



Friday 1st March 2024

Spring Term Week 8

NEWSLETTER

Welcome back everyone,

We have had 2 action packed weeks here at school. The Y4s had a fantastic Roman Day and learnt how Romans went into battle using the tortoise or turtle!

A belated thank you for your support with Aspiration Day. It was lovely to see the careers that the children were thinking of for the future. Our parent speakers wowed the children with their talks and Kellogg, the one eyed rooster, was a huge hit in Y2. Thank you to those parents who gave up their time, it was very much appreciated.

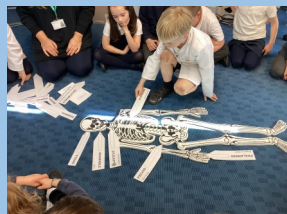
We met with the FOCS last week and have some exciting plans that we would like supported with future fundraising. More news to follow.

Please see the details about World Book Day on the 7th March which is included again on this newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support Ms Smith and Mrs Gilbert.

Helford—Y3

Helford have come back to school raring to go! They are thoroughly enjoying our Guided Reading text of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and this has already produced some incredible writing so far. In Science, we've mastered understanding the importance of our skeleton and are taking part in some excellent discussion, learning to build on or respectfully challenge our peers' academic thoughts.



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Dates for your Diary

27th Feb—Y3 swimming starts x 5 weeks

27th, Feb, 5th, 12th and 19th March & 16th April

World Book Day— 7th March - come dressed as your favourite book character

15th March—Comic Relief

25th March—open afternoons this week

29th March—12th April—Easter Break

Y4 swimming starts x 6 weeks

7th & 14th May, 4th, & 5th June & 9th July

6th May—Bank holiday

13th May—Y6 SATS week

17th May—KS1 sharing assembly

20th—22nd May—Y3/4 camp—Porthpean

23rd May—KS2 sharing assembly - change of date

24th—Art Day - please note change of date

3rd June—INSET day

6th June— Sports day (pm)

10th June—Y4 Multiplication times table check

13th June—Art fair

17th—21st June—Y5/6 camp

8th and 9th July—Parents evening

10th July—Y2 camp—Forest school

16th and 17th July—Y6 play

22nd July—9.15 Y6 Leavers Assembly

2023-2024 Term Dates

Autumn Term 6th September to 19th December

Half term— 23rd to 27th October

Spring Term 4th January—28th March

Half term—12th to 16th February

Summer Term—15th April— 24th July

Half Term—27th May—31st May

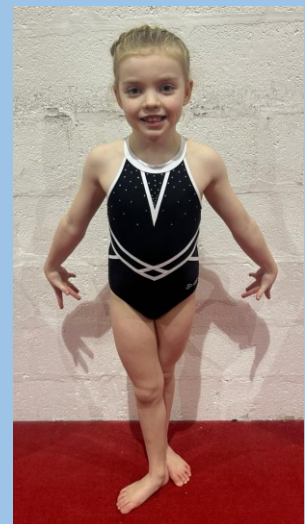
INSET DAYS— 30th October, 19th February, 3rd June



Congratulations

Many congratulations for Amelie in Year 4 who has been working hard at her favourite sport. Following a lot of commitment to training she has been selected for the Cornwall County Gymnastics Squad for 2024!

AMAZING!!! We are so proud of you—Good luck for all your training and competitions.



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Constantine Guides



Constantine Guides will have a stall at the Farmers Market on Saturday 9th March in order to raise funds for their camp. They are selling second hand clothes, books, toys and bric-a-brac. Please come along and support them.



Can all our families please check at home for RWI books that may be lurking. We are missing several book bag books especially at **yellow level** which is making it hard for us to provide the appropriate books for children to take home.



Constantine School Residential Visits

Please can payments be made to ensure camps are paid for in full at least month prior to them taking place so we can pay all invoices.



Year 3 and 4 are attending Porthpean on 20th-22nd May 2024.

Year 5 and 6 will be going to Treyarnon Bay 17th-21st June 2024



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Polite reminder about PE Kit

A polite reminder about our PE kit expectations.

We have some children coming into school in shoes that are not deemed safe for PE.

