

# St Day and Carharrack School Newsletter

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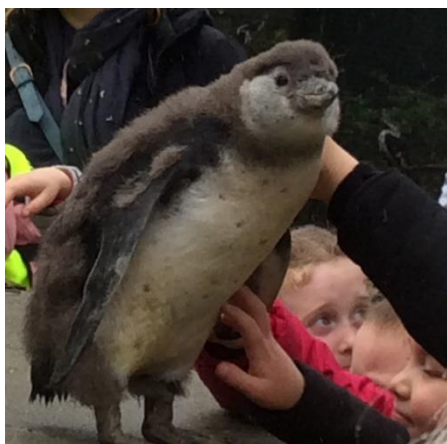
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Dear Families,

Our children continue to have many new experiences to enhance their learning. We thank our staff, volunteers and friends of the school for working tirelessly to make learning as enjoyable as possible. How many of you can say you have stroked a penguin? This last week, a number of our Reception children did exactly this! Please enjoy our fortnightly update.

## HAVE YOU EVER STROKED A PENGUIN?



A super well done to our amazing Reception class, staff and parents for making a fabulous day at PARADISE PARK possible! Highlights of the day included an exciting bus journey as it was the bus drivers birthday and everyone had to sing him Happy Birthday! Arriving in fog and drizzle, eight very lucky children were chosen to go into the safety pen and feed fish to the penguins with Mrs Govan and Mrs Hayden. Everyone else managed to pat the baby penguins Tarquin and Peaches. We all loved the penguins and kept wanting to go back. Peaches loved Christian so much that he gave him an extra little peck on the chin. The flamingos were another big hit and the children couldn't quite agree on their colour. We were glad we visited the goats, sheep and mini donkeys because many children didn't know what they were! Someone called the goat a



CAMEL! We also (actually mostly the adults) LOVED the red Pandas which kept walking past us to see us. We ate early as the children were constantly hungry and amazingly well behaved all day! On the way home, Mrs Hayden and Mrs Bone 'boogied' in their seats. Jess fell asleep, Mrs Govan was on sick bucket duty and adults were generally relieved to have made it through the

day with the same number of children returning on the bus! A super day out with lots of new learning experiences .

### **ST DAY and CARHARRACK CHILDREN PERFORM AT THE MINACK THEATRE...**

**'DOUBLE DOUBLE TOIL AND TROUBLE...'** a group of Year 5/6 children had the opportunity to visit The Minack Theatre for a day of drama skills...



As part of National Shakespeare week, fifteen lucky students from years 5 and 6 were invited to take part in drama workshops at the Minack Theatre, last Thursday afternoon.

The sun came out just as the children arrived at Porthcurno beach for a picnic and stayed out, making the views from the unique open air theatre, built into the cliff above the beach, even more spectacular. Pupils were met by a team of professional actors and musicians from the Minack Theatre, Dean, Zade and Connie who took them on an entertaining tour of the site, turned into a theatre in the 1930s by one

extraordinary and determined woman Rowena Cade and her gardener. After visiting the dressing rooms and all the backstage areas that the public don't usually get to see, the children were split into groups and after some games to warm up everyone's drama muscles and some instruction in stage fighting -Errol from year 6 being praised for his physicality, performing a death scene - they worked with the team to perform improvised scenes from Shakespeare's Macbeth. The children were buzzing after their performance, some saying it was 'the best day ever', with everyone feeling proud of their achievements. All agreed it was an amazing experience, no one wanted to leave. Sienna from year 5 said she felt the afternoon had done wonders for her self confidence. Phoebe from year 6 said it was a privilege to have seen all the secret areas of the Minack and be allowed to perform on its' stage. Everyone asked when they could do it again! Staff accompanying the children were delighted when Minack staff said St Day were the best behaved school they'd had in all week.



### **SPORTS ROUND-UP – A SUPERB EFFORT ST DAY AND CARHARRACK!**

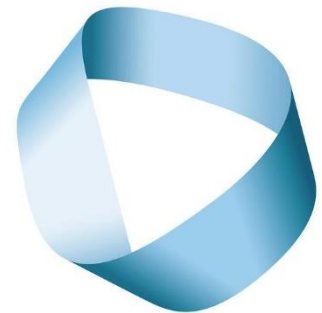
Quad kids - a very keen group of year 3 and 4 took part in a Quad kids event at Redruth school. They took part in 4 different athletic events that included running, jumping and throwing. The children will now be helping teach other children these new skills at school. Year 5 and 6 Sportsleaders will also be trained in Quad kids events next week and will then be supporting lunchtime and playtimes at school. Thank you to all our children for taking part so enthusiastically.





**SAPPHIRE CLASS YEAR 5** visited Redruth School to attend a session in the travelling planetarium. The children had the opportunity to consolidate all their autumn term learning about Space and beyond; the adults were so proud of the way the children enthusiastically shared their knowledge and understanding. The children all reported enjoying the morning with one child saying it was the craziest thing they had ever watched! Watching the stars rotate above us certainly made us dizzy! Well done, year 5, and we'd like to say thank you to Redruth School for organising our trip.

