St Buryan Academy Newsletter

Friday 25th June 2021



Key Dates

-5th July: Sports Day -12th July: Activities Week -21st July: Leavers' Service -23rd July: End of Term

> Stars of the week! Well done to all of our children!

Reception: Tommy for endurance with his Phonics and having a great attitude towards his learning!

Year 1: Poppy for endurance in always trying her best and having a great work ethic!

Year 2: Ayla for excellence in her storywriting!

Year 3: Florence for excellence in her handwriting!

Year 4: Hannah for endurance and working at her comprehension skills!

Year 5: Jack N for his empathy and for being a kind, helpful role model.

Year 6: Ebony for excellence in writing a fantastic flashback story.

MR TREMAINE'S SPORTS CLUB; MON - KS1 WEDS - KS2 BOTH UNTIL 4:30PM

Believe, Achieve, Aspire Buryan Bulletin

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Thank you for catching up with your child's teachers this week!^{Rectory Road,} St Buryan We hope that you found these consultations helpful, it was great to speak to you all about how your children are getting on in school. If you missed these consultations, please get in touch with your child's class teacher to arrange a 'quick catch-up.'

On my learning walks this week I have really enjoyed seeing how engaged our children are with their learning, whether it be bugs and beetles, Vikings or World War 2; children are immersed and engaged. This week we also carried out our end-of-year assessments, these aren't something I normally talk about within newsletters but I was so pleased and proud of the progress our children have made, especially over the last term and being back in school.

Earlier this week you would have received an email from myself regarding updates surrounding COVID19, please ensure that you read this and follow the measures it outlines within it; as I have said several times: your understanding, co-operation and support of the school is greatly appreciated – thank you.

Our attendance has been superb all year, it is important that we keep this up as a whole school, but we do need to be cautious with illnesses over the next few weeks, we have to do our bit in protecting our wider community; yourselves, our children and staff are all part of this.

Last week we told you about our Key Stage 2 visit to the Minack; we mentioned that not only did they have a wonderful time, but how their positive behaviour was praised by local secondary schools and I am thrilled that again the great behaviour of our children has been noticed as some of our Year 6s enjoyed a trip to Cape Cornwall school this week with them being called a 'real credit to the school'.

We love recognising the achievements of our children outside of school; whether it be sporting accolades, Blue Peter challenges, supporting our community or much more. Today we wanted to give a 'shout-out' to Emily who participates in the Cornwall County Girls' Choir. The county choir have had some pretty impressive achievements of late and get to perform in some amazing places. If your child is interested in joining the choir then feel free to contact Julie before the 28th June on <u>jkbccc@gmail.com</u> for audition details; there is of course a boys' choir for those interested too!

I have had several families ask about the re-opening of the bottom gate lately. Due to the current guidance in place we will not be opening the gate up as the outside area is used up until 3.15pm, and at times up until 4.30pm; we cannot permit parents to be crossing this area due to both COVID related restrictions as well as safeguarding purposes. We also need to ensure that our morning and afternoon handovers are monitored; with the opening of another entrance/exit it means that it would be more difficult to ensure that this is done efficiently and safely. It is important for our teachers to have what interaction they can with our parents at the moment and with the current drop-off and collection arrangements we can ensure that this happens. We are aware that there may be a 3-way traffic light set-up in the village soon which may result in the road being busier, we are in discussions to ensure that this remains safe for our parents and children, but in the mean-time please be mindful when parking and waiting so that roads and driveways are not blocked or difficult to access – thank you.

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Parking, pick-ups and drop-offs

We politely ask you to be mindful of our neighbours and those on the road during drop-off and collection times. Please ensure that your vehicle is not blocking the road or any access points and that when waiting you are not in the road or on our neighbours' property, including those opposite the school – thank you. Please ensure that the school entrances are not blocked at any point – cars should not be parked on the yellow zig-zags. This includes when dropping off, even for Breakfast Club. Thank you.

School Dinner Menu - Week commencing Monday 28th June 2021

<u>Monday</u>

Macaroni cheese (with or without gammon) and salad

Oat biscuits

<u>Tuesday</u>

Roast pork and apple sauce or lentil stuffed pepper, roast potatoes and vegetables

Pineapple-upside down cake and custard

<u>Wednesday</u>

Chicken pie or vegetable frittata, mashed potato and vegetables

Rice pudding

<u>Thursday</u>

Fish fingers or cheese bites and chips, beans and mushy peas

Carrot cake

<u>Friday</u>

Meat or cheese pasties

Ice cream

Jacket potatoes available Mon-Thurs (order on day). Fruit and yoghurt available each day.

<u>Penberth</u>

This week our Reception children have continued their work on subtraction and had lots of fun working with Pete the puppet to count missing treasure. In literacy they have been developing their skills on retelling stories and discussing the features of a story, focusing on the Very Hungry Caterpillar. They have also been exploring animal life cycles and how we can save our planet.

In maths, the Year 1's have been learning quarters of quantities the children have found this challenging but some real resilience displayed by all! In literacy, we have been pondering what creature will hatch out of an egg found in Mrs Baker's garden! The children have been developing stories about the creatures based on The Very Hungry Caterpillar. Y1 and 2 have been learning about different habitats in the UK and drew maps of school habitats in Science.

<u>Nanjizal</u>

This week the children were lucky enough to spend some extra time with Mr McDonald whilst I conducted the parental phone calls.

In English, Nanjizal have been writing their own newspaper reports. In maths, they have been learning about tenths and hundredths as well as the equivalence between decimals and fractions. In our topic work, we have been learning about trade in the past and modernday trade. They have looked at where in the world food is grown and how far food travels to reach our plates. We have also looked at Viking gods and how they influenced aspects of words we use today – I wonder if you can think of words we use that they have influenced?

Gwenver

This week in Gwenver the children have been focusing on measure, our new maths unit. The children had fun measuring different 2D and 3D items around the classroom using rulers and metre sticks to record accurate measurements.

In literacy this week the children have been busy writing their story maps for our story "Aaarrrggghhh spider!". We have learnt the whole story map with actions - ask your child and see how much they can remember! In guided reading we have been learning about a Monkey adventure park, and our phonics focus this week was exploring consonant clusters.

Porthcurno

This week Porthcurno Class have been considering how to write a balanced argument using the context of children being evacuated in WW2. It has really made them reflect on the positive and negative impact it had on children. In maths they have been working on decimals, particularly focusing on adding and subtracting them, they have done really well with some tricky numbers. In their topic work they have looked at rationing during WW2 and created some wonderful posters. Meanwhile in science, they have begun to look at electricity and had fun making electrical circuits. Do check out our page on the school website for photos of science in action! Also, a reminder to Year 6 parents, please upload your photos to Google Classroom – thank you!