



An Lester Trumach - The Packet Ship

25th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are currently developing our Personal, Social and Health Education provision, integrating Relationships and Sex Education into the curriculum. The government have made Relationships education compulsory this year for primary schools and in preparation for this new requirement we have become a Jigsaw school which provides a holistic and mindful approach to PSHE. In PSHE sessions, from Reception to Class 6, there are progressive themes that run throughout the school. This half term the whole school is focussing on Celebrating Differences, with age appropriate class sessions raising awareness of differences, anti-bullying strategies, and celebrating our diverse world. With our developing RSE curriculum, the Year 5 and 6 relationships element incorporates puberty and consent. This then links with our science curriculum where children learn about how animals reproduce and this then leads into human reproduction. We welcome feedback from parents and carers and therefore a copy of our draft policy will be sent to parents tomorrow with comments and feedback welcomed during this consultation period.

Class 5 Remote Learning

Well done to all of Class 5 and a massive thank you to Mrs Gall for making our first remote learning experience such a positive one. Children have met virtually with Mrs Gall twice a day, and have become experts at navigating their way around the school timetable, online tasks, being resourceful and developing their independence. Many thanks to parents from Class 5 for supporting the children's learning during this difficult time.

Covid Cases, Symptoms and Testing

Please can we ask parents to keep communicating with us regarding symptoms, isolation, track and trace app isolation and testing. If a member of your household shows symptoms of Covid then the whole household needs to isolate. Please do not send your child to school if someone in your household has symptoms.

Data Forms

On Friday, the children will be bringing home their individual data collection forms in named envelopes. This form contains your child's personal details and details of their priority contacts list. If there are any updates that need to be made please return the form (making sure to sign and date!) to the school office.

Learning Out and About and In School

Phonics Screening Check – Pupils in Class 2 are being assessed on their phonics knowledge over the next two weeks. This assessment was previously timetabled for Year 1 summer term, but due to Covid 19 the government have decided to assess Year 2 pupils this term. The children have daily phonics session, and this check has been carried out as part of their normal reading time, working with Mrs Bailey to read real and alien words. Parents will be informed about the outcome of these assessments by the end of term.

Reception Adventure Club – On Tuesday morning Reception class will be heading out with Miss Tremewan.

Outcomes – At the beginning of term, dates of shared outcomes were given optimistically in the Curriculum Information leaflets. Our outcomes this term are being adapted by class teachers so that children can share this term's learning with their families at home.

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Notice of Parent Governor Election

All parents should have received an email with a link to a Parent Governor Election voting form. Please contact the school office if you have not received the link. Follow the link to the voting form and cast your vote **by midday THIS FRIDAY (27th Nov 2020.)**

Remote Learning

As part of our Contingency Plan, teachers are ready to support home learning. We have plans in place in case pupils need to remain at home due to a positive Covid-19 result. Essentially, in order to ensure continuity, class teachers and teaching assistants will support your child's learning through daily contact via virtual meetings, emails and learning platforms. The government have raised the expectation that if a child is isolating and is still well that they should be working for the whole school day, following a similar timetable to the one offered in schools.

Pupil Premium funding

The Local Authority are giving vouchers to pupils eligible for Free School Meals over the Christmas holidays. This will be £15 per pupil per week. More details of this will be given by the LA nearer the time.

A reminder that Pupil Premium pupils are now able to join Breakfast Club for free.

If you think you may be eligible for funding you can either ask for a form at the office or follow the link to complete an application: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolmeals>

Second Hand Uniform Swap

The usual rail of free used uniform is out of bounds due to Covid restrictions but Jodie Coles has very kindly sorted the rail into different age groups for distribution. She has created a list of available items and will add these to the Facebook group. It would be wonderful if a parent from each class could distribute any uniform to parents. Please let the office know if you would be happy to have a bag of spare uniform, suitable for your child's class, to distribute. Thank you.

Youth Sports Trust Daily After School Sports Club

Every weekday at 5pm until the end of term (18th December) the YST are running a 30 minute online club for all children and young people to do some sport, develop skills and, most importantly, have fun! Follow this link for more information: <https://www.youthsporttrust.org/AfterSchoolSportClub>

Christmas Celebrations

The Christmassy Christmas Show of Christmassy Christmasness – Squashbox Theatre will be in school entertaining all of our children with this festive show on Thursday 10th of December. Performances will be delivered to two classes at a time to enable distancing of our class bubbles.

Christmas Dinner – The kitchen will be preparing a delicious Christmas dinner, complete with sprouts and crackers on Wednesday 16th of December.

Silly Santa's Sponsored Walk – On the 17th of December the whole school will be raising money for Cornwall Hospice Care by taking part in a Silly Santa Sponsored Walk. If children are able to raise at least £7.50 each they will receive a Santa suit to keep (Reception pupils will be elves!) and a fun Santa medal. The charity are asking that each child raises a minimum sponsorship of £7.50 in aid of Cornwall Hospice Care - but more would be fantastic. Sponsor forms and monies can be returned to school either on Friday 18th December or in the first week of January.

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Marlborough Mariners Update

Hi all:

A short notice online Mariners meeting this week, **Thursday 26th November, 8:30pm**. Top of the agenda will be progress on the shelter at the school field, but we'll also discuss crowdfunding and other projects. Do drop in! Zoom details will be emailed to parents on Thursday.

