



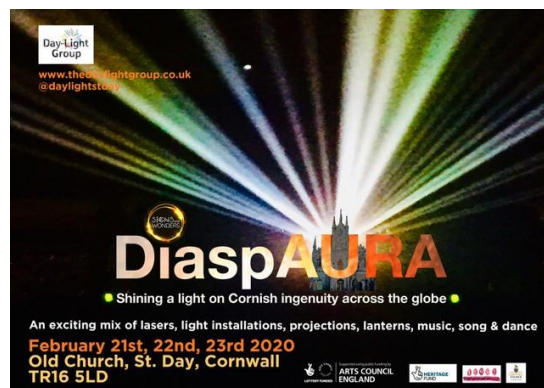
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We have had a fabulous start to the New Year with lots of new topic learning and exciting projects starting across the school. Year 5 are working with a specialist dance teacher in preparation for the 'Redruth Learning Group' dance event at The Regal Theatre. We have singers preparing for 'Songfest', children taking part in 'Youth Speaks' and a cricket coach is working with Year 2 and Year 4. In addition, all year groups will be working with specialist artists during this next month in preparation for 'DiaspAURA'. There are so many exciting workshops taking place in February – please see the posters in the office.



## **OPAL CLASS**



Kicking our learning off with a bang! Opal class love learning about space and are fascinated by planet Earth. The children have chosen to paint a giant planet Earth by mixing colours and blending them together to represent the sea and land. Process over product. Watch out for aliens though... More to be revealed later! The children have enjoyed exploring mixed media - with clay, glass gems and wire.



## TOPAZ CLASS HUNTERS



Topaz Class have started our History topic with curiosity and enthusiasm; we're asking lots of questions about how life in the Stone Age was and we've attempted to recreate this in our Art and Outdoor Learning sessions. We've worked in teams to create various structures that people in the Stone Age used to prepare and cook food. We've also imitated Stone Age cave paintings; we turned off the lights and went under the tables to use charcoal to draw images of the animals that were regularly hunted. Great start, Topaz!

## TURQUOISE CLASS LEARNING



Despite the awful weather this last week, year 6 had fun playing table tennis. They enjoyed learning new skills and working with different partners. The tournament was tied at the end with Theo and Ellie having 12 points each!

Some strange looking creatures have also made their way into Year 6 - The Cyclops! This is part of The Odyssey learning that year 6 have just begun. They have written some amazing stories of their own adventures. Special

mention to Charlotte Roberts for her wonderful story and epic in its own right!



## JADE CLASS SCIENTISTS



Jade class have loved being scientists and thinking about what plants need to grow. They have also found different ways to investigate what plants needs by starting an experiment with the beans we have planted. Jade class have also considered how this can link to our topic and how Florence Nightingale helped hospitals provide healthier food for patients.

## CASCADE THEATRE WHOLE SCHOOL PROJECT

We are delighted to announce that CASCADE THEATRE will be starting a whole school project with us in February! Workshops will start with Year 6 children and expand to the rest of the school over the term - leading to a whole school community event. More information to follow...

## **DATES, INFORMATION AND REMINDERS:**

- **PHONICS WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 9.15-10.00**

Come into the hall and watch a 10 minutes phonics speed session with a group of children and Miss Peters. This will be followed by a 'questions and answers' session. This is a great opportunity to see for yourself what a phonics session looks like and give you tips to use at home with your child.

- **PARENTPAY** – All families should now be using this system to **pay in advance** for services used. After February half-term school will no longer be accepting cash in the office. Please ask in the office if you require help in setting this up.
- **OUTSTANDING DEBTS** – Some families owe a significant amount of money to the school. Please pay for services in advance of using them. If you are struggling with this, please contact the school so we can arrange a payment plan.
- **BREAKFAST CLUB** – If your child requires breakfast, 8.30 is the latest time to arrive.
- **SAFEGUARDING** - Parents should not be entering the building unless a meeting with the teacher has been arranged and you have signed in via the office. Please do not leave the door open for other parents or children to go through. Thank you.
- **OFFICE RECEPTION** – This is a small space, please use the playground to wait and meet up with friends. Receptionists are finding it difficult to take important phone calls.
- **3.10 and 4.00 COLLECTIONS – Please collect your children on time.** If you are late, then your child will be sent to FUNZONE at a cost of £4.00. FUNZONE is still running at a loss as parents are not **booking places ahead of time** or children are being collected late which means we have to pay for an extra adult to stay. Please support us with this so we can keep FUNZONE running as a viable option.
- **EWO – EDUCATION WELFARE OFFICER** – is in school during the next two weeks monitoring 'lates' and unauthorised absences. Your child's attendance – including 'minutes late' each day, will be reviewed and you will be contacted regarding any concerns.
- **COMMUNICATION** – We try very hard to send important information out in advance in addition to the year overview leaflet. The newsletter contains important information and reminders. Please take time to read the newsletter where you will find all the latest information. We realise there is a problem with letters sometimes not making it to you. Please note that all letters sent home are on the website. In order **to aid better communication** we are trialling a new email system, which you can set up directly to your phone.

**EMAIL REMINDER SYSTEM NOW UP AND RUNNING** - We are now sending reminders by email and hope to move to this system for all letters and newsletters. This is a cost efficient way for the school to send messages rather than by phone text messages. Please make sure school emails go straight to your inbox. Many of you gave us your email address in September. **If we have your email address, you will receive a 'test email from St Day and Carharrack' on Monday.** If you do not receive this email, please inform the office – we can add another family member to the group email. **Your email address will remain confidential.** Please note this school email address: [office@st-day.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-day.cornwall.sch.uk) is not checked daily, it is set up to send reminder messages only.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GOLDEN STARS

**We celebrate all of our children each week in class. In our special celebration assembly on a Friday, we praise the children who have made an extra special effort with their learning goals.**

### **Opal class – EYFS**

**Shyanna** for a brilliant start to the school year and making the right choices. Shyanna has really grown up and matured.

**Sienna** for being kind, gentle and always having something sensible to add to a discussion. Sienna has great problem solving skills.

### **Jade Class – Year 1**

**Daisy** for having a positive attitude and smiling all week.

**Evie** for shining brightly and finding her sparkle with her learning.

### **Amber Class - Year 2**

**Max** for having an improved acceptance of change and enthusiasm for learning.

**Louisa** for having great confidence and independent learning in both maths and literacy.

### **Topaz Class – Year 3**

**Scarlett** for following instructions carefully and being a joy to teach.

**Sophie** for being a learning leader and setting a great example in her attitude and effort.

### **Emerald Class – Year 4**

**Carter** for trying really hard to follow the Golden Rules and having an amazing first week back.

**Zachary** for showing great determination in areas of his learning.

### **Sapphire Class – Year 5**

**Emilia** for persevering when faced with tricky maths learning.

**Harley** for increased independence and a higher standard of learning.

### **Turquoise Class – Year 6**

**Olivia** for having a go and believing in herself!

**Charlotte** for amazing language choices in writing.

**We are very proud of all our children**

*Thank you - The St Day and Carharrack Team*

