours. We've been sorting colours, building with colourful blocks and iced some yummy biscuits with a choice of different coloured icings. We've also been experimenting with black and white paintings, folding the paper in half to see what pattern it made when we opened it back up. The Sea Lions are also very lucky as Mr Hilton has sourced us a television to use when we do our music and movement or Yoga. We tried it out and enjoyed it very much. It is so much easier to follow on the big screen!





## Dolphins

### Books and baking



This week some of the Dolphins enjoyed an outing to the local library. As part of our continued World Book Day celebrations, the children spoke about their love of books and of visiting the library with their families. At the library, the Dolphins demonstrated good sharing and turn taking skills. They handled books with care and chose books which interested them. The children also have enjoyed putting their baking skills to good use, making delicious chocolate Easter nests.



## St Petroc's Post - Prep School



### Inter-class potato growing competition

#### A healthy crop

Reception are the first class in the School to get their seed potatoes into the soil and are hoping for a good crop of potatoes in a few weeks' time.

**"We are going to grow twenty million thousand eighteen potatoes", predicts Ethan!**





## Reception

### What a week!

It has been another fun packed, busy week for Reception. We began the week looking at the story 'Mr Gumpy's Outing'. The children were able to recap the main features of the story and make up their own sentences about the animals making the boat tip over.

We have also celebrated British Science Week by having an afternoon dedicated to doing Science experiments and being engineers. The children explored slime, which has the properties of a liquid and then changed to a solid when pressure was added. They explored magnets and found that the magnets attract (stick together). They could make their ball follow a line using the magnets.



The children also designed and made their own marble runs using tubes, which involved a lot of problem solving and learning to change their ideas if it didn't work out first time.

If that wasn't enough we also celebrated World Maths Day on Thursday, where we had a whole day dedicated to mathematical thinking. We ordered numbers using straws to pick up a number and put it in the right place. We found higher and lower numbers using a laser beam and even added numbers into our music lesson with numbers representing fast and slow notes, as well as writing our own music.

We also were worried that the birds were trying to eat the potatoes we planted at the start of the week so the children worked as a team to make a scarecrow to scare the birds away. What a very busy week we have had!



## Year 1



### Animal academics

Year 1 have been particularly academic this week! They have been learning about three dimensional shapes and their properties in Maths, and created some new key word posters for the classroom. In English, they have planned, drafted and written letters to influential people within politics and television, to try and promote care for wild animals that suffer from poaching and hunting. Our Science and Topic lessons have also been dedicated to animals, as we prepare for next week's trip to Newquay Zoo, by sorting animals into types - mammals, fish, birds, invertebrates, reptiles and amphibians.



## Years 2 &amp; 3

**Animal researchers**

During the last few weeks the children in Years 2 and 3 have been researching different wild animals.

It all began with a story in which a young girl wanted to keep a rescued orangutan as a pet. They explored why this wouldn't work, comparing it to domestic pets, before going on to find out about other wild animals, using the internet and a variety of books.

First they made rough notes, before elaborating their sentences to make it more interesting to read. The end result was a factual leaflet produced by each child, which contains information about their chosen animal.

Although this has not been a simple task, everyone has learnt some fascinating facts and it has developed their research skills for future topics.



## Year 4

**Tapestry textiles**

Year 4 have been creating some textile masterpieces in their Art lessons. With the aim of creating a St Petroc's tapestry, they have been exploring what it is like to work with material, by making felt representations of some of our favourite St Petroc's moments - from rowing on the canal on St Petroc's Day, to cookery and surfing activities, to flying gliders! In this week's lessons they figured out the best ways to cut the felt into the desired shapes and how stick one material to another with patience and care. The end results have exceeded all expectation and set us in good stead for experimenting with stitching and blanketing in future weeks.





