

*Together with Love, we can Inspire, Discover and Thrive*

**15th December 2023**

## MESSAGE FROM MISS KENNEDY



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the Autumn term, I am writing to express my thanks for your continued support in all we do at school. From the support with reading at home to the more festive occasions, it has been a joy to see so many of you engaging in your children's school lives.

The Christmas Fayre was a great success and a very enjoyable event. Thanks to the hard work of our amazing Friends of Grampound Road and to Santa for organising and leading this event which has raised over a £1000 for the school. The money was put to good use this year with the Panto trip, it was a great pleasure to take the whole school to the theatre. Our children fully immersed themselves in the experience. Likewise, the nativity production was a joy to behold, and I know from the faces of families who watched your little ones, how proud you were! We are looking forward to the Christmas Carol Concert next week, and we would love to see you, if you are able to attend, to hear the children singing.

So, as we approach the end of the year, I would like on behalf of the staff and governors of Grampound Road School to wish you all a Merry Christmas and happiness over the holiday and into the New Year. We look forward to seeing you in 2024, when the doors will be open on Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> January at 8.45am (7.45am for breakfast club) and you will all be welcomed back into the Spring term.

We are extremely grateful for the kind donation from Grampound Pre-School of a little over £9000, which will be spent on enhancing the continuous provision in Pendeen class, this will give our pre-school children the best start in school.

### **Head of school Stars of the week**

Head teacher pupil star of the week goes to Arya R in Trevose, who loves learning and dancing.

Head teachers star of the week goes to all the staff who collectively keep the school focused on the school vision of 'Together with love we can inspire, discover and thrive'



# Pendeen



We have had a wonderful last week of term. The children have all worked so hard to learn the songs and dances for our nativity and I'm sure that you will agree that the performances were wonderful. We are very proud of the children and they have achieved their dojo target for the half term and will be celebrating with a Christmas party (thank you for all of the food donations). It has been a very long and busy first term for the children and they are very tired and ready for the Christmas break.

**I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a merry Christmas and happy New Year, I look forward to seeing you all back in January. Best Wishes Mrs. Wilton**



# Trevose



What a week! I am incredibly proud of everyone in Trevose for their performances in the nativity this week. You have all worked so hard to learn your lines, dance moves and songs! Well done!! It was lovely to see everyone in the audience on both performances too!

We have also enjoyed creating some bunting as part of our science learning this week and we are going to see if the materials we have chosen are waterproof by hanging it outside in our playground.

Well done for a fantastic week, Trevose! **Merry Christmas to everyone see you all next year.**



# Tater Du



Tater Du have had a lovely week preparing for the Carol Concert next week!

In literacy we have been writing an informal Christmas themed letter and in Maths we have been exploring times tables and dividing a number by 1 and itself.

We've also been working on our compass and grid reference skills in Geography and we've almost finished George's Marvellous medicine in Guided Reading.

We look forward to performing for you on Monday evening at 6pm.

**Happy Friday and Merry Christmas to everyone!**



# Wolf Rock

This week in Wolf Rock, the children have continued with their reading of *The Explorer* in guided reading, and we are nearing the end, which has become quite a journey. We have had very insightful discussions about some of the concepts that are not obvious to all readers: the children have identified how the Explorer is about self-discovery and battles with personal trauma, resilience and positive attitudes.

The children have learnt a lot during literacy and this week they have focussed on slang and colloquialisms in English language; they will be using this knowledge in the final written piece about Edgar, the excitable dragon.

In History they have been continuing their learning about the ancient Chinese Shang Dynasty and have learnt about the significance of jade and silk for this civilisation.

In maths, both year groups are reaching the end of their learning about fractions and above all else, the children recognise how important it is to be fluent with their times tables and manipulation of number to achieve success in this area.

