



Friday 30th April 2021

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are well. We have had another busy and fun packed week in school.

This week in Reception, the children chose to focus on 'Supertato: Run, Veggies, Run!' by Sue Hendra. This led to some fantastic discussions centred around healthy choices and the importance of exercise.



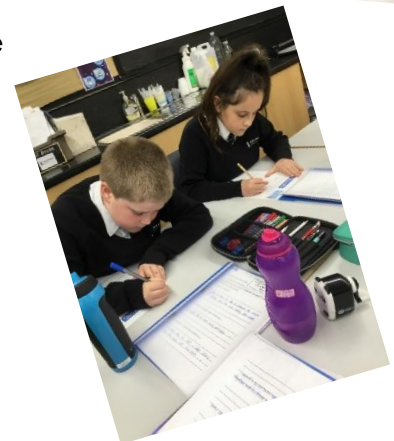
day's events.

One pupil explained, *"I like P.E. because it makes you fit and strong. I liked the relay race because I passed the baton to my friends."*

In the story, the vegetables take part in an exciting sports day. This inspired us to host our very own EYFS sports day! The children enjoyed taking part in a selection of races and games, as well as learning new vocabulary linked to the



In Year 5, as part of our SCARF (Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience, Friendship) activities we examined several scenarios around bullying and internet safety. The children compared and contrasted the behaviour of the people in each case and suggested ways to resolve the situation. The children then worked in pairs to complete a Venn diagram of words that are used to describe bullying and cyberbullying. Finally, the class discussed strategies for dealing with cyberbullying and where to find support.



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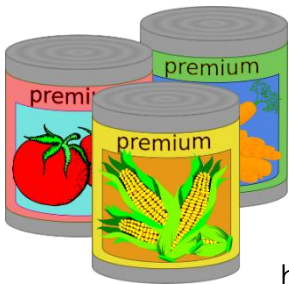
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Redruth Rotary Club Donation



On Wednesday we received 129 copies of the book, "Watch Out! A child's guide to everyday dangers" to be given to every pupil within KS2. The books were sponsored by Redruth Rotary and were designed and produced by the charity "OK Our Kids". The books are intended to be read and used as a reference book for Safeguarding. We would like to thank Mr Tony Williams, President of the Redruth Rotary and Mrs Stella Barber, Safeguarding for Key Stage 2 Project of Redruth Rotary and the whole of the Redruth Rotary for their very kind donation.

Food Bank Items



We have kindly been donated various foodbank items from a local charitable community benefit society to share with any of our families who may be in need of a little support. Rather than approaching families directly, there is now a box in the front reception area, just inside the door, where families are more than welcome to come and help themselves to any items they require. You do not need to ask or speak to anyone, please just help yourselves. This may be a one-off donation, or there may be further donations, dependent on how successful this is. There is a selection of tinned items, boxes of cereals, tea bags etc.



Thank you! Τηχακ λονι

We would like to say a massive thank you to the parents of Amara in year 2 for very kindly donating a huge map of the world for use in school. The year 6 children are delighted with their new addition.

We would also like to extend our thanks to Logan and Archie's parents for their very kind offer of two chickens to join our existing chicken in our outdoor area. We really appreciate the support of all our parents/carers and the local community.

Summer Term ILPs

The spring term ILPs, for identified children, have been reviewed and summer term ILPs have been created. These will be emailed to parents/carers early next week.

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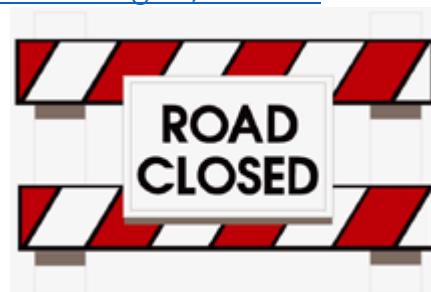


Children's Hospice South West

As part of Children's Hospice South West's 30th Anniversary celebrations, this year's Rainbow Run is aiming to raise £30,000 for each of their three hospices, one of which is Little Harbour in St Austell. For any families wishing to take part and help raise funds for this very worthy charity, the rainbow run is taking place over the weekend of Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th June. For more information, please visit their website, www.chsw.org.uk/rainbow

Road Closure – Treeve Lane

A reminder that part of Treeve Lane between Parc Upton Farm and No. 39 Treeve Lane will be closed from Monday 10th May until Friday 30th July 2021. This will mean that the road outside of Connor Downs Academy will be taking more 'heavy traffic' both accessing the essential works, but also from CIB Lello Plant Hire, whose lorries and machinery usually access their yard using the road down to Hayle rather than past the school. South West Water and the contractor Glanvilles, are working with the school and local residents to ensure the impact of the essential works is kept to a minimum.



Staff in school will be reminding children of the importance of road safety, particularly during this time. We would be very grateful if parent/carers could remind their children of road safety in preparation for the commencement of this work.

