

St Buryan Academy Newsletter

Friday May 7th 2021



Key Dates

- Thursday 13th May individual school photos (smart uniform please)
- Monday 14th June Key Stage 2 Minack trip
- July 12th Activities Week

Stars of the week!

Well done to all of our children!

Tommy (Magical Maths)

Poppy (Super Science)

Katie (being a fab friend)

Jensen (Marvellous Maths)

Astrid (Wonderful Writing)

Oliver (A great class contributor)

Evan (Enthusiasm and top learning)

KS1 Sports Club Monday

KS2 Sports Club Wednesday

Believe, Achieve, Aspire Buryan Bulletin

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Despite this week just being four days, we have managed to fit a lot into it! This week I have loved popping around to each class to see all of the learning and fun activities taking place. In Penberth and Gwenver I loved finding out more about caterpillars and have been so impressed with the 'mini-beast' habitats they have created in parts of our school field. In Nanjizal they have been learning about Anglo-Saxons and it has been great to see the whole class so enthused and engaged with their learning – there has been some wonderful writing that has stemmed from this learning context. In Porthcurno Year 5 and 6 are engrossed by World War 2, they have been so enthusiastic with their learning and have handled some WW2 topics with great maturity.

I say this all of the time, but how great are our children at St Buryan? Every week they amaze me with facts, fun and make all of us proud of their achievement. Our stars of the week recognise children that have excelled in certain areas – and I think this week our Stars epitomise what St Buryan Academy is all about. We have awards for academic reasons, as well as well-being and friendship reasons. It is important to recognise all aspects of school life – there are so many moments through our time at school that we take and help us in later decision making, thoughts, feelings and judgements not to mention the wonderful friends made at this time and what we find out about ourselves and others.

Next week we have further developments to our playground taking place, there will be some excited new equipment installed on our playground, apparatus area and garden area.

This week our Eco Committee met to do some more planting and to write thank you cards to all those who have donated things to our garden development – a big thank you to you all again and we look forward to being able to get parents in to help look after and develop the garden area further.

We have an activities week planned for the week commencing July 12th – class teachers will be in touch soon with their plans for the week so look at for more news on this.

Parent Mail has been running for a while now and most parents have chosen to use this method of paying for school items. Can we kindly ask that payments are kept up to date as it saves in administration time in having to follow up outstanding amounts - thank you.

As we have been talking in school about how to be Internet Savvy and staying safe online, we have ordered a fantastic resource to complete with parents at home. These will be sent home with our Key Stage 2 children on Monday. There is a robot to build as you answer the online questions. We really hope that you will take the time to complete these with your child/children and hopefully this will help to keep them safe and protected in this world full of impressive technology!

Remember that next Thursday we have our individual school photos – so please make sure that uniform is smart and correct on this day (like every day!).

Over the next few weeks we will be asking our children the question: what kind of person do you want to be? It's always important to ask ourselves this question – it can be interesting to see what kind of person we want to be and the journey we can take.

Mr Josh McDonald

Reading, Spellings and Times Tables

As we are not setting our usual homework, please do make the effort to ensure your children are reading, listening to them read, learning spellings and times tables – thank you!

School Dinner Menu

Week commencing Monday 10th May 2021

Monday

Chicken or quorn noodles with vegetables

Oat biscuits

Tuesday

Roast pork and apple sauce or vegetable lasagne, roast potatoes and vegetables

Peach cobbler

Wednesday

Beef-burger or falafel in a bun with salad

Jelly and fruit

Thursday

Fish fingers or mozzarella sticks, chips and beans

Chocolate cake

Friday

Meat or cheese pasty

Fruit or ice cream

Jacket potatoes available Mon-Thurs (order on day)

Penberth

Our class continues to learn about nature; this week we have observed and compared different types of seeds and bulbs predicting what will grow out of them. We are beginning to enter information into our Sunflower Diaries as we observe their germination and growth. We are learning about beat and rhythm in music and we explore how music helps our imagination. Reception children started learning about 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and we focused on learning days of the week, including spelling each day's name.

Gwenver

This week in Gwenver we have welcomed four baby caterpillars! The children have been excited to watch them double in size in just a few days!

In maths the children have been learning about edges and vertices on 3D shapes. We have been looking at lines of symmetry and repeating patterns; relating our maths work to our minibeast topic.

In literacy this week the children have been eagerly writing about our new class pets. They have been finishing off their own books titled "How to be an earthworm" and have also written some brilliant book reviews for our chosen story "Aaaarrghhhh Spider" by Lydia Monks.

Nanjizal

This week we have been learning about the Anglo-Saxon kings - the kingdoms they ruled, how long they reigned and what they were like as a ruler. In English, we have continued working on the epic Anglo-Saxon poem 'Beowulf'. We've been expressing emotions through the show-not-tell technique. They designed a terrifying monster and generated powerful verbs to express their movements. In maths, we've been learning about turns and angles. They are well on their way to becoming angle experts. A polite reminder that we expect your child to read regularly, play on TTRS and spelling shed (ideally every day).

Porthcurno

In Porthcurno Class this week we are continuing with great enthusiasm on our topic of World War II. We've seen some fantastic persuasive language and writing against the burning of books and the class have been looking into the holocaust in more depth. In maths we are continuing to look at fractions, this week have been adding and subtracting mixed numbers. Our science this term is all about light and this week we looked at how light is refracted when it passes from one transparent material to another- very strange things happen!