



Autumn Newsletter

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Kynance: A fabulous, Christmassy week to start December off! We have made our own baubles for our Christmas tree, to display pictures of my family. We have started our Welly Wednesdays off. Please ensure your children have wellies for this. The children are doing amazingly for their Nativity! We are so proud of them. We have explored weather, autumn and have discussed ice formation when we discovered it outside. Please access Tapestry to keep updated with your child's education - we have noticed a dip in parent engagement with this and we love to show you the fun learning opportunities that we experience.

Star of the week: Harley B for showing amazing phonics progress.

Community: Layla for demonstrating resilience.

Gwithian: A great week of learning this week. The children have begun learning the story of Little Red Riding Hood by exploring the characters and ways to describe them and creating freeze frames, considering what they might be saying or thinking. In maths we have continued looking at addition and next week will start subtraction within 10. The children really enjoyed their trip to the museum learning about 'Old Toys', they explored old toys and games, compared them to present day by sorting them according to materials and colours. They also made their own wooden peg dolls which required focus, scissor skills and determination. Thank you to those parents who volunteered. Next week we will continue learning through the story of Little Red Riding Hood, innovating it to create our own class version and in topic we will further dig into 'Old Toys'. A reminder for any outstanding Nativity costumes to be in by Monday please. The children have worked extremely hard and are very excited for you to watch the performance on Wednesday.

Star of the week: Kara for a fantastic effort in Nativity practice, and singly clearly and loudly.

TLA Community: Isaac-Kindness: Always being a kind and lovely person, helping adults and peers and trying to make everyone smile.

Home learner: James for consistently completing homework each and every week.

Sennen: Sennen have had a busy week. We have been learning our multiplication skills and the children are showing real confidence in creating equal groups. Practising counting in your 2s, 5s and 10s at home to improve that confidence even further. In English we have been looking at Instructions and hope to be writing our own next week. The class really enjoyed writing command sentences starting with imperative verbs. We have also started a new book in Guided Reading called On The Way Home. The children are keen to find out what happens next.

Star of the week: Lois for working hard in all lessons.

TLA Community: Leonie or resilience when completing all tasks.

Fistral: This week Fistral have started to write their non-chronological reports about Stonehenge. The children have been using their plans to write up information and interesting facts about it. In topic, we continued our learning about the Stone Age by looking at the food that Stone Age people would have eaten and how they would have collected it. We then made woven baskets out of paper to show this. In maths, we have begun multiplication by looking at what multiplication is and patterns in numbers. We had a wonderful Harry Potter day this week and the children loved dressing up as their favourite characters, making potions, hats and wands. We wrote character descriptions, and the afternoon was finished off with a Harry Potter quiz.

Star of the week: Hudson for a detailed and informative non-chronological report.

TLA Community: Amira for always trying her hardest.

Home Learner: Skye for making a wonderful Stone Age weapon.

Pentire: In maths, we have been solving word problems including money questions. We have also started using apparatus to learn about multiplication. We have been writing informal, first person recounts about food travelling through the digestive system. Some children have been composting a musical piece to model the journey though each of the sections of the digestive system whilst others have been swimming. We have enjoyed practising our carol service songs and readings. We have used our neat, joined handwriting to create calendars and we have looked at the results from our egg experiment and found that Coke stains teeth and Vinegar erodes enamel. Next week, we are starting the build up to Christmas with a practise at the church, we will continue our recounts and are looking forward to seeing the Key Stage 1 nativity production.

Star of the week: Peter for his enthusiasm and engagement in maths sessions.

TLA Community: Skye for her empathy and compassion towards others.

Home Learner: Kornel for continued practise of his spellings, week on week.

Summerleaze: Summerleaze are riding the final twists and turns of their topic, enjoying learning about all the forces that act on a roller coaster. In maths, we are looking at our multiplication reasoning and problem solving. In literacy, we will be finishing off our stories and creating our own books to bring home showing off our writing.

Star of the week: Lily-Mae for working hard on her writing.

TLA Community: Willow for showing superb resilience in maths and literacy.

Home Learner: Eve for putting 100% effort into her homework.

