



## School Newsletter 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – Issue 11

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It has been another busy half-term with lots of exciting learning to celebrate. We will be holding another 'open afternoon' very soon so you can pop in and see all our brilliant learning.

### **SPORTS ROUND-UP and HEALTHY LIVING**

Football club has started with James (ex St Day pupil and Cornwall County Cup winner u15) running a very busy and successful football club. The hard work and determination has paid off already with a successful Year 5/6 football tournament where an amazing 19 goals were scored! A huge well done to the team!



Our running team is training hard in preparation for the next round of the Cornwall Cross-Country championships which takes place on Wednesday at Pool Academy. Children from Years 4-6 will be representing us...we wish them lots of luck. Year 3 are enjoying their weekly energetic dance sessions in preparation for the RLG dance event- we look forward to seeing the final performance. Year 3 and 4 continue to hone their skills in weekly Capoeira sessions. We will be show casing our moves very soon! Year 2 are certainly making progress in the pool with many children now becoming super swimmers. The children have been focusing on confidence building, putting their faces in the water and using floats to support them as they learn different strokes.



Looking forward to next half-term, we have a high 5 netball tournament, football matches and a KS1 swimming gala.

We are all enjoying outdoor learning! Please ensure your child has a suitable change of footwear (wellies or old trainers) that they can keep in school in a bag. This means they can play on the field and attend forest school at any time without bringing loads of mud into the classrooms!



A special mention to Evie, Jayden and Nicole for their courage and determination to speak publically with confidence and represent our school for 'Youth Speaks'. During a special assembly with George Eustice, the children were praised for their efforts and for tackling the subject of 'Healthy Living – the St Day way! Thank you to Caterlink for encouraging Healthy eating and enabling us to try different snacks. We have a food tasting session for parents next month so please come along!



## **SUPER LEARNING and TRIPS**

Topaz and Turquoise class had a fantastic time at the Royal Cornwall Museum last Thursday, and learned lots about their topics. The people at the Museum, one of which was an archaeologist were very knowledgeable and were able to explain some amazing things about the Stone Age and the Ancient Greeks. Both classes participated in workshops where they made Stone Age pots and Ancient Greek plaques. We had a wonderful time and it is a good start to our topic learning. If you want to see pictures from the day head online to our twitter page! The museum was awesome; we found out so many things. There are Ancient Greek patterns on the floor and ceiling and outside there are two pillars in the style of the Ancient Greeks. We even held a priceless Ancient Greek vase, we had to wear gloves so the grease from our hands did not damage the vase.

Sophie and Phoebe Year 6



## **TOLERANCE and RESPECT**



We had Daya in school all day last week leading workshops about Indian culture to help us understand British values and look at the similarities and differences between different religions. Jade and Amber classes had some super discussions with Daya about Hinduism. They explored the different traditions, beliefs, music and also tried some dancing

and trying on the beautiful clothes. Year 2 and Year 6 children made and tasted Indian food which led to a discussion about Islam. In assembly, we all talked about having tolerance and respect for people with different beliefs.



## **ANIMAL FUN IN RECEPTION!**



Our youngest children have been busy artists, writers, designers and mathematicians! We have had giant tiger making- involving lots of measuring and weighing. Please look at our art gallery and beautiful tiger paintings. We have enjoyed reading about lots of different animals and fact-finding.



**In Year 2** the children have been learning about the geographical features of where we live. They were interested to see an aerial view of our School using Google Earth. You might want to explore this site at home - the website address is <https://earth.google.com> Can you find your house on google earth?

## **MATHS "99 Club."**

Be a maths whizz and know your times tables inside out – come and join the 99 Club! We have been trialling this structured and progressive times table approach to enable everyone to feel confident in all areas of maths learning. It is aimed at children from Year 1 to Year 6, beginning with doubling numbers and progressing on to finding the square root of numbers, as well as knowing the inverse operations.

The practise sheets are labelled as follows: 11 Club, 22 Club, 33 Club, 44 Club, 55 Club, 66 Club, 77 Club, 88 Club, 99 Club, then Bronze, Silver and Gold.

The children need to complete an activity sheet twice correctly before progressing onto the next stage. It is intended that the children attempt this at least once weekly in school and as many times as you can at home! Just five minutes a day will make a massive difference.

The 99 Club sheets will be on available on the school website to download and print from Monday 25th February 2019.

To support their learning, the children will also be bringing home the relevant sheet they are working on at the start of every week after half term. Please encourage your child to practise these at home alongside card games and activities to promote confidence and enjoyment with numbers.

## ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Year 6 children again for meeting the National expectations of 96.5%. As a whole school, we need your support to meet this target in every class. Sapphire and Amber- you're nearly there! Please remember to inform the office by 8.45am if your child is going to be absent. Thank you.