Trainers MUST be worn and these must be a good fit. Tracksuit bottoms or joggers should be plain navy blue, now stripes or coloured ones please. Our information letter about PE kit is attached:

[Physical Education and PE Kit 2023.pdf](#)



Cross Country Round 2 (Peninsular Qualifier)

Good luck to the following children who will be representing us and the Peninsula Partnership at the Peninsula Cross Country Qualifier on Monday 11th March at Pool School from 16:00pm - 17:00pm:

Y3 Sara V, Y4 Leo and Daisy, Y5 Antigone, Y6 Jack Matthew and Jimmy.

The top 25 students from each race will qualify for the county finals on 25th March.



Tamar Class

The children have been learning about the London Underground in their London topic. They have created posters to encourage people to visit to London Zoo or Kew Gardens.



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Kenwyn class enjoyed a fabulous introduction to their Roman topic with a visitor from #BlastfromthePast who really brought the day to life! It was an immersive day full of fun and learning!

Everyone looked fabulous and we had so much fun! In the morning, we had a presentation from legionary Marcus Quintas Gallas who told us all about life as a Roman soldier.

We explored the functions of his armour, shield and weapons, then compared a Roman helmet with a medieval one.

Leo got a fantastic sound from the impressive cornu! We played a game through which we learned a lot of Roman facts then solved a puzzle using our knowledge of Roman numerals and reading retrieval skills.

In the afternoon we went on army manoeuvres 😊

The children learned to march to the beat of the drum and form defensive formation. The adults then bombarded them (it was so much fun that Mr. Ireland popped in to join in!) but the shield wall held firm! Afterwards, children practised throwing (foam) javelins.

Huge thanks to FOCS for funding the bulk of this experience and thanks to parents for contributing the rest. This was a really memorable day for the children and sets them up for



World Book Day—7th March

We will be supporting World Book Day on the 7th March. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

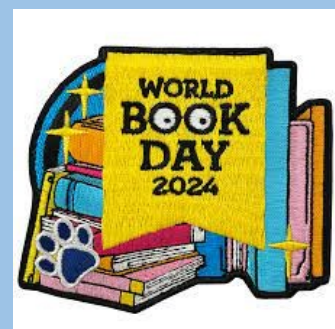
Children will also participate in a virtual author event. Reception and KS1 will listen to Helen Stephens and KS2 will get to hear Michael Rosen.

We will also be holding a book swop, so have a good rummage and bring in any children's books in good condition. The children will receive a token for each book they bring which they can use to exchange for a new book (maximum 3 tokens per child).

We will also be launching our 'Sponsor a book' campaign. We are asking for donations to purchase new non fiction books for our lovely library. If you sponsor a book, you child's name will be added to the inside cover of the book. Eg this book is sponsored by.... Payments can be made via Parent Pay. More news to follow.

On the 20th, 21st and 22nd March we will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair. Children will have an opportunity to look at the books during school time and then books can purchased after school.

We are working hard in school to promote a love of reading for all our children. The children are absolutely loving our new library.





Whole school attendance to date:

Expectation: 96.5%

Absences during term time

Please can we remind parents/carers that students should not be taken out of school for holidays during term time, unless under exceptional circumstances.

The Kernow Learning Exceptional Leave Request Form (available from the school entrance) needs to be completed and handed in prior to the time of the absence, explaining the reason for the request. You may be invited into school to discuss your request.

The school will only authorise the request in exceptional circumstances. When a request is received for a holiday during term time, each one is looked at on an individual basis. Parents/carers are then informed of the decision, with a letter sent to confirm this. They are also made aware of the legal information from the local authority.

If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act.

Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £60 if paid within 21 days, or £120 if paid after this, but within 28 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may result in legal action. Absence not authorised by the school may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court.

Pupils need to attend school for both academic and social reasons, and every day missed is over five hours of learning that the child has to catch up on. An absence of five days equates to over 25 hours of learning missed.



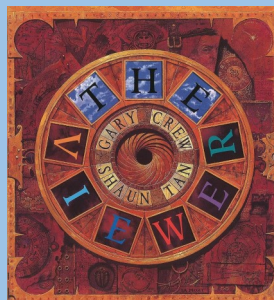
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Year 6—Tresillian

Year 6 started their new class novel this week. From their first reading, Tresillian Class have been totally engrossed by the graphic novel 'The Viewer'. They are disappointed when we have to put it down - luckily for them we will be studying it closely for the remainder of the term!



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