

# SENNEN SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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**ATTENDANCE A.M:** Aire 90.5%  
Brisons 87.9%  
Cowloe 96.4%

**AIRE CLASS** - This week has been a whirlwind of activities! The children worked very hard on Monday and Wednesday ('normal days') at their phonics and maths learning. Tuesday morning saw us joining in Sennen Market's 10th anniversary celebrations, with the children enjoying talking to the stall-holders, sampling different foods and especially sitting on the blood-transfusion service motorbikes. Several Reception and Year 1 children joined in the singing with the choir - very brave to sing in front of this larger audience. The prize-winners were delighted with their very generous prizes, and we have all enjoyed reading the poems in the book that the market donated to the school. A big 'Thank you' to Oliver Gray for his thoughtful comments on Reception and Year 1 poems. Thursday saw us enjoying the Drama workshop with Barbara Mann, a teacher with strong links to Sennen, being an ex-pupil of the school herself. Friday was 'school photographs' day, and also our opportunity to say 'Thank you' to Mr Roynon for being with us in 2019. Please note - we have managed to keep our phonics and maths learning sessions each day this week, as well as reading with the children daily. This is vital - this half-term's homework is reading related too! We have really enjoyed sharing the children's own 'museum boxes' - these will be on display next half term. Many thanks for parental support with these. We are all looking forward to Beach School next half term, and Aire Class will be looking at our Floor Book from last year to help them become involved in planning this year's activities.

**AIRE LEARNING LEGEND** is Joel, for working with independence, thoughtfulness and resilience at his maths this week.

**BRISONS CLASS** - The children have been extremely resilient during assessments this week and have demonstrated how much they've learnt already this term. We had such a wonderful time visiting the

Farmers Market. Thank you for putting on such a fantastic celebration. The children enjoyed looking at their displayed art work, singing to an audience, climbing aboard the motorbikes and, of course, tasting the fabulous goods the farmers market has to offer. We have started a new science topic, 'Animals including humans,' the children have started by learning about different food groups and nutrition. In our topic work we've been learning about the Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamun. The children have also been working in groups to create an information poster on Ancient Egypt. Endorsed Academy have continued to provide our nutrition sessions this week, and have assisted us to stay active - a session we always enjoy. In addition, Barbara Mann visited us, and produced a fun-filled drama session which explored how to care for our environment. Our garden project has also been evolving with lots of planting and watering happening from many enthusiastic volunteers.

After such a busy term, we hope all the children (and yourselves) have a wonderful half term and a well-deserved rest. We're looking forward to beach school beginning on our return.

**BRISONS LEARNING LEGEND** Logan J for demonstrating such enthusiasm in all areas of his learning. A real love of learning!

**COWLOE CLASS** - The children have written fantastic stories this week based on the short film "Taking Flight" They had to be creative and imagine an adventure they might have in an ordinary setting. We have had lots of fun collecting data and presenting it in a variety of ways, drawing accurate charts and graphs. The children particularly enjoyed counting the traffic drive past our school and waving at lots of people! We have continued our science learning this week and learned how shadows are formed and why and how they change position, size and shape. We spent a day measuring a shadow every hour to prove this. We will be continuing our topic "Keen to be Green" after half term, focussing on the deforestation of the rainforests. We will be learning how to be persuasive and how to debate an argument

effectively. I hope you all have a great half term! COWLOE LEARNING LEGEND is Alex. Alex has remained focussed in class and has worked really hard on his story. He showed great determination and pride in his writing. Well done Alex!

The winning house this week is Maen with 411 house points, Gwynver had 346 and Vellandreath 332. Ava had the most points for Maen, Eva for Gwynver and Connie for Vellandreath - well done everyone!

#### **WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK?**

##### **HALF TERM.**

**Return to school on June 3rd**

**Friday the 7th is an inset day**

#### **Beach School planned outcomes 2019**

- To have fun at school;
- To have fun learning;
- To make learning memorable;
- Develop essential life-skills;
- Develop P.E. skills to contribute to a life-long healthy lifestyle;
- To connect our learning to our environment;
- To create immersive learning experiences.
- Applying practical context to learning;
- To increase the attainment and progress of the children;
- To develop our school values and ethos, whilst connecting with the community of Sennen;
- Promote an awareness of local and international environmental issues.

#### **ESSENTIALS TO BE IN SCHOOL EVERYDAY**

##### **NEXT HALF TERM PLEASE**

**Sun cream**

**Sun hat**

**PE Kit**

*Dear Parents,*

*Today is my last day and I just wanted to publically thank you all for looking after me whilst I have been at Sennen School. I have been made to feel really welcome and I have really enjoyed my time here. Sennen is a lovely school with some great children, caring staff and a real sense of community: I will remember my time here fondly.*

*I would also like to share some exciting news. I have had it confirmed today that the company that is renewing the play equipment next to the school intend to start work on the 1<sup>st</sup> phase on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June. The governors will continue to pursue different avenues for funding the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of this work.*

*I also had it confirmed yesterday that a bid we have made to the Truro and Penwith Academy Trust for renovation work to the school has been successful. The bid is worth nearly £40,000 all to be spent on Sennen School. The detail of the work will be decided after half term but should include updates to lighting, external doors, fencing, facias, guttering and some significant internal works on the office area and converting the head teacher's office into a space for teaching and learning.*

*This is all exciting news and I really look forward to hearing about the next developments for Sennen School.*

*With best wishes*

*Chris Roynon*