

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

**17th November 2023**

## MESSAGE FROM MISS KENNEDY

**EYFS news-** Early year's education is special and unique. Continuous provision describes all of the different provision areas which are available for your children to use every day, eg. dough, small world or role-play. Within each of these areas of provision there is a core range of resources that children can use all of the time. These resources enable children to learn the skills that will challenge their thinking. Planning effectively for continuous provision is crucial and involves a consideration of classroom layout and resourcing that will enable staff to offer a breadth of learning possibilities. At Grampound Road we are spending time reviewing the provision to ensure it meets the needs of our learners, and since the closure of the pre-school we have gained more pre-school children. We just to let you know we will be purchasing some new equipment, which is very exciting.

**Parent Forums-** Each half term we hold parent/carer forums in each class which gives the teachers an opportunity to share information about your child's curriculum. We would like to see more parents/carers in school, so for the next forum we would like to combine it with an open afternoon. The session would include a performance from some children, eg. reading a story that they have wrote or singing a song, then the children can show their books to their parents/carers and the last part of the session the teaching assistants will take the children outside to play and this will give the teacher an opportunity to talk about the curriculum. We hope that this will enable parents to get a feel for the classroom and to enjoy some time in school with your child. The dates and times for these open afternoons will be published in the newsletter and they will be in the spring term.

**Swimming-** The children in KS2 have been very enthusiastic about the swimming lessons and it has been delightful to see them motivated to learn this important skill. Drowning is still one of the most common causes of accidental death, so learning to swim could save your child's life, and being able to swim is an essential lifesaving skill. Swimming also keeps your child's heart and lungs healthy, improves stamina, flexibility, balance and posture. Swimming also provides challenges and rewards accomplishments, which helps children to become self-confident and believe in their abilities.

**The choir-** Mrs Ward has been practicing the songs with the choir for the Trusts Christmas carol event at the cathedral in December. This will give those children a unique experience of performing on a grand scale, a truly incredible opportunity.

**Communication-** The office is open from 8.30-3.30 daily please drop in if you need to pass on any messages or have any questions. It is always good to see you in school.

Have a wonderful weekend

Miss Kennedy

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

**Head teacher pupil star of the week goes to** the lovely Amber for her 100% effort in her learning.

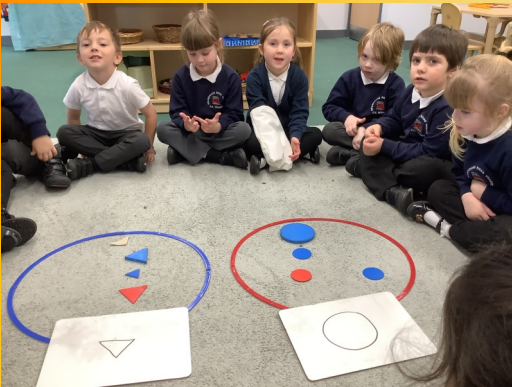
**Head teachers star of the week goes to** Mrs Ward for high quality engagement with the children.



# Pendeen

Pendeen have been immersing themselves into the world of fairy tales over the last couple of weeks. They have been building bridges with their friends to help the billy goats get to the other side of the valley, they have been acting out the story of Little Red Riding Hood, they have been thinking how the characters might be feeling in the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears and they have chosen a character from a traditional tale to make a mask of. In maths the children have been looking at pattern and numbers four and five. The children have been looking at the properties of a triangles and circles and have been on a shape hunt.

Have a lovely weekend. Mrs. Wilton



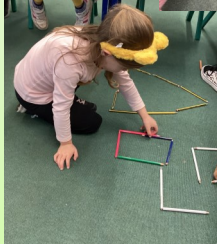
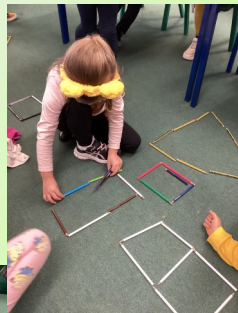
# Trevose

We have been very busy in Trevose class following instructions and writing some of our own! We have been learning about imperative verbs and giving each other instructions to follow.

We have finished our models of the world and have labelled the 7 continents of the world, we even know a song to help us remember them! In R.E. this week we have been reflecting on what good news we have at Christmas time.

In Maths, we have been working hard to learn different methods of addition and subtraction in year two and we have started to name and sort 3D shapes in year one!

Well done for a great week, Trevose 😊



# Tater Du



Tater Du have had a very busy week with their swimming lessons and have shown great attitudes in both their behaviour and enthusiasm. We were very proud of them.

In RE, the children learned about the Trinity through Kennings poetry and drew some brilliant interpretations.

In science we investigated volume and pitch using musical instruments, plastic tubs and bottles, elastic bands and lentils.

In History, we also explored a poem by Rudyard Kipling about Danegeld and also acted it out.  
Have a wonderful weekend!



## Wolf Rock

This week in Wolf Rock, the children have begun a new Trust-wide reading scheme as an alternative approach to guided reading and it has been a huge success. The children absolutely love it. This centres around a fabulous story called The Explorer about a group of children stranded in the Amazon Rainforest.

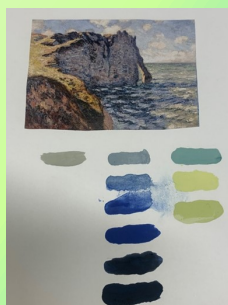
In their literacy work, the children have begun storyboarding and drafting their ideas for an adventure story that they are going to write about a familiar character from our last class book: Darwin's Dragons. The children have had a steady diet of different word and sentence-level work this term, building them up to be able to confidently tackle this task. Again, their enthusiasm is very evident.

