

Date: 28th March 2024

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Birthday wishes for this week and in the holidays go to:



Benji, Kiri, Reuben SS, Archie T and Millie

Assemblies

This week we had a KS2 assembly on Tuesday. In it we focussed on the values of Nuture and Individual Liberty. We considered these while discussing wealth inequality and a recent Oxfam report that detailed increased inequality over the last 4 years. The children engaged in very intelligent discussion about the topic weighing different sides carefully.



EASTER EGG RAFFLE and

BREAK THE RULES

Thank you to everyone who sent in eggs for the raffle: parents and local businesses as well as the Friends group for their generous donation. There was, as you can imagine, great excitement as



the tickets were drawn. Everyone went home with at least one egg. We also had fun today, breaking school rules for a donation of 50p per rule. Both of these events raised a further £293.49 towards the end of year show.



Science Competition

A massive thank you for all your amazing entries for the "Science at Home" competition. We were blown away by the creative, fun ways the children demonstrated

their fantastic science skills. Over half the school entered and inspired their classmates.

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to Orla, Martha, Monty and Mhyla, who all took part in the Cornwall County Cross Country Finals on Monday afternoon in Newquay. They had to battle some very cross

country like weather and 99 other runners in their race. They performed brilliantly and we are all very proud of them.



MATILDA FUNDRAISING

THANK YOU LUCY! Many of you have been working towards our fundraising effort and we truly appreciate all your efforts and support. We were absolutely thrilled to be presented yesterday with a massive £550 from Lucy Pritchard who has been busy making and selling cakes over the past few weeks. When Lucy first suggested the idea, both she and the school anticipated a sum of about £50. So we were astounded with the final result. Lucy



came into school on Wednesday to present the funds in assembly. She also brought in cupcakes for everyone! Thanks also to Joe for all the support he has given Lucy in this venture. Take a look at their new Facebook page: bakes and cakes cornwall

https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61557011761205



PROGRAMME DESIGN COMPETITION - Don't forget the competition to design the cover for the show programme. We have given everyone an entry form today and hope the children will submit their entries after the holidays. The competition is free to enter and not only will the winning entry get their artwork on the cover of the programme but there will also be prizes of art supplies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

'Matilda the Musical Jnr' local support. - The PTA are reaching out to local businesses es to help them support this year's school production of 'Matilda the Musical Jnr'. Thank you to all those businesses who have already pledged support. There's still plenty of time for local businesses to sponsor the production programme for £15. Your logo will be displayed in the programme, and you will be thanked for your support in the school newsletter. Our sponsorship deadline is 19th April 2024. If you would like to be involved and support the biggest school event of the year, please let us know by



emailing the school office. We will pass your details on to the PTA and they will get in touch with you.

RECEPTION SWIMMING - This starts after the Easter holiday. Pupils were given letters about this earlier this week. Please make sure you have returned your child's permission slip.



Farmers' Market—Saturday, 16 March

Thank you to everyone who supported our refreshments stall at the Farmers' Market a couple of weeks ago—those who made cakes, those who ran the stall and those



who joined us for coffee. We raised ± 80 for school funds.

OUTSTANDING DEBTS

Please try and clear any outstanding debts on ParentPay over the holidays. The total amount we are owed still remains very high and a lot of the debts



are for historical items, such as trips and swimming from previous terms. We cannot finalise these payment items until all debts are cleared. If you have any problems with paying, please call us - we can't help if we don't know.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 15th April—Back to school Monday 13th May—Start of SATs week W/C 20th May—Bikeability May 27th to 31st—Half Term Monday 3rd to Wednesday 5th June—Year 5 and 6 Residential Trip Saturday, 29 June —School doing refreshments at the Farmers' Market Wednesday 17th July - School Performance of Matilda at Helston School Friday 19th July—Last day of the Summer Term

Additional items attached: With the newsletter, in the email & on the website:

Online Safety Newsletter Primary April 2024

Penwith college courses

Hickory Dickory flyer

Children also bringing home latest edition of Primary Times

Hayle Heritage Centre re-opening on April 9th

We are re-opening for our 2024 season with a new exhibition - 'Hayle HerStory: untold women's stories at the heart of a Cornish town'.





Join us for free drop-in children's art activities on the 9^{th} and 10^{th} of April (10am-12pm & 2pm – 4pm).

The exhibition includes a new Under 5s exploration area, as well as activities for children of all ages.

The exhibition is free and will run until the end of August.

For more information, visit our social media or website (www.hayleheritagecentre.org.uk/events), or call on 01736 757683.

Decorate an Egg Competition

St Erth Methodist Chapel are running an Easter Competition for a decorated hens egg. Entries need to be submitted on Easter Saturday, March 30th, at the Farmers Market by 10.30 am. Classes for the under 5s, 5-7 years, 8-11 years, secondary and adult. Under 5s may use polystyrene eggs.



Penwith College UPDATE to the FdA in Childhood Education

Are you interested in starting or developing your career working with children in an Early Years or Primary School setting? Penwith College may have the course for you.

NEW for September 2024, our FdA in Childhood Education has been rewritten and now comes with the option to achieve Early Years Educator Status, ensuring individuals can achieve a full and relevant qualification for working in the early years if needed.

NEW for September 2024, our FdA in Childhood Education offers a Primary Education or Early Years pathway and is an excellent choice for practitioners looking to progress into teaching. Please see the link below for one of our student stories.

https://www.truro-penwith.ac.uk/our-stories/detail/jem-fda-childhood-education/

The FdA at Penwith College is timetabled over 2 days a week but is a full-time course, therefore learners can apply for both a tuition fee and maintenance loan from Student Finance. This can offset the impact of reduced working hours, making a return to education a viable financial option for many people. Please see the link below for finance details.

Student finance for undergraduates: New full-time students - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

FAQ: *What is an FdA?* - *An FdA is a 2 year course at levels 4 & 5. It is the equivalent to the first 2 years of a degree (BA) course.*

FAQ: What can I study after completing an FdA in Childhood Education? - You can progress onto the third year of a number of related BA degrees, including the BA (hons) Education and Training or BA (hons) Human Behaviour Studies, both offered at Truro and Penwith College.

*Please be aware that our current publicity material does not reflect the course changes planned for September 2024.

https://www.truro-penwith.ac.uk/courses/fda-childhood-education-2/