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# Treverbyn Academy Newsletter.

## Message from Mr Welch

Thankyou for your warm welcome this half term.

I have really enjoyed starting to get to know the school - it's pupils and parents, over the last six weeks.

Every time I step into the classrooms or playground I am welcomed by a sea of smiley faces immensely proud to either show me what they are learning or playing. Thank you too, to the numerous Parents and Carers I have met with so far for their constructive comments and working with the school.

It is my aim to build on the secure foundations and current achievements ensuring consistency, challenge and ambition within a supportive and safe environment. I fully appreciate how important each year of a child's school life is towards preparing them for their next steps- that is why I am pleased to welcome back teachers from maternity leave after half term and in the near future as well as the recent appointments to enhance our drive for consistency and high expectations.

I hope you will support this focus in all areas, especially in attendance and behaviour for learning, which naturally impacts greatly on pupil achievements.

In the meantime I am looking forward to next half term and I am very happy to meet with parents/carers, so if you would like to pop in to see me with a 'hello' or 'a what we are doing well' or a 'concern' or anything that would be helpful for me to be aware of then please do. The school office has my diary and will be able to book an appointment.

# Class News

## Menabilly Class

Thank you to everyone who came into school on Wednesday for our reading afternoon, I know how much the children loved being able share some of our favourite books and stories with you We have been thinking this week about what we want our focus to be next half term, after much discussion and a class vote we have decided our topic for next half term will be ..... Superheroes!

## Porthpean Class

Wow, where has this half term gone! The children have worked extremely hard this half term and have thoroughly enjoyed our new topic; weather and seasons. We have a big surprise for the class after the holidays linking to our topic so keep yours eyes peeled! Thank you as always for your continued support and have a lovely break

## Pendower Class

This week we had a great time at Wheal Martyn. We sang lots of songs we have learned over the 6 weeks and even performed our own song to the rest of the schools

We have also been working hard at revising all the things we have learned in reading and maths. Next half term we will continue our topic of 'why is the ice melting?' And look forward to keeping in touch with our polar scientist who is living in Norway. Many thanks for your continued support and we hope you have a great half term week! Please remember it is important to listen to your child read at least 4 times a week.

## Charlestown Class

This week Year 3 have been creating newspaper reports about Grace Darling a super hero without a cape! In maths we have been looking at how we can divide a 2 digit number by a 1 digit number. We have been looking at the purpose of human skeleton and trying to name different bones.

## Whipsiderry Class

What a fantastic half term we have had in year 4! We've learnt some really interesting facts about the Victorians in topic lessons. During science we've been learning about electricity and have used our knowledge to create circuits. Our English work has been

particularly enjoyable to read as the children have written descriptive stories and fantastic diary entries. Our maths learning has taken us from understanding multiplication and division to learning about area and fractions. Thank you so much for your continued support. I hope you all have a lovely half term break and I look forward to the next half term

## Porthcurnow Class

What a great half term we have had. Year 5 have really enjoyed learning about the outbreak of war, D-Day, the Battle of Britain and the Blitz. They have investigated which materials make the best bomb shelters and made some scientifically sound suggestions on how to make the materials into even safer bomb shelters.

Diary writing, in particular, has blown the adults away in our room. All of the children have produced some fantastic work. Please make sure that your children continue to read lots over the holidays as this really helps to enrich their vocabulary and writing.

We have made huge progress in multiplication and division and place value this term in maths. Next half term we will be looking at fractions, decimals and percentages.

After half term we will be looking forward to a trip to see Britain in the Blitz at Flambards, we will be looking into rationing, Dig for Victory, land girls and making some trench art inspired artwork. For this, please can children bring in cardboard tubes.

Thank you

## Pentewan Class

This week, year 6 have presented their finalised training sessions to pupils in year 4. We were so proud of how well designed the sessions were, how supportive the pupils were and how much encouragement and care was shown towards their participants. We would like to say a huge thank you to the year 4 pupils for their enthusiasm and commitment to the sessions and how much effort they each put in. In maths, we have been trying to master long division and the children have paired up with great effect in order to teach other pupils their strengths and support each other's areas for development in relation to the arithmetic paper. In English, we have been revising word classes with a specific focus on words which have more than one function (eg. as a verb and noun). This week, the children have been provided with study guides for Maths and English

## Internet safety

It has come to the school's attention that many pupils have a strong internet presence through social media and YouTube channels- while this is not in itself a bad thing- can I please remind parents and carers that the uploading of video clips/ photos to the internet is a sensitive issue for some people and should only happen **with consent from those that are in the photo.**

Many internet platforms are not age sensitive and those that are eg facebook (recommended age 13 minimum) can easily be accessed by joining with an amended date of birth to fit the criteria- Remember if your child has any of these accounts now to ensure it is supervised.

## Attendance

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	School
96.9%	89.3%	96.7%	90.8%	93%	97.3%	90.9%	93.6%

## What attendance is Good attendance?

It is vital that pupils attend school, on time, every day in order to gain the greatest benefit from their education. **95%** - 100% (less than 10 days absence in a year) is good attendance. **96%** is the national average attendance rate for a child at primary school.

Why is Good attendance Important?

The **attendance** rate is **important** because pupils are more likely to succeed academically when they attend **school** consistently. It's difficult for the teacher and the class to build their skills and progress if a pupils are frequently absent.

What might be the impact of poor attendance?

Struggle to keep up with **school** work. ... Setting good **attendance** habits from an early age, from nursery through **primary school** will also help your child later on in their life where punctuality is a vital expectation of working life..

## Dates for your diary:

<b>18th—22nd February</b>	Half term
<b>5th April</b>	Last day of term, school finishes at 1:30pm
<b>8th - 22nd April</b>	Easter Holidays
<b>6th May</b>	Bank holiday, school closed
<b>27th—31st May</b>	Half term
<b>23rd July</b>	Last day of term, school finishes at 1:30pm



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**Half term next week - we will be back at nursery on Monday 25th Feb.**

After half term Emma will be working in Damselflies and Elaine will be in Dragonflies so please check who your child's key person will be.

### **Safeguarding**

Please note: The front door is only to be opened by a staff member.

### **Healthy Under 5's**

This is a gentle nudge for you all to do as many of the activities on the activity sheets over the half term, prizes are available!

### **Damselflies**

Benjamin bear will be going home with Reeva, we hope Benjamin behaves well for you Reeva!

This week on the pot of gold is Amelia, Anna & Oaklyn well done to you all!

After half term our theme will be dinosaurs. We will be learning about the colour "green" and the triangle shape, we encourage you to bring in something green or triangle shaped or even both to support your child's learning.

### **Dragonflies**

This weeks "star of the week" is Logan, well done Logan! Rosie bear will be going home with Daisy, we hope Rosie behaves well for you Daisy!

Thank you for returning your special red hearts, they are on display in the foyer which I am sure you all agree looks amazing!

We will be re-visiting **all** the sounds to reinforce the children's learning.

We will be learning the numbers 1 and 0.

All children should come to nursery with named belongings, e.g. coat, shoes, socks, wellies, packed lunch box, drinks bottle, sun hat etc.

Please can I remind you to bring in nappies, wet wipes and it is always good to have plenty of changes of clothes.

**Please ensure that your child comes to nursery with a waterproof coat.**

Elaine Taylor

Nursery manager