**I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.**



## **THE GOOD SAMARITAN**



**Our Good Samaritan awards this week go to**

**Pendeen Class-Mikaela for always checking to make sure others are okay .**

**Trevose Class-Flora for being kind and helpful to others.**

**Tater Du Class- Maddie for being a good friend.**

**Wolf Rock Class –Annabel for her caring, supportive attitude towards everyone.**

## **NURTURE GROUP**

It is our final week of Nurture and we are going to have a celebration on Friday in the Nurture room. We will be talking about how we feel about our targets that the children and adults together set when we started our term. We have recognised over the last few weeks that there are times when it is easier to work towards our targets, and other times when there are more barriers and obstacles. We have spoken about how we can build some different strategies so that we can try to overcome our problems that we face daily, and also the many achievements and pleasant experiences we are grateful for also.

We look forward to our Christmas break and all the memories that will be made. Have a wonderful holiday and look forward to seeing you all in January 2024.





## Dates for your diary

### January 2024

Return to school Thursday 4th January 2024

Monday 8th-Pendeen writing forum @ 2pm

Tuesday 9th- Trevose writing forum @ 2pm

Tuesday 9th Reception and Year 6 Weight & Measurements (opt out)

Wednesday 10th- Tater Du writing forum @2pm

Wednesday 10th- Tea and Talk session @2.30pm all welcome to attend

Thursday 11th- Wolf Rock writing forum @ 2pm

**MENU CHANGE**—Thursday 18th—Pizza (Census day) please order via ParentPay

Wednesday 24th—X Country (years 4,5,6) Year 3 FUN run @ The Roseland

### February

Friday 2nd-FOG's Disco (Sparkle) times TBC

Monday 19th-Class photos and Year 6 leavers photographs

### March

Tuesday 5th-St Pirans Day

Thursday 7th- World Book Day

Week commencing 11th—British Science Week

Friday 15th- Comic relief non school uniform day

Wednesday 20th—Parents evening

Thursday 21st- Parents Evening

Friday 22nd—Funfest at The Roseland

### May

Wednesday 1st- Benchball @ The Roseland

Thursday 16th—Sports Day

Tuesday 21st- World Diversity Day

Thursday 23rd- Reserve sports day

**May half term—27th May**

### July

Monday 8th—Reports

Wednesday 10th—Athletics Yrs 4,5,6 @ The Roseland

Wednesday 17th-Friday 19th July KS2 Porthpean residential

#### INSET DAYS

22nd, 23rd, 24th July 2024

SAT'S 2024 WEEK

COMMENCING 13th—16th May 2024

Multiplication check Year 4 is Monday 3rd June



# STARS OF THE WEEK

Class Name	Star of the week	Values Respect	Whole Class
P E N D E E N	Livia-Mae for working through challenges. Super!	JJ for being respectful of others. Great!	Class award for working so hard and performing a wonderful nativity.
T R E V O S E	Everyone for their fantastic performances in the nativity! Well done!	Vesper for always showing respect to others and having wonderful manners.	Class award for great science this week! Brilliant!
T A T E R  D U	Allexis for working really hard independently in Maths. Wow moment!	Lilly for always being respectful to everyone in school.	Class award for great Carol singing practice. Fantastic!
W O L F R O C K	George D for his superb Suggestions during grammar and punctuation work.	Thomas for his concern and respect for everyone.	Class award for their mature understanding of the concepts in guided reading.

# Just 4 Kids Performing Arts



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## LITTLE STARS

Classes for  
ages 3-4 years  
£6 per class

TUESDAYS  
1:45PM-2:30PM



## SHINING STARS

Classes for  
ages 4-7 years  
£8 per class

TUESDAYS  
4PM-5PM



## RISING STARS

Classes for  
ages 7-11 years  
£10 per class

THURSDAYS  
4PM-5:30PM



These sessions are held at:  
Redannick Theatre,  
Redannick Lane,  
Truro, TR1 2JP

Get in touch:  
07534900377  
www.just4kidsuk.com  
j4kperformingarts@yahoo.com



CORNWALL CRICKET CENTRE

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMPS

Softball £15, 20th Dec, 10am to 3pm for school years 1 to 4.

