

SENNEN SCHOOL

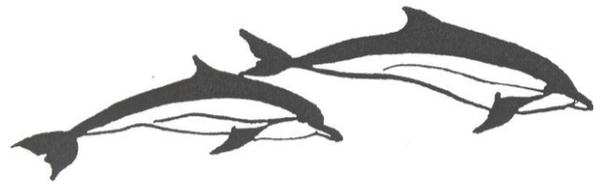
NEWSLETTER

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AIRE CLASS - We have been really impressed with the children's attitudes towards their learning at the start of the new school year. Reception children have already made a good start with learning Phonics, developing the new skill of blending letter sounds together, while the Year 1's are trying very hard to work independently. Their Writing in particular is already showing great improvement. Using real tools (hacksaw and hammer) to make and decorate wooden frames for their own mirrors has been a worthwhile challenge. Next week we will be learning to write instructions in the correct order, as well as developing our understanding of number through comparing numbers.

AIRE LEARNING LEGENDS

Last week's was Milo, for a superb attitude towards learning at the start of Year 1: independent, resilient, conscientious and a good listener.

This week's is Teddy, for confident, independent writing, using his phonics understanding well and always 'having a go' at new challenges.

BRISONS CLASS - What a fabulous start to the new school year we have had in Brisons class. We started last week introducing our new topic, 'What did the Romans do for us?' We have been extremely busy, already and the children have learnt about the spread of the Roman Empire, the power of the Roman Army, what the soldiers wore and have been learning about the life of Julius Caesar. The children enjoyed PE on the school field this week in the glorious sunshine and created movements depicting facts about the ancient Romans. In our geography lessons we are learning about volcanoes and recreated an active volcano in our classroom! Next week we are looking forward to designing and making our very own Roman shields. **If you have any large pieces of cardboard/cardboard boxes, please could you bring these into Brisons class.**

In English we are reading *Escape from Pompeii* and the children have been incredibly focused in their writing. They have been using adjectives, powerful verbs, similes, synonyms and sensory descriptions to

describe the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. We have been working hard on our handwriting and the children are thinking carefully about the presentation of their work. In Maths the children have been focusing on place value and representing different numbers using Base 10 equipment and place value counters. We have been solving problems and the children have shown super resilience and resourcefulness.

BRISONS LEARNING LEGENDS

Last week's was Henry for challenging himself in Maths and showing lots of enthusiasm.

This week's is Mabel for her independence in Maths and her wonderful drama performance in English with the addition of excellent descriptive narration to ensure we knew which part of the story her group were acting out.

LONGSHIPS CLASS - We have had a wonderful week of learning. In literacy we watched a gladiator fight and used our senses to describe what was happening. We have started exploring newspaper reports and have begun our exciting newspaper articles. We have been focusing on perfect sentences and have spent lots of time improving our work by checking punctuation, spelling and vocabulary. In maths we have been showing great resilience when exploring the place value of 4 digit numbers. We have discussed strategies for ordering and comparing and using our explanations to stretch our learning. We have talked about the importance of learning our multiplication tables and I am going to teach them some catchy tunes

LONGSHIPS LEARNING LEGENDS

Last week's was Esme for approaching the new school year with positivity and dedication.

This week's is Ellie for showing incredible resilience when tackling 4 digit numbers. She was so thorough and careful!

COWLOE CLASS - What a fantastic start to the Year! Cowloe class have settled in brilliantly and have a super attitude towards their learning! Our topic this term is Space - We are Stargazers. The children

have been learning about our solar system and we are in the process of making our own 3D planets. In English, we have read and understood a variety of poems about the moon and we have just begun our Science Fiction unit. We will be learning how to structure a narrative effectively and how to build suspense and mystery in a story. In Maths, we have started looking at Place Value and numbers up to one million. The children are also trying to remember their Roman Numerals by writing the date every day. We have a busy week again next week: Bikeability is on Tuesday at 9.15am, open day at Cape Wednesday all day and our visit to Porthcurno Telegraph Museum on Thursday. Have a great weekend and thank you for all your support!

COWLOE LEARNING LEGENDS

Last week's was George. George has settled in brilliantly and has a fantastic attitude towards his learning. Keep it up George!

This week's is Kyla. Kyla has a fantastic, positive attitude towards her learning and has written an amazing paragraph describing the opening scene of a story. She showed great resilience by taking the time to ensure she had used the best vocabulary she could. Well done Kyla!

The winning house last week was Vellandreath with 458 house points, Gwynver had 407 and Maen 404. Milo had the most points in Vellandreath, Ruben in Gwynver and Evie in Maen.

The winning house this week is Maen with 329 house points, Gwynver had 283 and Vellandreath 251. Evie had the most points for Maen, Ruben for Gwynver and Rosie for Vellandreath - well done everyone!

HEADTEACHER - The children have been learning about resilience and the "power of YET" in assembly this week. Jago rightly told us that it means you aren't quite where you need to be, but it is 'in progress' - so wise! We have talked about ways we can help ourselves if we are finding things difficult and how important it is to persevere. We discussed breaking tasks down into manageable chunks so as not to get overwhelmed and the children had some fantastic suggestions and support for each other, which has definitely reflected in their learning this week. In the words of Will Smith - 'Don't think about the whole wall, just get your head down and lay one brick at a time'. I think we could all do with remembering that one! Have a great weekend everyone.

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK?

MON

TUE BIKEABILITY 9:15AM

WED CAPE CORNWALL OPEN DAY

THUR COWLOE PORTHCURNO TRIP

FRI COWLOE SWIMMING

LUNCHES now cost £2:37 per meal.