Year 5

**Combined brain power**

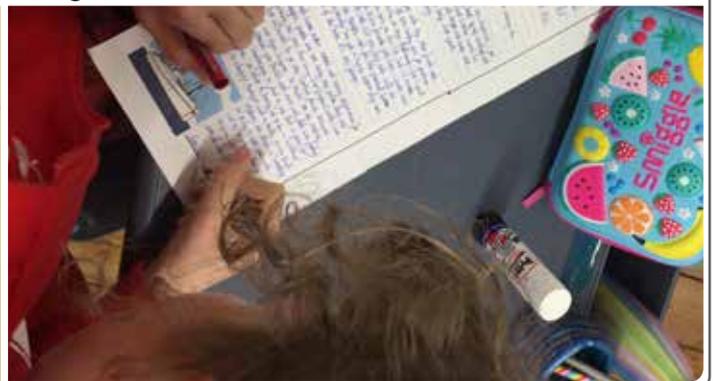
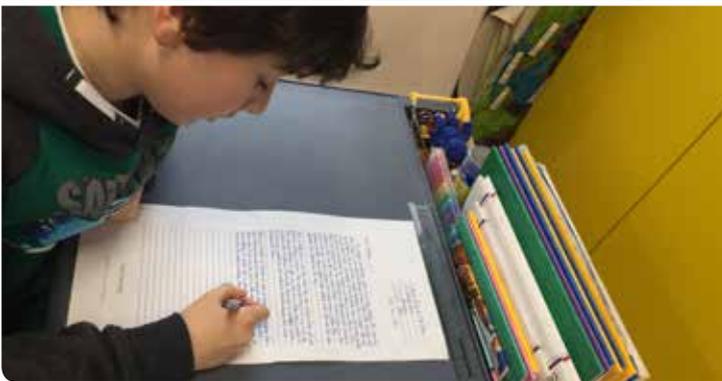
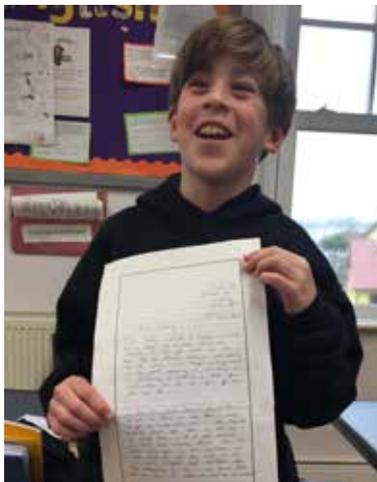
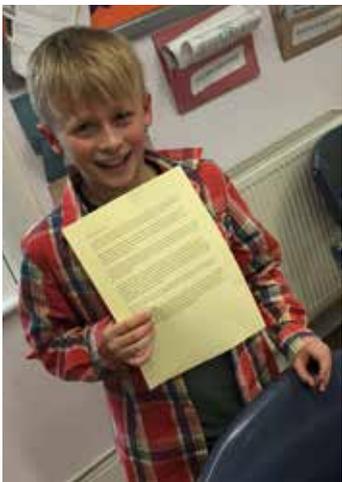
Year 5 have become masters of their own learning this week, applying their recently learned skills on short division and multiplication to tackle some extremely tricky problems. One question in particular required the pooling of all the brains in the classroom!



Years 6 & 7

**Creative writing**

Years 6 and 7 have been reading John Agard's poem 'Windrush Child' and imagining what it was like for the children who travelled to England, hoping to find a better life. They then wrote a fictional letter back to their grandmother in the Caribbean, describing how the reality of life in England didn't match up to the dream, such as there not being the jobs their families were promised. This was an exercise in both formal and informal writing, and the children described both their journey to rainy England and what they missed about home, such as the mango trees.





## KS2 Games

### Football

Mr Fox to take a step back from the action in KS2 Games this week, as ownership of the session was handed over to the pupils. The mixed group was split into 3 teams and each team had to devise a game or activity to practise a certain football skill. After inventing their games, they had to present them to the rest of the children before undergoing a round-robin. Super fun!



## St Petroc's Post - Events & Activities



## Stay & Play

### Scientists!

This week has involved some amazing experiments. For their Science activity they produced 'fireworks in a jar' using olive oil, warm water and food colouring. They watched as the food colouring turned into 'fireworks'.

We also made super delicious fruit waffle cones this week! What fun!





## Songfest

### "If I cannot fly, let me sing!" (Stephen Sondheim)

The Year 5 and 6 children excelled themselves on Wednesday when they took part in this year's Songfest performance in Launceston.

This is the fourth year running that we have taken part and the consensus amongst the participants is that 2019 was the best yet! Mrs Cook was certainly impressed with the enthusiasm displayed by the St Petroc's children.



Most of the songs were well-known and catchy, whilst retaining musical integrity and consideration for the particular needs of children's voices. The children all thoroughly enjoyed the experience of singing with a massed choir of over 100 in number and they behaved impeccably throughout the proceedings.

If anyone has any doubts about the benefits of singing, then Songfest is indeed a great advertisement for this often underestimated activity. The children in Launceston Town hall on Wednesday night flew very high indeed! Well done to everyone involved and thank you especially to Patrick Bailey who led the choir with charm, consideration and skill.



## Red Nose Day

### Red-y to fundraise!

The whole of St Petroc's, from Nursery to Key Stage 2, not to mention the staff, all joined in fabulously with today's Red Nose Day fundraising. Despite many people already having donated to the cause by purchasing red noses, etc., we also collected over £100, so thank you everyone for your generosity yet again.





Red Nose Day

