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*Some great practical maths
taking place in Gwenver*

*It's showtime in Penrberth as
children practice their oracy and
vocabulary through story-telling*



*Some Year 6s have taken part
in 'Wave Project', a
collaborative learning
experience with our Trust
schools*



*Key Stage 2 have been
developing their cricket skills
with Kellie*



*Nanjizal have been super
scientists*



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What a busy week we have had, as you can probably tell from some of our photos on the first page. Forest School is a huge success; in fact, when discussing things we love about our school and things that we could improve in our assemblies this week, Forest School was one of the highlights. This week they did some extra cooking and crafts in their sessions. We have also been taking part in a scheme led by our Trust, Leading Edge. A group of Year 6 children have been joining forces with other schools to work collaboratively as part of a project. It has been great to see them work with children so well from other schools and hear about their thinking, team-work and how well they interact with others. Our Year 6s have also been having a taste of secondary school life as they've visited all of our local secondary schools over the past two weeks. We also encourage our children to sample each of these schools as we are fortunate to have three great options for our children transitioning to Year 7; each school has great, unique strengths and it is always about finding the right place for them. A reminder to our Year 6 parents that you must complete their applications to secondary school by **October 31st**. Key Stage 2 have been working with Kellie Williams in PE as they've looked to develop their cricket skills. It is great to see our former pupils doing so well and welcoming them back to help our current ones. We always take pride in the PE opportunities we offer, which was recognised with our PE Gold Award; we've some really exciting opportunities in PE coming up this year as we re-enter competitive leagues and more! Key Stage 1 have settled into their new classes really well; it is a challenge that we often underestimate for our younger children as they get used to new environments, routines and expectations. Now we are several weeks in, we are really starting to see their learning blossom and it is wonderful to see them so engaged with their learning. They have some great trips lined up this year, so be on the look-out for those.

Please remember if parking around the school to avoid the yellow zig-zag lines outside of school and to park considerately for our neighbours - thank you.

Next week we will be holding our first fundraiser of the year when we have a non-uniform day to raise money for a school in Africa to build a clean, hygienic toilet for their children to use. This is the idea of the children and ties in with their own 'child-priority plan' which we shared with you last week. We will be holding a **non-uniform day** where children are able to wear their own, suitable clothes for the day. We will be asking for any voluntary contribution for this as we are grateful for any money that we are able to raise. This will take place next **Friday 14 October**. As part of our child-development plan we will be looking to raise money to improve our outdoor facilities too. Our plans are to look into the installation of a path from our bottom gate to the playground; so we will be holding some events this year to help fund this.

In the final section of my section of the newsletter will be to recap our own school-priorities for the year and our progress so far:

To raise progress and attainment in writing

We have had a big focus on our writing to kick off the term and it has been wonderful to see our children embrace this. We have been implemented some successful strategies to support our children's writing and it has been great to see this in action. Today we celebrated poetry as it was National Poetry Day; we recognised this with each class having a poetry focus and learning their own poems which they all performed brilliantly in front of the school in today's assembly.

To raise attendance figures across the school

Our current attendance is 92.1% throughout the school. This significantly better than during the past two years but we still have aspirations to raise our attendance to the high 90's. You can support this by ensuring that your child is in if they are well-enough to be and that holidays are not taken during term-times.

To create collaborative learning across our Trust and community

As I mentioned earlier, we have set-up a project with Year 6 children from across the Trust and have other plans afoot with our schools including dance workshops and performances. We have also started to work with Cape Cornwall; Mrs Day, one of their Drama teachers, visits the school every other Tuesday alternating each class that she works with. We have also begun work with other organisations; for example in a sporting context we have already had Cornwall Cricket in to work with us, with schemes of work lined up with Penzance Pirates, Penzance Tennis Club, Penzance Hockey Club and Penzance Gymnastics Club. Elsewhere, we have worked with St Buryan Church with our assemblies as well as some exciting things to look forward to with published authors, global projects with schools in other countries and more. We are also going to be visited by Richard of the Stay Safe Initiative on Wednesday next week (Porthcurno won't have Forest School on this day). He will be working with our Key Stage 2 children throughout the day with a focus on Anti-bullying and then for our children to Stay-Safe Mentor training to support our young people across the school.

Have a great weekend

Mr McDonald and all at St Buryan Academy

TERM DATES 2022-23



AUTUMN:

5 SEPT - 16 DEC

(HALF TERM 24 OCT-28 OCT)

SPRING:

3 JAN - 31 MAR

(HALF TERM 13 FEB-17 FEB)

SUMMER:

17 APR - 25 JUL

(HALF TERM 29 MAY-2 JUN)

2022/23 INSETS

5TH SEPTEMBER 2022

21ST OCTOBER 2022

3RD JANUARY 2023

5TH JUNE 2023

25TH JULY 2023

26TH JULY 2023

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Further contacts are available on our website.

Headlice

We are two weeks into the school year, we advise that you check your child's head for headlice.

Further information and advice can be found here:

<https://www.lyclear.co.uk/back-to-school-head-lice-advice>

After School Clubs

PLEASE MAKE PAYMENTS THROUGH PARENTMAIL.

The club-form has reopened if you may have missed it. It will remain open over the weekend and can be found [here](https://forms.gle/7nU1w2BrNgjwuYJ27):

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Friends of the School

EVERY PARENT AND FAMILY MEMBER IS A FRIEND OF ST BURYAN ACADEMY

Our Friends of St Buryan Academy (FOS) are integral to our school as they help raise valuable funds to support our children. This year they have already helped part-fund transport for swimming to keep costs affordable for families as well as workshops for our children for upcoming school trips. They also help arrange events for our school. If you are interested in joining the FOS committee, then please speak to Abby Care (Chairperson) or Hayley Cartland. We would like to thank our committee for all the hard work they do for the good of our school and children.

Pupil Leadership Team News

THIS WEEK WE HEAR FROM OUR COUNCIL LEADERS: GRACE B, HANNAH AND LUKE. THESE THREE CHILDREN PUT THEMSELVES FORWARD AND WERE VOTED FOR THE ROLE BY THEIR PEERS IN ORDER TO HELP REPRESENT THE CHILDREN OF OUR SCHOOL AND PLAY A KEY PART IN DRIVING OUR SCHOOL FORWARDS.

We wanted to be members of the pupil leadership team at St Buryan Academy because the school means an awful lot to us, it has been a huge part of our lives for so long and we care about the school. We want to represent the children of our school and give them a voice.

One of our jobs this year is to help us meet our child-led priorities:

- Fundraising to help others less fortunate than ourselves and to improve our school grounds
- Become an Eco-friendly school and gaining an award to recognise this
- Support the growth of our school

We are working to become an eco-friendly school, which means we have to meet certain targets.

These consist of forming a committee, carrying out an environmental review, creating an action plan, involve the community to support eco-projects and engage the whole school to create an eco-promise. We were wondering, in order for us to help meet this target, if there was any parent or family member that would like to be involved in this project and could give the time to meet with the team once every two weeks during a lunch time. If you are, then get in touch with Mr McDonald.