<https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/zpqdnw>

Hardball £20, 21st Dec, 10am to 3pm for school years 4 to 8.

<https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/hpqqnx>



SOFTBALL



HARDBALL

[www.cornwallcricket.co.uk](http://www.cornwallcricket.co.uk)



## Football Fun Factory

### Football Fun and Development Ages 5-12



(1) Newquay Sports Centre  
Mondays 5:30-6:30pm (TR7 2SL)

(2) Truro High School for Girls  
Wednesdays 5:30-6:30pm (TR1 2HU)

(3) Penair School  
Fridays 5:30-6:30pm (TR1 1TN)

### Tots Football Fun Ages 2-5

(4) Truro High School for Girls (TR1 2HU)  
Saturdays 09:15-10:00am / 10:00-10:45am

(5) Newquay Sports Centre (TR7 2SL)  
Sundays 08:45-09:30am / 09:30-10:15am

All of the above sessions will be launching  
week commencing 15th January 2024!



Register For a 3 week Free trial

[www.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk](http://www.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk)

## ATTENDANCE

Expected average attendance for a child is 96.1%. Our attendance figures for last week were as follows:

Pendeen: 94.7% Trevose: 96% Tater Du: 94.5% Wolfrock: 98.4%

In accordance with our attendance policy we will be sending some children home with attendance letters during the term to help keep you informed of your child's attendance in line with the new RAG (red, amber, green system). Below are the band widths, as a reminder, if your child falls into one of these coloured bands a letter will be sent home.

**GREEN** Band 96% to 93% **AMBER** Band 93% to 90% **RED** Band Below 90% (PERSISTENT ABSENTEE) This is a government definition.



### How to contact us:



**The office is open Monday-Friday 8.30am-3.30pm (lunch time for office staff is 12.30—1pm)**

Outside these hours, please leave a message on the answer machine or email [grd-secretary@Rainbowacademy.org.uk](mailto:grd-secretary@Rainbowacademy.org.uk). We will endeavour to answer your emails during office hours.

Contact the class teachers through dojo or if you would like to speak to the class teacher or head of school please call to make an appointment. Dismissing pupils at the end of the day is a very busy time, if you would like to discuss something in detail please call the office between the above hours and we will pass the message onto the teacher. We thank you for your patience and understanding.



### Supporting young people, and their families, with positive mental health

We recognise that this time of national lockdown may be difficult for children and young people. How a child or young person reacts to being away from school, and their normal routine, may vary according to their age, understanding, their previous experience of lockdown and how they typically cope with stress. Addressing the mental health of your child, and those in your family, can be supported with some of the following resources:

Public Health England have produced the following set of guidance for parents and carers: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing>

Every Mind Matters: A website that explores expert advice and practical tips to help you look after your mental health and wellbeing: <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>

May we remind you that, if you have concerns about your child's wellbeing, or the wellbeing or safeguarding of another pupil, please contact the school immediately on: Miss S Kennedy 01726 882646

### **Collection at home time**

Any children not collected on time will go to the school office and wait until 3.30pm. Parents/Carers will need to go to the office to collect them from there and sign the Late Pick Up Register.

If your child is not collected by 3.30pm they will then go to the wraparound club. A fee will be charged via ParentPay for late pick up to cover staffing costs.

Thank you.

### **Drop off and pick up times**

Meet and greet at the gate at 8.45am

Once the gate is closed at 8.55am children must be signed in at the office by the adult (unless they walk to school then the pupil will sign in the book)

3.10pm Pendeen collected from pedestrian gate.

3.10pm Trevose collected from pedestrian gate.

3.15pm Tater Du and Wolfrock collected from pedestrian gate.

School uniform must be worn at all times.