

St Petroc's Post



Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank all of you for an excellent first half term. I have enjoyed seeing the children return from their Christmas exploits and drop straight into school life with enthusiasm and vigour. The Reception children are fully settled and are a superbly diverse bunch of characters. Their classroom is always a hive of energy and activity, plus the standard of their learning is quite fantastic. We have all been busy bees, with visits to and from other schools, plus various Independent Schools Association (ISA) events throughout the region. From Cross Country at Haldon Forest, to Netball at Trinity in Teignmouth and 5-a-side Football at St Joseph's, the children have been exposed to some of the best competitions in the South West. We have shared coaching sessions with other senior independent schools and our partnerships with Shebbear College and the Sports Leaders at Budehaven have enabled some excellent experiences for our children. Yesterday, we pulled ourselves in multiple directions to ensure the children did not miss out on any opportunity - while our Reception and Year 1 children enjoyed a Multiskills event at Budehaven, Years 2 to 4 ventured off to Mount Kelly for Hockey coaching and fixtures. Years 1 and 2 then managed to perform a very moving and heart-warming Class Assembly this morning, to a packed hall, on the history of St Valentine. I particularly enjoyed some of the parents singing along to 'It Must Be Love' by Madness.

This is exactly what makes St Petroc's children stand out to me. The way in which we grasp every chance, make the most of opportunities and, in turn, how the children simply 'do' and thrive on the challenges thrown at them. It simply astounds me. I have said it before but will say it again - our normal is quite simply not normal. Stamina, thirst for investigation and embracing challenges - all these qualities are engrained in the very fabric of the school, its staff and its pupils. It is an amazing community and, although we all need a rest, I am sometimes disappointed that it is Half Term. In closing, I must mention the excellent performances by Year 6 in the Rotary Club 'Youth Speaks' competition, plus a big thank you to the Friends of St Petroc's for a lovely Bingo night. I strongly advocate attending the next one as it was a great laugh, although more difficult than I first thought, perhaps! Looking ahead, you'll see various forthcoming highlights detailed above in Diary Dates. As a proud Cornishman, I am particularly looking forward to the Geevor Tin Mine visit on St Piran's Day. We are also preparing for the Wadebridge Music Festival and the term will culminate with our Spring Concert, which celebrates the breadth of talent and commitment we have across all our age groups at St Petroc's. Happy Half Term everyone.

Ben Hilton
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Diary Dates

Monday 24th February

- Term resumes

Tuesday 25th February

- Shrove Tuesday
(Pancake races)

Wednesday 26th February

- Open Days

Thursday 27th February

- Open Day

Thursday 5th March

- KS2 Trip to Geevor Mine
• St Piran's Day

Friday 6th March

- Friends of St Petroc's
Quiz Night

Tuesday 10th March

- Songfest 2020 at
Launceston Town Hall

Friday 13th March

- Year 3 & 4 Class Assembly
- Reception Class Trip to
Rosemoor
- St Petroc's Annual Cross
Country

Thursday 26th March

- 1pm Spring Concert

Friday 27th March

- End of Term
(No Stay and Play)

FRIENDS OF ST. PETROC'S



FRIDAY 6TH MARCH 2020

ST PETROC'S SCHOOL, 40 OCEAN VIEW ROAD, BUDE

DOORS AT 7.30PM FOR 8PM START



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SERVING BEER, WINE,
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Little Turtles

Love is in the air



This week in Little Turtles we have been busy making cards to celebrate Valentine's Day and have enjoyed using green paint to decorate a turtle template for the front of our cards. We then used blue pens to colour and make the sea, all the while speaking about who we 'turtle-y love'!



Sea Lions

Spring is in the air



What busy little bakers the Sea Lions have been this week! Our role play area was a baker's shop, where we were selling loaves of bread, baguettes and hot cross buns to our friends and teachers. We also learnt the song "Five Currant Buns". For Valentine's Day we baked some lovely red shortbread biscuits and cut them into heart shapes. We took them home to share with the people we love; although the Early Years team doubt some of them even made it to the car before being devoured!



We have also started creating a lovely springtime display board, as we are ready for winter to be over now. We used a potato cut into a flower shape to print some pictures and, over the coming weeks, will add more spring time animals and flowers to our growing and evolving display.





Dolphins

Sheltering from the storm



This week has been the end of a super busy half term for the Dolphins and Mrs White is sure they're all ready for a well earned break! During the week we have enjoyed lots of free play activities, including cutting, sticking and sand/water play. We've also been thinking about who we love and making Valentine's cards for them. The Dolphins continue to thoroughly enjoy their Gymnastics, Yoga, Swimming and Music activity sessions. They put their Yoga skills to good use at the beginning of the week, during Storm Ciara, when we were unable to get outside and play in the garden. Bringing their physical activity sessions inside, the Dolphins enjoyed putting their Yoga poses into practice until the weather improved.



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

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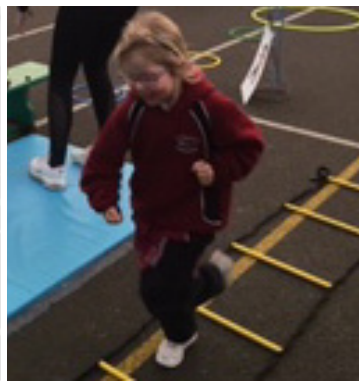
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Reception

Time to shine

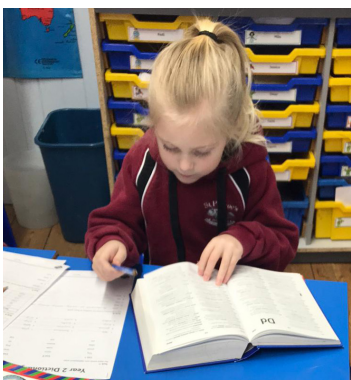
Reception Class have had another busy, exciting week and were lucky enough to go to Budehaven for the Multiskills event on Thursday. There were a number of activities, testing their balance, control and co-ordination, and the children showed great resilience and perseverance as they moved around each activity. We have also been learning about time and the children talked about all the different ways they can tell the time. We discussed our routines and the times that events like lunchtime and bedtime happen. They have all made a clock to take home with them to practise learning the o'clock times.



