

St Buryan Academy Newsletter

Friday April 30th 2021



Key Dates

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

Stars of the week!

Well done to all of our children!

Merryn (enthusiasm for learning)

Rupert (love of learning and a top attitude)

Ayla (top attitude towards learning)

Eva (wonderful writing and character description)

Natalia (sensational writing)

Kiona (fabulous diary writing and creativity)

Amilie (dedicated and studious attitude towards work)

Believe, Achieve, Aspire Buryan Bulletin

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It has been another busy week here at St Buryan with lots going on! We made the most of the good weather this week with lots of outdoor learning, whether it just be taking our lessons outside, to making mini-best/bug habitats, developing our garden space, to taking part in forest school activities.

Our nursery continues to thrive, it's so pleasing to see our nursery so well attended and the children in Chy Palores loving their time there.

I have spent a lot of time in classes of late ensuring our children are happy, thriving and enjoying being back at school. There's some fantastic learning taking place in all of classrooms and I am really proud of the exciting and engaging curriculum we are offering.

Remember that you can check out our website to see what each class' current learning context is and under our 'Curriculum' header you can view our learning for the whole school over the next couple of years.

There are more exciting developments to the school ground taking place over the next month in the shape of additional playground features!

I wanted to say a big 'Well done and thank you!' to Hannah in Year 4 as over lockdown she was busy helping raise funds for our Friends of St Buryan Academy. Hannah took it upon herself to paint shells and sell them in the community to help raise money for the school – we are so appreciative of her efforts and it was a lovely gesture.

If you are interested in joining our 'Friends of School' committee then please email friendsofschool@stburyanacademy.org – they have supported our children and provided them with some great opportunities and are such an asset to the school.

We also wanted to thank all of our parents at the school. We appreciate there has been some change in things like payments with the transfer over to ParentMail, our temporary closure to afternoon wrap-around care and the fact that we haven't been able to have you past the gates for so long! So, thank you to you all for your ongoing support to our wonderful school.

As we approach further steps through the Government's 'road map', it's still important to remember that we have to do our part in ensuring that school and St Buryan remains a safe place to be. Please ensure that at drop-off times any children waiting or already collected remain by your side and aren't running around the waiting area, climbing on the gate or swinging on the ramp rail. It is still important for adults to be socially distancing during drop-off and collection times. Remember that dogs are not permitted on school property and if bringing your dog along with you at these times, please wait outside the gate and be mindful that not all children are confident around them or may have allergies. Thank you.

We have also had a couple of days with a bit of drizzle... so please ensure that your children are still bringing their coats into school and that all uniform is clearly named. We have collected a few bits of uniform that are unnamed of late and we don't want children going home with uniform that doesn't belong to them – especially at this time.

Remember that Monday is a Bank Holiday!
Have a fantastic long weekend,

Mr Josh McDonald

Breakfast Club

Please contact Mrs Care on secretary@stburyanacademy.org for a booking form.

School Dinner Menu

Week commencing Tuesday 4th 2021

Monday

Bank Holiday

Tuesday

Cottage Pie (vegetarian mince option) with vegetables

Bread and butter pudding

Wednesday

Macaroni Cheese with or without ham alongside sweetcorn and peas

Pavlova with cream and fruit

Thursday

Fish or mozzarella sticks with chips, beans and mushy peas

Chocolate tiffin

Friday

Meat or cheese pasty

Fruit or ice cream

Jacket potatoes available Mon-Thurs (order on day)

Penberth

We have continued our learning about plants this week and have been focusing on seeds. We looked at how plants are really clever when it comes to dispersing their seeds. We also planted sunflower seeds and are really excited to watch them grow. We also thought about mini beasts' habitats; we made a variety of habitats and will be observing if and how they're used by variety of wildlife. Year 1's have been having lots of fun learning about capacity and volume in maths and Reception are revisiting composition of number.

Gwenver

This week in Gwenver we have been exploring the properties of 2D shapes. The children have been exploring what makes these shapes different from 3D shapes, what makes them similar and have been confidently counting the sides and vertices. The children have been introduced to some challenging maths vocabulary this week! I have been so impressed with how they have used this in their independent work.

We have been enjoying the wonderful weather and the children have enjoyed taking their learning outside.

In literacy the children have been learning about minibeasts and habitats. We have been looking at how to make our own ladybird habitat and what sort of habitat would a worm like to live in. We have been learning a song this week in literacy - see if your child can sing it to you!

Nanjizal

This week, Nanjizal have continued to learn about the Anglo-Saxons. We have learnt about the Anglo-Saxon runes (their alphabet) and coded and decoded messages to each other. The Anglo-Saxons really enjoyed writing riddles, so we attempted to write riddles or facts in runes for a display. We have started to learn the names of the English counties; this will then lead onto the different kingdoms of the Saxons and we will make comparisons to then and now, plus plot key archaeological finds, battles and shore forts. In English, we have started reading Usborne's narrative version of an epic Saxon poem - 'Beowulf'. The children have written really impressive character descriptions of a fictional hero to defeat Grendle, the savage beast. They have also written character settings for inside and outside of the great hall of Heorot. In maths, we have been learning about charts and line graphs. We've had great fun gathering data, creating charts and interpreting line graphs.

Porthcurno

This week we had another fabulous Forest school and gardening session. There was so much to do! We planted 100 trees, some were added to the garden and others went into pots. We filled up the raised beds with top soil and planted some of the veggie plants we had in our cold frames into the vegetable patch. We also did some cooking of tasty damper bread over the fire and a spot of den building- and a bit of creative clay. We were so impressed with how hard the children worked and what great team work we observed. In the classroom we have been continuing with our World War 2 topic which the children are really engaged in. We have seen some more fantastic diary writing this week, from the perspective of a Jewish child this time. In maths we are focusing on fractions and the class have been doing really well adding and subtracting fractions.