

Together with Love, we can Inspire, Discover and Thrive

1st December 2023

MESSAGE FROM MISS KENNEDY

It has been an unusual week; snow fall on Thursday and blue skies and sunshine on Friday, which is a relief because the children are so very excited about the Christmas fair today. Apologies for the inconvenience yesterday with the school closure, we do not make those decisions lightly, but when faced with reports about road safety, our priority is to ensure that the children all get home safely.

This week in school we had a two-day safeguarding review with our newly appointed safeguarding lead for the trust Daniel Knuckey. Daniel reviewed procedures and spoke with the children and staff. All the schools in the trust will have the same review and this will enable us to share good practice and set an expected standard for the trust schools. Our trust puts the children first and safeguarding children will always be the top priority.

The trust inset day was inspirational, it was a day of positivity and wellbeing, lead by the keynote speaker Martin Burder. Martin talked about how we can choose to be as positive as the situation allows, which I thought was nice way of looking at it. Positivity is a choice that we all make; in schools it is important that we are positive and happy because it makes us feel good, and it is essential in making the children feel safe and happy too. We know we can't always feel happy, but having a great team around us and joy of working with children certainly helps.

Healthy lunches-Nutrition impacts a child's physical growth as well as brain development. Nutrition also impacts a child's emotional and cognitive development. A child with proper nutrition is often able to maintain a healthy weight and perform well in school in addition to having a decreased risk of illness or disease. School lunches are designed to provide children with the nutrients they need to be healthy. Unfortunately, we have noticed that some packed lunches are lacking basic nutrition. The majority of a packed lunch should be healthy, with 1 small treat. Some children are bringing in 4 or 5 chocolate bars and sugary drinks such as Oasis. We realise some children can be fussy eaters, but please can you provide your child with a healthy lunch to help them thrive.

Head of school Stars of the week

Head teacher pupil star of the week goes to Hayleigh for being an outstanding pupil during her History lesson this week.



Head teachers star of the week goes to Mrs Wilson who has demonstrated resilience and determination when faced with a challenging situation

Pendeen

This week the children in Pendeen went on their first school trip to Truro cathedral and Truro library. The children were behaved really well by listening and following instructions. We walked around the cathedral and listened to the story of the First Christmas. The children then made a group collages to tell the Christmas story. At the library the children were given a chance to explore the children's area of the library before listening to a story. Well done Pendeen class for some excellent behaviour on the trip. We are looking forward to our visit to the pantomime next week.

Have a lovely weekend. Mrs. Wilton



Trevose

We had a great time in Truro on Wednesday! We listened to the Christmas story as we walked around the cathedral and enjoyed making our own picture of the nativity which we brought back to school. I was incredibly proud of everyone's lovely manners and behaviour.

In year 2, we have been working hard to subtract 2-digit numbers and in year one we have been revisiting our learning about fact families, spotting patterns and recognising the relationship between numbers. We have also enjoyed creating our own stained-glass windows designs and have displayed them in the classroom.

Well done for a great week, everyone!





Tater Du

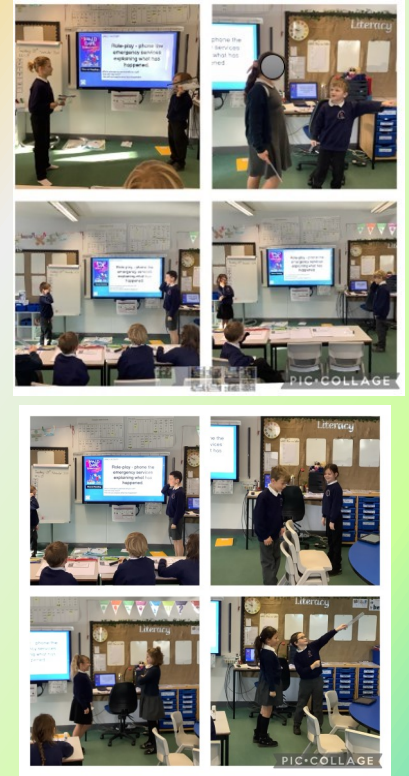
What a wonderful snowy week!

Tater Du have been busy in literacy writing their thank you letters to the National Maritime Museum for our amazing trip and also to show our gratitude to the Cornish Heritage Trust who provided funding for our transport.

In Maths, we've been exploring the times table in both year groups and we've all been working hard.

In History, we learned about all the different kinds of punishment in Anglo-Saxon times compared with Viking times. Some of it was quite gruesome!

Today we will be making Christmas decorations to sell at the Christmas Fayre. We look forward to seeing you there!



Wolf Rock

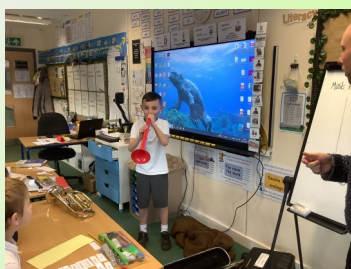
This week in Wolf Rock, the children have continued with their reading of *The Explorer* in guided reading, and have become very proficient and mature at suggesting possible outcomes based on their inferences from the text. Our school day timetable has changed slightly and instead of maths, we now begin the day with guided reading; the children seem very pleased about this.