Years 1 & 2

It must be love

Years 1 and 2 have had an extremely busy and successful week, preparing for and culminating in their Class Assembly on Friday. Love was definitely in the air, as the class read aloud poems they had written, taught the audience about the origins of Valentine's Day and entertained us with beautiful signing and dancing. The children also performed wonderfully in their sports fixtures this week. They managed to fit all of this in around some excellent core learning in the classroom, in particular getting to grips with using the Oxford school dictionary to polish up their lexicology skills!

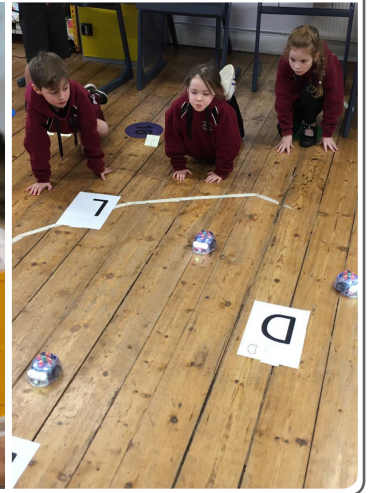




Years 3 & 4

Lost letters

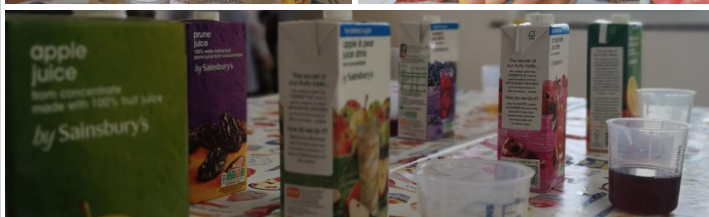
It was all a bit of a muddle in Year 3 and 4's ICT lesson this week, as the pupils 'lost' the letters that make up their names. Ms Croxall scattered the alphabet around the classroom and only the Beebots and precision programming could help the children collect the cards required to spell their names. It wasn't easy and took a combination of patience, problem solving and team work. The pupils enjoyed the challenge and fun was had by all!



Year 5

Metric mocktails

To consolidate our learning on metric conversions, the Year 5 pupils spent a morning making mocktails. Firstly, they followed a recipe made by Mr Fox, carefully measuring out the liquids to the nearest 1ml. After a quick drink and a few approvals, they got to business making their own recipes. Each mocktail had to measure exactly 220ml, plus their recipe also had to be written in millilitres and litres. After this was all in order, the measuring, mixing and making began!



To add to the experience, the pupils had to describe their drinks and name them with something appropriate. It didn't end there! Lastly, they got to pick one of their friends' recipes and enjoy one final mocktail. All the recipes went home for them to make another time; some even wanted to add this activity to their birthday party!





Year 6

Proud of our polished performers

After their success in the Bude 'Youth Speaks' competition, our team of Year 6 orators took their compelling speech on plastic pollution to round two - the Area Final - in Barnstaple. All three pupils delivered an even better performance than before, giving a very polished presentation to the judging panel from The Rotary Club of Barnstaple. The standard was extremely high from all the participating teams and, although we didn't progress to the next round of the competition, the pupils made us all extremely proud with their excellent research, preparation and presentation.



Their use of persuasive language and speaking techniques really emphasised the seriousness and severity of the problem of microplastics in the environment. To reward both our teams' efforts in the competition, Ms Croxall took the pupils out for a celebratory slice of cake at The Barge, before doing a beach clean on their way back to school. Well done Year 6; we're very proud.

Stay and Play



A colourful week

In Stay and Play's Art session this week, the pupils made fun 'crazy hair' pictures by either blowing paint through a straw or using a fork to create patterns. It was amazing fun and the children created some great pictures. Maintaining a colourful theme, this week's Science session was the start of an experiment with flowers, celery and food colouring. The children were fascinated by what would happen and we'd love to see how the experiment is developing - post your update pictures on our corresponding Facebook post!





Sport

Mini Football with Shebbear College

Match report by Lucas and Jude

On Wednesday we had a Football training session with Shebbear College, at home on our school field. Boys and girls from Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 took part. First, Mr Fox did a warm up then split us into four groups. One activity was a passing drill, while Mr White did a 'King of the Ring' game. Then Ms Croxall did a shooting drill and Mr Willets did a dribbling drill.



After that, we were split into our year groups. On the pitch we both played well. Jude was on the wing and we tried to stop him but he scored and it was 1-0. We tried to score but couldn't. Afterwards we had Match Tea. Thank you Mr Fox for training us. The Player of the Match was Emma.



Sport

Hockey coaching fixture with Mount Kelly

First, we spent some time dribbling, shooting and getting used to holding a hockey stick. The whole team were buzzing and thrilled to be wearing shin pads and gumshields (well, almost all of them!). We swiftly moved onto some matches, working on finding space and moving with the ball. There were some impressive breaks from both teams and some determined defending.



To reward their efforts, Match Tea was served and the hungry players all enjoyed two helpings of sausages and chips! Mr Fox and Mr Hilton could not be more proud; the pupils were well behaved, engaged and excellent sportsmen and women. Their skills progressed within the hour and it sets a good foundation for future hockey and fixtures in general. Well done to all.