Social Media/Online Gaming

As an academy, we recognise that social media is playing an ever-expanding role in our day to day lives. It is important that children start to experience this in a suitably supervised and age appropriate way. As a reminder, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube all have a minimum age for users of 13 years old. Whatsapp, has a minimum age for users of 16 years old. We would also like to remind you that whilst certain gaming platforms may have an internet safety age of 7+, if used inappropriately these can lead to children feeling ostracised and we would kindly ask all parents/carers of children who access these games to monitor this usage very carefully.

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COVID-19 Asymptomatic Staff Testing Programme Across Aspire Academies

Every primary school in England now has access to rapid coronavirus testing for staff only. This testing, known as lateral flow testing, for our staff, is now taking place twice a week.

Please be aware that in a positive test scenario, you may receive communication of a bubble closure (if your child is in school) at extremely short notice, before school, on the morning of the closure. **You will be informed by text so please check your text messages from 8am onwards on a Monday and a Thursday morning.**

Reporting Positive COVID-19 Test (out of hours)

If you receive a positive COVID-19 test, in the first instance please contact the school office by phone. If the office is closed, please complete the form at the link below to report a positive test.

<http://www.aspireacademytrust.org/coronavirus>

<u>Attendance</u> Our school target for attendance is 96%		
1 st Place	Year 2	100.0 %
2 nd Place	Year 1	98.8 %
3 rd Place	Year 3	98.1 %

Regular attendance at school significantly benefits educational outcomes and social and emotional engagement for your child/children. Please support your child/children by ensuring that they attend school, on time, every day, ready and eager to learn. Thank you.

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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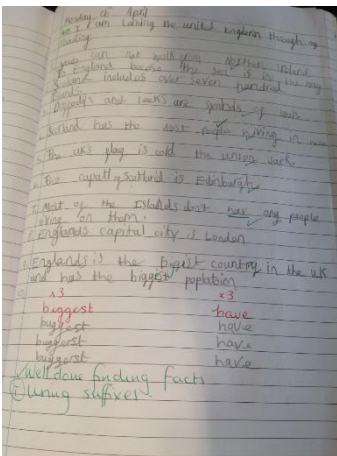
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Year R – Mia

For outstanding behaviour for learning across all areas for her learning. Mia's enthusiasm during phonics is particularly impressive, resulting in her making good progress in both reading and writing.

Year 1 – Noah

For always coming into school with a super positive attitude and accessing his work independently. Well done Noah!



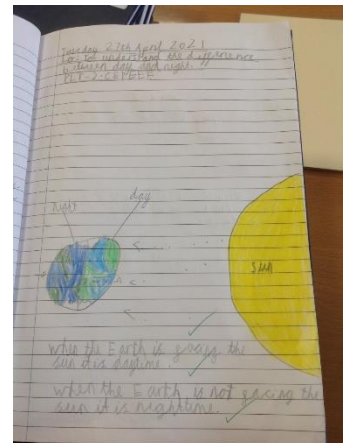
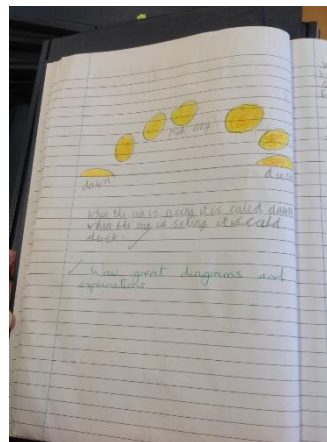
Year 2 – Ellawyn

For using her reading skills to collect and present facts about the United Kingdom.

Year 3 – Maci

For showing great understanding and enthusiasm when learning

about light and shadow, especially her explanations about night and day.



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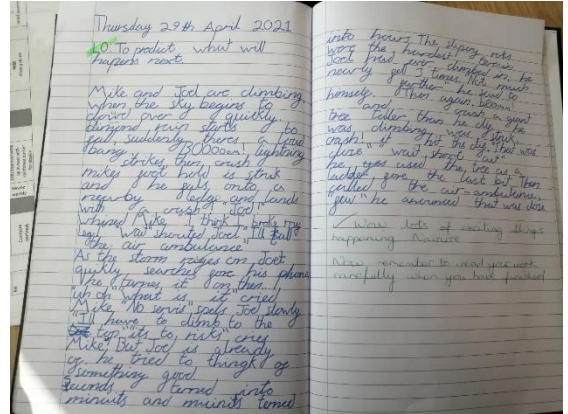
Year 4 – Navarre

For his diligent attitude to his work and for being such a good role model to his peers. Navarre is always keen to support others at all times. Well Done Navarre!



Year 5 – Ewan

For developing his observational drawing skills through weekly practice. Each drawing is showing an improvement and attention to detail. Well done Ewan!



Year 6 – Sid

For his superb attitude during tennis this week. Sid is developing his skills by working with a partner to control the ball. Well done for listening carefully and giving 100%.

Kind Regards,



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