In their literacy work, the children have begun looking at the 2019 John Lewis Christmas advert about Edgar the excitable dragon. They will be working on this to produce diary entries, written in the first person, as Edgar tries to apologise and come to grips with his continual problem of burning everything in sight. It does have a happy ending though so it will be good to see the children exploring his emotions and steer their entries more positively.

In History they have been continuing their learning about the ancient Chinese Shang Dynasty and have learnt about the religious beliefs at the heart of this civilization. They will go on to learn about the phenomenal craftsmanship used in producing bronze artefacts, and how rituals were accompanied by these special items.

In maths, the Year 5s have continued their learning journey through fraction work: adding and subtracting fractions, converting improper fractions into mixed numbers and identifying equivalent fractions. The Year 6s have been busy working their way through some sample Maths SATs papers and despite having not covered all of the curriculum content yet, there are some promising results. They have also completed the reading, spelling and grammar & punctuation papers too. These results will give me a baseline to work from in order to track their improving performances across the year, culminating in their final SATs in May when they WILL be ready to give it their all! Well done Year 6!

Finally, the music man came into school to highlight the sorts of instruments children could learn to play if they wish to sign up for tuition next term: let's just say they were keen!



THE GOOD SAMARITAN



Our Good Samaritan awards this week go to

Pendeen Class-Evelyn for always helping others

Trevose Class- Edith for helping your friends

Tater Du Class- - Esmae because you are always so helpful.

Wolf Rock Class –Daisy R for always being helpful around the classroom.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

We would like to wish everyone that celebrates their birthday in December

Miss Theobald

Pendeen—Henry

Tater Du—Esmae, Harry J

Wolf Rock– Carter, George W, Daisy and Thomas





Dates for your diary

Hot Chocolate Fridays—FOG's will be selling hot chocolate after the October half term weather permitting starting on Friday 3rd November (every two weeks).

50p for hot chocolate and £1 for deluxe with whippy cream and marshmallows

December

Friday 1st—FOG's Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 5th— Gift for my Grown Up

Wednesday 6th—Xmas lunch (deadline for booking 24/11/23)

Wednesday 6th—Truro Cathedral Rainbow Carol Concert (invitations only)

Thursday 7th—Whole school attend the Panto at HFC in Truro

Friday 8th—Christmas Jumper Day

(£1 donation via ParentPay)

Wednesday 13th—KS1 Nativity @ 1.30pm

Thursday 14th—KS1 Nativity @ 4pm

Tuesday 19th December 2023— End of term for Christmas

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

Thursday 11th– Wolf Rock writing forum @ 2pm

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

24th November 2023


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	Louie for always being kind, helpful and making others laugh. Brilliant!	Ben for always being respectful of others. Lovely!	Class award for good behaviour on your trip to Truro Cathedral. 
T R E V O S E	Lizzie for your enthusiastic Attitude towards learning. Fantastic!	Archie for being helpful and respectful to your class. Super!	Class award for your excellent behaviour on our trip! 
T A T E R D U	Maddie for working hard and showing respect all week. Well done!	Thomas K-J for always showing respect for others and also your learning. Great work!	Class award for great role play in guided reading. Well done! 
W O L F R O C K	Connor Ryan for his incredible transformation in his handwriting. Superb!	Lilly-Grace for building Relationships and sharing her thoughts. Fantastic!	Class award for their enthusiasm for history. 

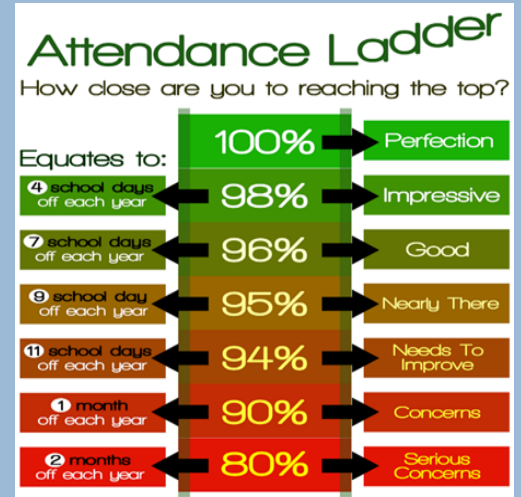
ATTENDANCE

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

Pendeen: 98 % Trevose: 94.1 % Tater Du: 96.5 % Wolfrock: 96.5 %

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. 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

Lunches and wraparound care.

Please remember to book your child's school dinners on ParentPay.

THE NEW MENU IS ON PARENTPAY

All wraparound care must also be booked at least 24 hours in advance to enable us to have the required staff on site.

Drop off and pick up times

8.45—8.55am—All children dropped to pedestrian gate teachers will line children up and take them to classes.

Once the gate is closed at 8.55am must be signed in 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.

Any children not collected on time will go to After school club where a fee will be charged.

School uniform must be worn at all times.