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Tabi and Evie look out over Carn Brea using their binoculars



Charlotte and Grace use a looking glass to study insects



Gwenver were mesmerized at the Minack



Some of our awesome athletes at last week's St Ives cross country event



Finn and Finley start controlled fires using cotton wool and flint sticks



Last week's High 5 competition



Well done to our 'Choughed Award' winners!



Congratulations to Tater-Du, the winners of our High 5 competition

Action from last week's football match



Mrs Ayotte led a whole school dance to start Thursday morning off!



Some of our children performed Twelfth Night at The Minack this week



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Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter!

Firstly, it has been a quick, yet action packed first half term of 2023!

We have made huge progress with our school priorities this half term with our focusses on raising attainment in writing, improving our attendance figures and increasing our collaborative work with other schools and our community.

The whole school has just completed a unified writing project based around the picture book: Journey. The quality and progress of writing throughout each year group is wonderful to see. When you next visit for our end of term showcases then see if you can find our writing display as well as ones for other subjects which we have just revamped and updated!

Thank you to everyone for making an effort with attendance this term. Whilst it is improving, we are still some way off where we want it to be. Our current average attendance is at 92%, just below the current National Average for primaries, which is at 93%. We have aspirations to surpass that and are targeting 96% throughout the school. So there is still work to be done, but we are moving in the right direction - thank you to those who have supported this and it has been great to see the amount of children achieving 100% attendance so far this term!

A reminder to please take any holidays outside of term time as these are likely to be unauthorised unless they are exceptional circumstances. There's a useful poster in our front window with guidance on when to keep your child off school because of illness and - when possible - appointments should be booked outside of the school day; although this is often easier said than done! It would be appreciated though if your child does have an appointment, if they could still make it in for either the morning or afternoon register - if not both! Thank you for your ongoing support regarding this.

Hopefully you have noticed our increased participation and engagement with life outside of the school building. We have joined with The Minack Theatre lately to help increase our curriculum offer and extend our wider-curriculum opportunities. We have had Year 6 and Year 2 out to the Minack over this half term to carry out workshops, as well as visits in school from their practitioners to assist with our Believe, Achieve, Aspire Days.

Two of their practitioners who we have worked with recently, Emily and Imogen have recently set up a creative arts group for primary aged children who have experienced trauma, adversity, loss or struggle with confidence. I have attached a poster at the end of the newsletter for those interested.

Sticking with the Minack, a group of Key Stage 2 volunteers participated in a Shakespeare event held and managed by The Minack Theatre this week. Last Friday they learned Act 4 of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night and then on Wednesday performed it on stage. They were joined by other schools, who performed different Acts from the play - I did hear our actors stole the show though!

Further to that, we have increased our participation in sports, with our Year 5/6 footballers having winning against Sennen last week and our Cross Country runners competing at St Ives. We have further sporting fixtures lined up next half term.

Last week our Year 6 children had a great day at Gwithian taking part in the Wave Rangers project. This is an initiative backed by The National Lottery to help raise esteem, confidence and well-being in children whilst getting them outside, practicing life-skills and engaging them in the environment around. Because of the original five children who participated in the project, we were chosen to feature in promotional work for them thanks to their wonderful behaviour and engagement.

Thank you to all those who took part in our raffle! Our winners took home their prizes today - we raised over £140 through this and our Pink and Red day! This fundraising will go toward our school trips at the end of the school year, so thank you for supporting this.

We are looking at the aspirations of our children over the next few weeks within our assemblies and would like to create an 'alumni display'. On the website page with this newsletter there is a template for ex-pupils of St Buryan to fill out if they would like to feature on our alumni display. We have children have a whole host of aspirations or ambitions for when they are older - so if you are a former pupil (or know others who are and would be willing to contribute) then please do download and complete the template. We are looking for people from various jobs and careers to feature. The link to the template is here:

Have a great weekend and half term - see you on Monday 20th February
Mr McDonald and all at St Buryan Academy

Curriculum updates

Recently we have been working on developing our **key concepts** within the curriculum we deliver to our children.

Key concepts are designed to enhance children's knowledge by linking skills in all subject areas. This helps them identify links to learning in earlier years at St Buryan, so that they are building on what they have learnt previously.