School field facilities

The Mariners are working closely with the school to create an outdoor shelter and toilet facility on the school field, to enable the field to be used more frequently for a variety of activities including outdoor learning, forest school, P.E., visual and performing arts activities and school community events. The long term ambition is to create an attractive wooden built, permanent structure, and toilet, and we will be fundraising for this over the next 18 months. In the short term however, we are keen to help get a temporary solution up and running asap to enable each of the year groups to use the field for outdoor learning and to potentially use the outdoor shelter for upcoming Christmas performances! With Covid still shaping the world we live in, we are keen to support and facilitate access to the outdoors for inspirational learning experiences, enabling our children to connect to nature, and contributing positively to their educational experience and physical and emotional well being. One way we can do this is by supporting the development of facilities which make it more possible for children to learn outside.

This is a callout to see if any of the school community may have skills, contacts, links or material to help us! We have a modest budget and we need to source scaffolding and corrugated galvanised steel roofing sheets, and are also looking for tradespeople with the right skills to help put the structure together. If you are interested or able to offer any help, advice, materials, contacts, man/woman hours - please contact: mariners@marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk

Starting School 2021

If you have a child born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 then you are able to apply for a school place through Cornwall Admissions. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2021. The application form can be found at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Message from Blackbird Pie Magazine

Welcome to the winter issue of BlackbirdPie online magazine!

Despite everything there are festive things to see and do this year, from glittering gardens lit with myriad lights to light-hearted theatre shows.

Everyone has gone to great lengths to make things as Covid-safe as possible.

We have searched out quite a lot of free activities and events too including sparkling yuletide markets with entertainers,

free entry at PK Porthcurno and The Box Plymouth, stories, videos and art activities to download, interesting winter walks and historic sites to explore.

As well as the new online format we will be doing more on facebook and Instagram, so please seek us out for regular activities, ideas and updates in between issues.

Please subscribe so we can send you a link to the next issue.

Vanessa, Simon and the Blackbird

<https://blackbirdreads.turtl.co/story/cornwallchristmas2020/>

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We would love you to help us to spread some creative joy by making Christmas cards for the local residents of the Falmouth care homes.

If you could make a card, perhaps with a message and who it's from – first name only, then this will go into the community and bring a little Christmas cheer to someone.

Your school has agreed to help us and all you need to do is drop your completed card into the office by Monday 7th December

A very big thank you for making this happen and supporting your local community.

We would like to wish you all a very Merry and safe Christmas

Please feel free to get in contact if you have any questions

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Marlborough Kitchen

Upcoming lunches are:

Thursday 26 th November	Beef Chilli Bean Chilli Hummus and Breadsticks
Friday 27 th November	Fishfingers and Wedges Veggie Burger and Wedges Tomato and Sesame Soup
Monday 30 th November	Pizza Margarita Sweetcorn and Olive Pizza Autumn Vegetable Soup
Tuesday 1 st November	Macaroni Cheese Squash, Potato and Chickpea Curry Ham Rolls
Wednesday 2 nd November	Jacket Potato Bean, Sweet Potato and Cheese Quesadillas Coconut Daal
Thursday 3 rd November	Turkey Burger Falafel Burger Curried Parsnip Soup
Friday 4 th November	Smoked Salmon and Pea Pasta Roast Veg and Tomato Pasta Herby Cheese Scones

Dates for the diary

Thursday 26th November – Mariners Meeting via Zoom – 8.30pm

Tuesday 1st December – Reception Adventure Club (am only)

Tuesday 8th December – Class 1 Adventure Club (am only)

Thursday 10th December – Squashbox Theatre

Tuesday 15th December – Class 2 Adventure Club (am only)

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Dinner

Thursday 17th December – Silly Santa Sponsored Walk

Friday 18th December – Last day of Autumn Term

Monday 4th January – INSET day

Tuesday 5th January – Children back to school,
Start of Spring Term

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This Week's Lovely Learning!



Reception Class met Queen Victoria!

Class 1 have been making their own collages inspired by Alice in Wonderland.



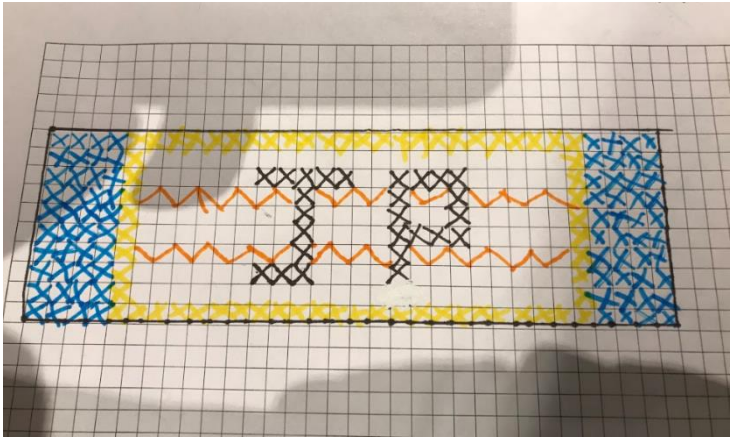
Class 2 have used adjectives to create monsters inspired by Where The Wild Things are.



Class 3 had their Adventure Club at Swanpool Beach exploring art in nature.



Class 4 have created a Royal Game of Ur based upon an ancient game discovered in Mesopotamia.



Class 5 have been making designs for sewing, whilst learning from home.

