

# SENNEN SCHOOL

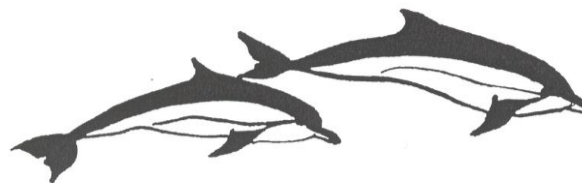
## NEWSLETTER

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<b>ATTENDANCE A.M:</b>	<b>Aire</b>	<b>96.5%</b>
	<b>Brisons</b>	<b>96.8%</b>
	<b>Longships</b>	<b>97.1%</b>
	<b>Cowloe</b>	<b>92.7%</b>

### AIRE CLASS - What a busy couple of weeks!

Despite some difficulties, we managed to get to the woods, light our fires and cook the marshmallows. This inspired some ambitious writing by the children. Many thanks to the adults who helped with the visits - watch out, we are already planning the next ones! We also enjoyed a visit to St Just Library, where the staff were very kind and welcoming. We have brought back some ideas about how to improve our school library, as well as really enjoying the books there. We have also really enjoyed the visits to school by the children's parents and families for the 'Cosy Reading' and Topic Landing' sessions. The focus on reading will continue with a homework activity for the children over half term. After half-term we will resume our topic of Toys, this time with a History focus, as the museum visit has been re-arranged for Tuesday 24th February. We will also be learning about 'Seasonal Changes'.

#### AIRE LEARNING LEGENDS

07/02/2020 Ruben for working thoughtfully to write an exciting adventure story, using ambitious words and phrases derived from his own reading.

14/02/2020: Oliver for showing kindness when helping and supporting younger children with their learning.

**BRISONS CLASS** - We've had an adventurous conclusion to our Viking topic this half term. The children thoroughly enjoyed sailing their Viking Longships at Sennen beach this week and we even had an impromptu beach clean instigated by the children themselves. What wonderful citizens we have at Sennen School. On Tuesday we had a brilliant art day which consisted of making edible poetry, making dragon eyes and using teamwork to produce a performance. The children became fully immersed in learning about Buddhism on Thursday. We explored stories, symbols, festivals, and discovered how key beliefs within certain religions can be related to

within our own lives.

#### BRISONS LEARNING LEGENDS

07/02/2020 Mia for becoming more independent when applying different strategies in Maths. Fantastic!

14/02/2020 Megan for her superb attitude in Maths and resilience in her learning.

**LONGSHIPS CLASS** In maths for the last 2 weeks we have been learning how to multiply 2 and 3 digit numbers using grid method. The children have made so much progress in this and they have had to be very resilient and reflective in order to progress. We will be continuing with this after half term, looking at more formal methods. In English we have been writing our Viking adventure stories. We have been thinking carefully about our vocabulary choices and how we can use them to make the reader understand our feelings. As well as revisiting our work from last term, we have been continuing our work on editing for spelling and punctuation and are beginning to see some real improvements!

#### LONGSHIPS LEARNING LEGENDS

07/02/2020 Jaden for starting to extend his writing and challenge himself with vocabulary choice.

14/02/2020 Jago for a secure and thorough understanding of grid method this week - you did yourself proud!

**COWLOE CLASS** - We have had a fun final week making our fairground attractions using electrical circuits. The children showed great resilience as many of them had to change their original plans! We have written our portal stories set in an imaginary world. The children have used lots of descriptive techniques and varied their sentence starters to ensure their stories are creative and exciting. I look forward to reading them! After half term, our topic is Ancient Greece! There are some photos of our fantastic learning on the website! Check it out! Have a lovely half term.

## **COWLOE LEARNING LEGENDS**

07/02/2020 Ford for trying really hard to be resilient in both his Maths and English by not giving up in challenging tasks. Keep it up Ford!

14/02/2020 Kerenza has been showing great determination and resilience in her Maths and has a positive attitude towards her learning. Well done Kerenza!

The winning house last week was Maen with 455 house points, Gwynver had 371 and Vellandreath 324. Henry had the most points for Maen, Joel for Gwynver and Mia for Vellandreath.

The winning house this week is Gwynver with 507 house points, Vellandreath had 430 and Maen 399. Martha had the most points for Gwynver, Connie for Vellandreath and Kerenza and Ava for Maen - well done everyone!

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

### **HALF TERM.**

Return to school on Monday 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **MUSIC LESSONS**

CMST teacher, Lindsay Eddy comes in on Tuesdays for piano and cello lessons. There are still some spaces available during lunchtime. If your child is interested please visit the Cornwall Music Service Trust website for more details and to sign up.

## **HEADTEACHER**

What a wonderful term of learning it has been! The children have been full of enthusiasm and curiosity this term and it has been a real pleasure to be a part of. Watching the children's faces as they sailed their longships down the stream was just magical and certainly put a smile on all our faces! Keep your eye out on the website for photos from this term. I have also uploaded a copy of our curriculum map so you can keep an eye on what's coming next.

On Tuesday Year 2-4 were lucky enough to have artist, author and poet Sally Crabtree in. She is doing a project to celebrate 150 years of the Telegraph Museum and worked with the children to write a song about connections. We plan to record the song and send it over to a group in Portugal next term.

Yesterday we kick started our Religious Education. Our aim is to focus on one religion each term and teach the children about their beliefs, festivals and places of worship. This term we looked at Buddhism. The children really engaged in their learning and it was nice to see them using some of the main principles to reflect on their own lives.

Next term is a short one but a very busy one! We have lots planned for the children relating to their next topic, as well as some work with the Minack and the development of the outdoor area. We will be working with the children on redesigning some areas of the field and secret garden ready for the arrival of some new trees towards the end of next term. The dates for parents evening have been added to the website and we will put sign-up sheets up nearer the time.

Thank you so much to everyone who has been in this week to support with reading and topic landings, the children loved having you in helping and I think we had some great results! After the holidays we have decided to open the school at 8.30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays to anyone who would like to come in and read with their child. Before school is a perfect time to read and sets a nice, calm tone for the rest of the day, so feel free to come into the warm, get comfy and do some reading. Please note that this is to be done with your child, they cannot be left unattended.

I am keeping my fingers crossed for an improvement in the weather for half term, I hope you all have a lovely break and will see you on the 24th!