Marazion: Calculating with fraction has been our maths theme for this week - we can now add and subtract fractions and we will go onto look at multiplying and dividing the as well. We are coming to the end of our piece of writing and the children have been finishing their stories - next week we will be editing and improving our work before we write it up as a whole piece. Our topic about World War 1 is continuing and we have been looking at the role of women during the war. We found out about the different jobs they took and it led to a very interesting discussion about whether women should have been paid the same as men for doing the same role in the war. The discussion about equal pay has rolled on since 1916 - and doesn't look like it's going away any time soon!

Star of the week: Rocco great writing this week.

TLA Community: Alfie Newland for a great attitude to learning.

Home learner: Chloe for making a great tank at home.

School attendance: We finished the week with another low figure of **86.3%** for our whole school attendance. A reminder that we **start the school day 8.45am**, too many children are arriving late! An **absence form MUST be completed** for all appointments taken during school hours.

Kynance: 78.6%

Fistral: 87.2%

Marazion: 86.5%

Gwithian: 96.5%

Pentire: 88.2%

Sennen: 80.4%

Summerleaze: 87.8%

Please remember to call the office: 01872 277635 before 9am to report your child absent, with a reason for their absence.

Notice board

Christmas is truly upon us now! Today's Christmas fair marks the start of our run in to the end of term. I would like to thank FOTLA for their hard work in putting the fair together. The support this and other events provides to the school is so valuable and allows us to improve and upgrade aspects of our children's learning experiences.

I would also like to congratulate our sports teams in their recent efforts. Both the athletics teams and football teams have been great ambassadors for our school participating with good sportsmanship regardless of how they have fared. Well done everyone.

Please can I ask parents to ensure their children are in school each day and are on time. Following this week's meeting with our Educational Welfare Officer, the amount of educational time some children are losing is a cause of concern. We are aware that there are a few bugs going around and this can be unavoidable, but we urge you to ensure that children are only kept off school if they have been sick and not just feeling sick or their siblings are sick. If we need to send a child home due to illness, we always will and if you are unsure about keeping your child at home, please ask.

I hope that you all enjoy a restful weekend and the Elves aren't too mischievous at home!

Mr Hadley-Head of Academy

Holiday hamper

If you require a food hamper over the holiday period please see Miss Saunders to order before Friday 13th December.

Outstanding payments

A reminder that **all payments and permission** must be made via **parent pay**. We can no longer accept cash payments. Please speak with Miss Saunders if you require reminder log in details.



Arbor App

A reminder that we are now using Arbor which replaces e-schools. This allows you to receive the latest secure text messages and emails from us. After school clubs will also be added and you will need to book your child's place via Arbor from January. You can update the information that we hold about both you and your child. Users can only see the data for their child, and for themselves. Data regarding other contacts is inaccessible. Please

enable notifications via the app.

Afterschool clubs

These finish next week, a new list will be issued in January to start Monday 13th. You will need to log in to Arbor and book your child's place once the clubs have been released. Paper slips will no longer be issued.

Poppy Appeal

We raised £131.95 for the Royal British Legion. A huge thank you.

Christmas lunch

Please ensure you have pre-ordered via parent pay no later than Monday 9th December for KS2.

Calendar of events

December

9th-The Book People-****Red Bus will park up on KS2 playground for the day****

11th-EYFS and KS1 Nativity performance 2pm and 6pm in the Hall **** (2 tickets at 50p each per family will be available)****

12th-Rocksteady parent concert - from 9am in the hall ****children can dress up or wear accessories****

13th-Christmas Jumper day ****uniform to be worn with the jumper****

16th-KS2 Carol service at All Saints Church from 2pm (parents welcome) ****Christmas jumpers may be worn with uniform****

18th-Christmas lunch ****pre order no later than Monday 9th December****

19th-Class Christmas parties after lunch ****girls bring in savoury and boys bring in sweet foods** children can change into party clothes**

20th-Last day of term 1pm finish ****Christmas jumpers may be worn with uniform****

23rd December-3rd January 2020 Christmas break

January 2020

6th-First day back of Spring term at 8.45am

13th-After school clubs start this week

15th-EYFS & Year 6 height and weight check

