

6th December 2019



Menabilly Class

This week has been a very exciting start to December. Buddy our elf has arrived! He has been very busy and caused much merriment when we all arrive in the morning!!

We have been busy getting our Christmas decorations ready for our school tree decoration ceremony on Monday and we also have been making Christingles with Year 6, who were our wonderful guides, for our Friday Christingle service this week

In maths we have begun to think about time, looking at times of the day and working out what we do at what time of day. In literacy we have looking at information books and completing our own Christmas labelling activity.

Porthpean Class

We have really impressed Mrs. Cameron and Miss Warn this week, showing off lots of things we've learned this term in maths, English and Read Write Inc (phonics).

Next week we will be moving on from number to work on shape; naming, sorting and describing 2D and 3D shapes. In English we will be reading winter poetry and writing our own Christmas poems, focusing on using interesting adjectives to describe.

We obviously have lots of festive activities planned too. We will be hanging our decorations on the Christmas tree in the hall, making our Christingles with Year 6 and taking part in the service in the church. We have our Christmas Make Morning on Thursday, which we'd love you to join us for. We will also be continuing our rehearsals so that we are ready to perform to you all on Friday morning.

Pendower Class

A busy week was had by all in Year 2! We have enjoyed showing off all we have learnt so far! Yesterday we made some Christingles for our service today. We also wrote up a fact file and some instructions to go with it. We have been learning our poem, scarecrows Christmas off by heart ready to perform too. Next week we will be making our own Christmas cakes to sell and we look forward to our make morning with parents to help us decorate them.

Whipsiderry Class

Year 4 have started creating their own portal stories this week, putting our imaginations to work and develop our knowledge of fronted adverbials and adjectives. We have also been reading one of the most famous portal stories of all time too, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. In maths we are been continuing with our development of our multiplication and division knowledge. We have also been trying our hand at sewing making some fantastic Christmas decorations. It will be our last swimming lesson on Wednesday, the children has worked incredibly hard to develop their swimming

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Charlestown Class

Year three have had a hard week this week with lots of end of term assessments. They have shown great perseverance and resilience completing the tests. So well done all of you. Next week our normal maths lessons shall resume with formal written methods for multiplication.

In English the children have been working very hard to write their own innovated versions of Escape From Pompeii with stories set everywhere from Japan to Italy to Pompeii. We will be finishing and editing our stories next week.

In Topic we completed our work on Hadrian's Wall and will be starting to look at Boadicea and the British rebellion next week.

Porthcurno Class

Porthcurno have written up their stories using their neatest handwriting. These are now on display in our cloak-room area. The variety of different characters, school venues and challenges included in their work is amazing. In maths we have looked at the layout of pie charts and also how to read bus or train timetables. Some pupils are still getting to grips with 24 hour clock so please ask them some questions such as 'what is the time now?' or 'what will the time be in three and a half hours?' using the 24 hour clock format.

The class have been making some decorations all ready for Monday's 'decorating the tree' event.

Pentewan Class

This week, Year 6 have been consolidating their work on fractions, decimals and percentages - it has been superb to see pupils really joining up their skills in these areas and applying them to their mathematical reasoning. In our cross-curricular work, they have written an explanation of how we see (including how light travels from its source and how light is received by the eye) and writing instructions for how to make a Christingle. On Thursday, the pupils supported children from each class across the school to make their own Christingles ahead of our annual service, which took place on Friday afternoon. All visiting staff were very impressed by their organisation skills and the considerate way in which they welcomed and supported the younger children. We are especially proud of the pupils who read out their diary entries (as figures from the Nativity story) as part of our Christingle service. Congratulations too to our two musicians, Ella and Jasmine, who came first for their recorder duet at the St Austell Festival of Music & Speech!

Next week, we are looking forward to the exciting range of events taking place, including: dressing the tree; watching the Rec/KS1 Nativity; supporting the Nursery Christingle service; the Christmas make morning; and the Christmas Fair - we are all bracing ourselves for a busy week!

Reading Records

You will notice in this coming week that two new prompt sheets will have been added to your child's reading record. The first of which is a list of suggestions to help structure a reading conversation with your child. These are the types of prompts which adults in school will follow, when reading with your child. It is not necessary to cover each point every time you read but you are welcome to use them to guide your conversations.

The second prompt sheet is a list of useful points, which adults in school use, to consider when providing feedback to your child. They are not a comprehensive list but a suggestion of examples which may be helpful when identifying specific things that your child has done well when reading and any areas that they may need to practise more in the future. You do not need to use these examples but you are welcome to refer to them if you find them helpful.

Attendance

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	School
89.6%	88.3%	97.3%	93.1%	90%	100%	97.2%	93.5%

Dates for your diary:

12th December	Christmas Make Morning (parents invited 09:15-10:30)
13th December	Rec & KS1 Nativity play (tickets available Mon 25th Nov) Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Fair (School hall 14:00—16:00)
16th December	FOTA Breakfast with Santa (tickets available 25/11 -6/12) Rec & KS1 Nativity Play (tickets available Mon 25th Nov)
18th December	Christmas Dinner
19th December	FOTA School Cinema Trip
20th December	Last day of Autumn Term, school finishes at 1:30pm
6th January 2020	First day of Spring Term
14th February	INSET day
17th-21st February	February Half Term
27th March	Last day of Spring Term, school finishes at 1:30pm
14th April	First day of Summer Term
4th May	Bank Holiday—School closed
25th-29th May	May Half Term
21st July	Last day of Summer Term, school finishes at 1:30pm



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Healthy Under 5's

As you may know we achieved healthy under 5's status last June and we are trying to embed all strategies from this scheme. Our most recent introduction and that staff have had training for is **Healthy Movers**. Healthy movers has been devised to provide weeks of physical activity ideas to support the development of the whole child. More information and parent handouts to follow!

Dragonflies

We will be consolidating the numbers & letter sounds we have learnt so far.

We will continue to work on our Christmas crafts and displays.

Star of the week this week is Rosie-May well done Rosie-May!

Rosie bear will be going home with Beaux, we hope Rosie is well behaved for you Beaux!

Dates for your diaries

The week of 9th Dec there will be several visits to the Church in readiness for our Christingle service on Friday 13th at 1.30pm.

Children's Christmas lunch Wednesday 11th Dec.

Children's Christmas party Wednesday 18th Dec 12-3pm

Last day of term 20th Dec, we close at 1.30pm.

Damselflies

This week we have a plethora of children on our "pot of gold", Elena, Poppy, Madison, Abel & Esme well done to you all!

Benjamin bear has gone home with Charlie, we hope Benjamin is well-behaved for you Charlie!

Christmas crafts are being made throughout these final weeks on the run up to Christmas.

All children should come to nursery with named belongings, e.g. coat, closed toe shoes, socks, wellies, packed lunch box, drinks bottle, sun hat etc.

Please can I remind you to bring in nappies, wet wipes and it is always good to have plenty of changes of clothes.

Elaine Taylor

Nursery manager