## ENJOYING MATHS MAGIC and CREATIVE ARTS



We started our Maths learning with a bit of 'magic' in Assembly last week. What do you think will happen if you cut through the centre of this 'mobius strip'? Can you explain why this happens? Try it at home! Imagining a world without numbers made the children think about the importance of maths and that maths is simply everywhere and in everything we do! Lessons across the school explored maths through art and nature. We had a great day. What did your child learn?

## ATTENDANCE

Class	Possible	%
Opal -Rec	100.0	87.0
Jade – Yr1	100.0	94.0
Amber- Yr2	100.0	95.8
Topaz- Yr3	100.0	93.0
Emerald- Yr4	100.0	90.9
Sapphire- Yr5	100.0	95.4
Turquoise- Yr6	100.0	94.8
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>93.9</b>

**LATES** – Thank you to our vast majority of families for helping us to have a punctual start to the day – it makes a massive difference for your children feeling ready and happy to learn. We need to lock the doors promptly at 8.55am. If your child is later than 8.55am they will have to enter through the front door office and their late time will be recorded on their individual attendance record. Please be aware that a build up of ten or more lates after the register closes will result in an **unauthorised absence**. This will be passed onto the EWO and lead to penalty notices. We open our doors at 8.45am to support you to get your child into school ready for learning. Thank you.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS (all letters are on the website)

- **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March** – Last week of clubs. NO CLUBS NEXT WEEK. Only FUNZONE will be running – Monday - Thursday.
- **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April** – **LAST DAY** – **ALL children need to be collected at 1.30pm**
- **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** – Term starts. Doors open at 8.45am and close promptly at 8.55am.
- **SEN surveys** – Please return them to the office as soon as possible.

**The last two weeks of term are going to be full of musical activity at school. The key dates and information related to these events are as follows:**

- **Wednesday 27th March: SONGFEST** (please see the detailed letter) – We will leave from school at the end of the school day where they will take part in the final rehearsal, eat tea and perform in the evening performance that begins at **7 pm** and finishes at about **8.45 pm**. All children must wear black trousers/ black skirt and black tights, smart black shoes and the songfest 2019 t-shirt provided. Please provide your child with a packed tea and drink. Please arrange to pick up your child from the Regal Theatre at the end of the performance.
- **Thursday 28th March:** The children will be rehearsing in the church for the end of term performance- please ensure that all children who are performing bring in their instruments.
- **Friday 29th March at 2.30 pm:** The children in Emerald Yr 4 Class have been enjoying cornet lessons this term and will be sharing their achievements in a special Key Stage 2 assembly to which all Year 4 parents are invited.
- **Monday 1st April at 10.30 am:** We have a visit from Samuel Constable who leads the Youth Section of Carharrack and St Day Silver Band. Parents of Key Stage 2 children are invited to join us for this special assembly if you would like to find out more about the band.
- **Monday 1st April at 2 pm:** Children from Key Stage 2 will be giving their first performance in Holy Trinity Church. (\*See below for the dress code). Children will return to school where you can pick them up as usual at the end of the school day. Please ensure that all children who are performing in the end of term concert bring in their instruments.
- **Monday 1st April at 6 pm:** Children from Key Stage 2 will be giving their second performance in Holy Trinity Church. (\*See below for the dress code). Please bring your child to the **church at 5.45 pm** and pick them up at about 6.45 pm. Please ensure that all children who are performing in the end of term concert bring in their instruments.
- **Saturday 6th April at 6 pm:** The School Choir and other children from Key Stage 2 will join with the Daylight Choir and other musicians in our community for a **Charity Concert in Holy Trinity Church**. Hopefully those who are performing have already booked their tickets. Extra tickets will be available from the office on a first come, first served basis. All proceeds will go to Shelterbox. Please ensure that all children who are performing in the Charity Concert bring in their instruments.
- **Please make sure you have returned your forms about the end of term performances and the Community Charity Concert as soon as possible so that we can provide you with tickets.**  
\*Children should wear black trousers/ black skirt and black tights, smart black shoes and the songfest 2019 t-shirt if they have one, or a brightly coloured T-shirt

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GOLDEN STARS

**Opal class - Daisy-May** for great improvement in her approach to learning and effort in work.  
**Lola** for displaying maturity on our trip - listening to all instructions, working hard and taking learning seriously.

**Jade Class - Max** for his improved attitude and making better choices. **Poppy** for her great attitude and fantastic behaviour.

**Amber Class - Alice** for consistently following the golden rules, being kind to everyone and going the extra mile with her learning. **Bella** for determination and enthusiasm with her writing.

**Topaz Class - Sky** for a brilliant effort in using her spellings in her extended writing. **Riley** for reading at home and getting all his learning finished on time.

**Emerald Class - Georgina** for always being focused, enthusiastic and a resilient learner.

**Kianna** for being motivated, focused and always receptive to new learning.

**Sapphire Class - Ellie** for showing such a conscientious attitude towards all her learning.

**Bethany** for showing great maturity.

**Turquoise Class - Cody** for focus and self-belief. **Sophie** for self-belief and always giving it a go.



*Thank you – The St Day and Carharrack Team*