Class	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Possible	% Attend
Opal - Reception	10.9	2.7	100.0	86.4
Jade – Yr 1	3.9	1.2	100.0	94.9
Amber- Yr 2	3.6	0.1	100.0	96.3
Topaz- Yr 3	4.1	1.0	100.0	94.9
Emerald – Yr 4	6.0	2.8	100.0	91.1
Sapphire – Yr 5	3.3	0.7	100.0	96.0
<b>Turquoise – Yr 6</b>	3.2	0.3	100.0	<b>96.5</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>94.8</b>

## REMINDERS and DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**CHANGES TO SCHOOL PAYMENTS** – for dinners, breakfast club, FUNZONE and trips. We have now set up **PARENT PAY** to make online payments to school easier and time efficient for everyone. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you need assistance. Your support in using Parent Pay will help the school enormously, thank you.

Please can you ensure that you settle any outstanding debt in full by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February** or contact the office (if you have not already done so) to arrange a payment plan.

- **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February** – School finishes at 3:10pm as normal.
- **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February** – Half Term.
- **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 6 Parents SATs meeting 3.15
- **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 2 Parents SATs meeting 3.15
- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March** – Early Years Literacy workshop for parents 2pm
- **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March** – **Parent Consultations 2.30pm – 5.00pm**
- **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March**
  - Parent Consultations 3.20pm – 6.30pm** (please note this is a change of day due to the RLG dance event)
  - St Piran's Celebrations** – Cornish Pasty lunch available and combined celebrations on World Book Day.
  - Free Lunch Taster Session** for Parents 3.00pm in the hall
- **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**
  - RLG Dance Event** – afternoon and evening performances (Year 3 performing, Year 4 attending during the day) – Regal Theatre
  - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – **World Book Day- SHARE A STORY and DRESS UP 2019** Come with a favourite story to share and enjoy a book-themed lunch of Pirate Pete's Pizza and Fish from the sea! We will be enjoying favourite Cornish books to link up with St Piran's Day so why not come dressed as the Mousehole cat, Dolphin Boy or a Cornish Pirate. It is up to you! More information to follow.
- **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March** – Creative Art & Maths Enrichment
- **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March** – Last week of clubs



## **United Downs Deep Geothermal Power Project**

**Drop-In on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2pm – 4pm** - Visit the United Downs Deep Geothermal Power (UDDGP) project site in half term- talk to members of the project team, browse the information panels, watch educational and project films, get up close to two of the used drill bits and view the 52m high drilling rig from the viewing platform. Drop-In sessions are free and suitable for all the family. Visitor access is on foot through gate B and parking is available at gate C, which is a short walk from the drilling site. Full details can be found here: <https://www.uniteddownsgeothermal.co.uk/site-visits>

Josh's Capoeira club is based at Mount Hawke Skatepark with classes for all ages throughout the week. Please contact him for details if your child is interested. [facebook.com/thespacemounthawke](https://www.facebook.com/thespacemounthawke)  
Email: [thespace@mounthawke.com](mailto:thespace@mounthawke.com)



## **Tea and Talk- SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability)**

We held our first Tea and Talk SEND parent meeting on Monday. We will be holding another session next term and hope you can make it. This is an opportunity to share, support and chat about SEND provision at our school.

## **SCHOOL GROUNDS AFTER 3.10**

Please supervise your children closely out of school hours, as we cannot be held responsible for any accidents if you allow your children to go on the play equipment without the correct footwear or supervision. DEN BUILDING is a supervised activity during the school day. Please do not allow your children in the forest area as there are many dens and heavy logs, which could fall without supervision.

## **Questionnaires**

Thank you for returning your questionnaires. We have had a much better response this time and with some helpful feedback moving forward. The results will be analysed and shared with you in the near future. The winner of the prize will be drawn in assembly on Friday!

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GOLDEN STARS**

### **Opal class**

**Florence** for persevering in her learning and always following our golden rules  
**Amia-Louise** for being kind to others and for super effort in all areas of her learning

### **Jade Class**

**Evan** for his great effort to work towards his targets and following the golden rules  
**Brooke** for determination and focus to improve her work

### **Amber Class**

**Charlie** for being a superstar learner  
**Sophia** for being polite, caring and gentle

### **Topaz Class**

**Meisha** for trying really hard with spellings and reading  
**Jak** for following the Golden Rules at all times

### **Emerald Class**

**Osher** for being focused and excited to have a pen licence  
**Freddie** always being focused and motivated to learn

### **Sapphire Class**

**Jay** for participating in whole class discussions in every lesson without fail  
**Jaimey** for his determination and effort

### **Turquoise Class**

**Errol** for his determination and effort  
**Joshua** for great self-control and taking responsibility  
**We are very proud of all our children**