In History they have been continuing their learning about the ancient Chinese Shang Dynasty and have been identifying the possible uses for various artefacts archaeologists unearthed just over one hundred years ago. Some of their reasoning has been superb – all thinking like historians.

In RE we have continued considering the five pillars of Islam and how these are interpreted in every-day life for Muslims.

In PE, the children were introduced to hockey, the first time for many, and the response has been great: no bashed shins is always a bonus!

In Art, the children have been continuing with their practise of mixing tints, shades and tones and have matched paint colours to those in some landscape pieces – I am so impressed with their determination to colour-match as closely as possible.



# THE GOOD SAMARITAN



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

**Pendeen Class-James for helping others.**

**Trevose Class-Leah for learning with and supporting others in RE and Literacy.**

**Tater Du Class- Mylee for being a helpful friend.**

**Wolf Rock Class –Grace S for always being willing to help with classroom tasks.**

## Memorial Service.

Last Friday, some children from Wolf Rock attended a memorial service in honour of the fallen, to lay Poppy wreaths in the cricket ground.

Reverend Paul was there and said a few words

before all took part in a two-minute

silence. The children were a fantastic credit to the school and the way they

conducted themselves was very commendable.

Well done.



## A lovely end to the week—a note from April Scott

I wanted to pass on to you the lovely comments I received from the Three swimming instructors at Polkyth leisure centre this morning.

All Three wanted to say how "well behaved Tater Du had been during their weeks lessons, they were particularly impressed with both the effort the children had put in and the caring attitude they had shown to each other".

I felt very proud . Well done Grampound Road School.



## Dates for your diary

### November

Wednesday 22nd—Parents Evening (bookings via [parentseveningsystem.co.uk](http://parentseveningsystem.co.uk))

Thursday 23rd—Parents Evening (as above)

Friday 24th November INSET DAY

### **Week beginning 27th - Book Fair (more details to follow)**

Wednesday 29th November—Pendeen and Trevoze to Truro Cathedral and Library

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)

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



## NURTURE GROUP

The children had a session last week, but like this week it has been on a different day as I have been on a lot of training in the last couple of weeks which will benefit the children and the school. They have shown their resilience in adapting to change, even if it has been more challenging for some. We have set our nurture targets and each week we will talk about ways to achieve them and also physically move them on our new display which will help them visualise how they are doing as well each week.  
Have a lovely weekend everyone. Miss Theobald



## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

We would like to wish everyone that celebrates their birthday in November:

Mrs Wicks and Mrs Ward

Pendeen—Ben, Lowena and Isaac

Trevose—Ryley and Arthur

Tater Du—Mylee

Wolf Rock— Ben



## Cornwall Family Wellbeing Fair

A fun day out connecting families with local emotional & physical wellbeing support

Free Entry

### FEATURING

Wellbeing stalls, family-friendly taster sessions, face-painting, music, gifts, holistic health, wellbeing products and more!

MOUNT PLEASANT ECO PARK,  
PORTHTOWAN TR4 8HL

Sunday  
19th November  
10am-4pm

IN COLLABORATION WITH:

CONSCIOUS  
& CALM

FOOD  
TROOPS



## GRAMPOUND ROAD CHRISTMAS FAIR

COME AND SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL  
DECEMBER 1ST  
CRAFT, STALLS, REFRESHMENTS AND A  
SPECIAL VIST FROM SOMEONE EXCITING  
PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS FRIENDS OF  
GRAMPOUND ROAD SCHOOL

# ★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

Class Name	Star of the week	Values Respect	Whole Class
P E N D E E N	Mikaela for always helping others, showing them what to do if they are unsure. Super!	Grayson for showing respect and listening to instructions. Well done!	Class award for some wonderful work in RE this week retelling The Christmas Story. Brilliant!
T R E V O S E	Abby for your brilliant focus in Literacy and RWi and your beautiful Handwriting.	Louie for being respectful when learning with others.	Class award great investigating in science. Brilliant!
T A T E R  D U	Macey for your swimming confidence this week. Well done!	Allexis for being very respectful all week. Lovely to see!	Class award for great attitudes in swimming. Great effort!
W O L F R O C K	Alice H for always being a superstar!	Arlo 100% respectful, 100% of the time. Fantastic!	Class award for your improved learning behaviours due to the new seating arrangements.



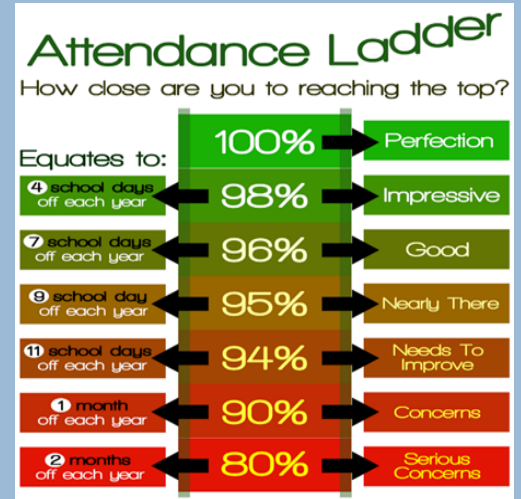
## ATTENDANCE

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

Pendeen: 96.8% Trevose: 96.3 % Tater Du: 95.4 % Wolfrock: 94.8 %

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

### 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.