

SENNEN SCHOOL

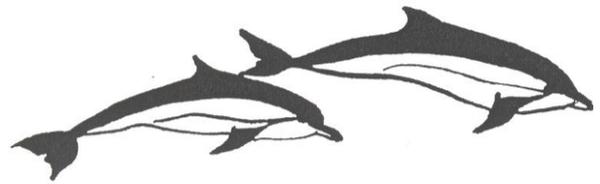
NEWSLETTER

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ATTENDANCE A.M: Aire 91.9%
Brisons 95.8%
Cowloe 90.5%
Longships 90.9%

AIRE CLASS - The children have been really enjoying learning about the past, starting with our visit to the museum. They had a great opportunity to play with replicas of old-fashioned toys, finding out that they needed to be resilient as they developed the different skills needed. They also discovered which materials were used for toys before plastic ones became the norm. They drew and wrote to make a lovely 'Thank you' book about the visit to give to the museum. Many thanks to the parents who helped us to make the visit. We have also started some work on 'Seasonal Changes'. In maths, the children have been learning doubles facts. Reception children have been working on addition, while Year ones have been finding out about 2 digit numbers. An exciting workshop was put on by the Minack last week, and we are making our visit there next Wednesday - please let us know if you can help with this. I look forward to seeing parents next week to discuss their child's progress - please sign up if you haven't already done so.

AIRE LEARNING LEGENDS

28/02/2020; Heron, for settling in so well at Sennen School, and starting to show resilience by 'having a go' at activities independently.

06/03/2020; Olive, for trying really hard to write independently, and always being keen to 'have a go'.

BRISONS CLASS - In Maths we've been collecting data in tally charts and presenting this information in pictograms. Then we've answered questions by reading the pictograms and comparing the data. In English we've been planning our own stories and the children have been really ambitious with their vocabulary. Our rainforest topic has inspired a good deal of home learning as well as lots of hard work in school. Recently we have looked at different types of rainforests and compared them as well as where we

would find them in the world. In Art we've been studying the Brazilian artist Romero Britto and have created our own egg replicas inspired by his work ready for Easter.

BRISONS LEARNING LEGENDS

28/02/2020 - Ella for giving 100% focus and showing such resilience in Maths. I am so proud of you.

06.03.20 - Joel for putting in a huge amount of effort with his handwriting and general presentation. You're producing work to be really proud of!

LONGSHIPS CLASS - Over the last 2 weeks we have been looking at a video called 'Ride of Passage'. We learned how to use pronouns to make our writing flow better and recapped the use of apostrophes. We imagined what the characters might be saying to one another and used it to practise our speech punctuation. In maths we have been continuing to use formal methods of multiplication, spotting errors and solving problems. For our morning work, have spent time recapping addition and subtraction to check we can still remember how to do it! We have also been practising our times tables regularly both in written form and online. This is something we will be continuing to practise over the coming weeks.

LONGSHIPS LEARNING LEGENDS

28/02/2020; Jowan for making a huge effort when writing his description this week. It was clear, easy to read and had some great spelling!

06/03/2020; Hal for working hard on his speech punctuation this week and being able to explain it to his peers.

COWLOE CLASS - We have enjoyed getting stuck into our new topic Ancient Greece and have been learning about the famous Greek Myths. We have looked at a variety of myths, the heroes and mythological creatures in them. The children have independently researched the Greek Gods and have been creating their own beast to appear in their own myth. We have also looked at how we use artefacts to learn about the past and the children looked at a

selection of Greek vases; designing their own which look amazing! In Maths we have been studying geometry; reading and plotting coordinates and translating and reflecting shapes in all 4 quadrants. Next Year 6 will be revising decimals and percentages while the Year 5 children will look at fractions. We will continue to become fluent in our times tables too as these are so important. This week we celebrated world book day and the children looked great in their outfits.

COWLOE LEARNING LEGENDS

28/02/2020; Jacob for focussing hard on his presentation and showing kindness to his friends in group activities. Well done!

06/03/2020; Alex. Alex has been so enthusiastic about our topic and always has a contribution to make in class. It's great to see him so excited about his learning - keep it up Alex!

The winning house last week was Gwynver with 285 house points, Vellandreath had 259 and Maen 242. Joel had the most points for Gwynver, Jacob for Vellandreath and Henry for Maen.

The winning house this week is Maen with 415 house points, Gwynver had 343 and Vellandreath 320. Henry had the most points for Maen, Emlyn for Gwynver and Connie for Vellandreath - well done everyone!

From the Head teacher

This week we took delivery of 5 varieties of trees to plant around our site. We would like to get the community as involved as possible so are planning a 'big dig' morning on Saturday 21st March. Everybody is welcome and the aim is that the children get to take ownership of the project and remember it for years to come. Over the next 2 weeks we will be working on plans for the site and taking advice on the best places to plant them. I will send out more information over the next weeks or so.

World book day was a great success! The children had a wonderful day dressing up, sharing stories together and learning more about Cornish folk tales. It was lovely to see how well the older children supported the younger children in their reading, they really have some lovely children to look up to.

Mrs Garbutt started her parent's evening appointments this week and next week is parent's evening for Brisons, Longships and Cowloe. We are

looking forward to sharing the children's learning with you all and discussing their next steps. Please make sure you sign up for an appointment on the classroom doors.

Lastly, I have some news to share. Mrs Garbutt has decided to retire at the end of this academic year. She has worked at the school for almost 10 years and in that time has nurtured and supported lots of children onto their school journey. She has been an integral part of our school community among pupils and staff alike and I know how well respected she is in Sennen (and beyond!). She will be a very big loss to Sennen School but I'm sure you will all agree that she more than deserves the rest! We are very lucky that from September, Mrs Hawkins will be taking on the role as Aire class teacher. She is a long standing member of Sennen staff and will be a real asset to the class. Our classes for next year haven't been finalised yet but we intend to think carefully about transition this year and will let you know as soon as it has been arranged.

Have a great weekend everybody!