In Geography, in order to achieve the desired outcomes around the study of a locality, the key concepts that would need to be strengthened would be: Location, Physical Features, Human Features, Physical Processes, Human Processes, Techniques (map reading).

In a History example, the key concept of 'Artefacts' may be evident in each year group and relatable to children through the following focuses: Toys (LKS1), Romans (LKS2), World Wars (UKS2).

As a DT example, children may begin to make cross-curricular links. For example, when looking at the Key Concept: Materials, tools and components - which will occur when designing a product - the child may be able to make links to learning within science.

Through the year groups, the depth of the key concept progresses. Looking at the History example, it may be that the 'Artefacts' are initially primary artefacts, developing to secondary or a wider range of examples before beginning to develop deeper thinking and linking what the artefact may to us as historians.

Key concepts at St Buryan have been implemented after much research has proven that children making explicit links to their learning across the years allows them to build on knowledge further. Each subject has its own set of Key Concepts that teachers refer to in order to thread together learning and the development of children's knowledge. There is more information on our curriculum page on our website. Remember that you can stay up-to-date with your child's learning through their class page on our website.

Link to Key Concept information:

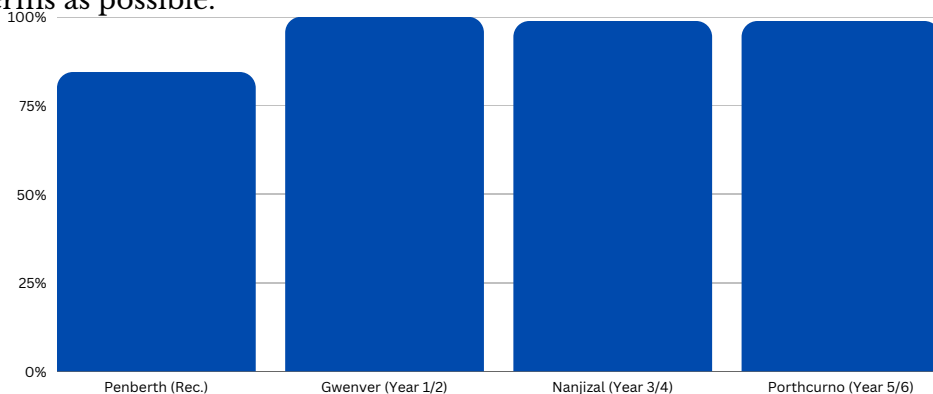
http://www.stburyanacademy.com/storage/secure_download/c3I5YXVLSmM3T3U4WUQxUHQ4WUlfDz09

Parental Survey Feedback

Thank you to everyone who contributed to last term's parental survey. Your thoughts are valued and are taken on board to continue our ongoing school journey. The link below takes you to our parental survey feedback, which can also be found on our 'Parents' section of the website.

http://www.stburyanacademy.com/storage/secure_download/SHZsakV4bWZ6bzlkQnNibDFCbHZrdz09

Something that you wanted to know more of was your child's attainment outside of parents meetings. Today our Year 2-Year 6 children will receive an update of their Autumn Term assessments taken just before Christmas, along with their attendance figures. Next term Year 1 and Reception children will receive a similar form along with the rest of the school and we will endeavour to get these out as early into the new terms as possible.



Attendance by class for week 30th Jan-3rd Feb 2023

Well done to Gwenver who managed 100% attendance. Porthcurno and Nanjizal were both over the National Average too with 98%.



crab walkers

Crab Walkers is a creative arts group for primary age young people who have experienced trauma, loss or adversity, or children who struggle socially and lack confidence.

It runs every Thursday at
Trelva
The Lescudjack Centre
Penzance
TR18 3PE
3:45 - 5:15pm

Ran by
Imogen & Emily



Contact
education@minack.com
to express an interest
and explain why you
think the child will
benefit.



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.



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.

PARENT READERS

If you, or a family member, is interested in coming in to help listen to readers, please see your child's class teacher.

FAMILY TIME

WHY NOT GET OUT WITH YOUR FAMILY AND SPEND SOME QUALITY TIME TOGETHER WHILST BEING ACTIVE!

Active Together

FREE family sports every Tuesday and Friday 5-6pm,
Mounts Bay Sports Arena. For parents and children.
Turn up and play! Have fun! Be active!

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