

Headteacher update

This week we started the week by talking about the value of mistakes. We found out that making a mistake can feel very uncomfortable, and lots of us didn't find it easy, but we also discovered that mistakes can be very valuable in our learning. At Sennen we place a high value on revisiting our work to understand our mistakes and use them to help us grow.



On Wednesday, Brisons were lucky enough

to have a visit from Mickey Smith, who brought in some of his photography equipment as part of their computing topic. The children were so inspired and asked lots of wonderful questions. They loved exploring the equipment, and have a great idea of how we can use our photography skills to cerate our Christmas gifts!







Forest school this week involved learning how to use tools to make arrows. The children's listening skills were very impressive and they mastered the skill very quickly. We then used our arrows to do some target practise! Next week will be our last session before Christmas to make way for our Panto dress rehearsal. We will continue our sessions in the new year.

Next week our new secretary starts (on Wednesday). We would like to thank Mrs Mear for all her hard work over the years and good luck with her new journey. Our new secretary is called Mrs Raitt and I know she is looking forward to starting and getting stuck in. I'm sure you will find opportunities to pop in and say hello. We will let everyone know about her working hours once she is settled.

Apologies that the high five had to be cancelled on Thursday, it's such a shame when they are so excited but sometimes these things are unavoidable. We are looking to rearrange ASAP. Miss Clackworthy is also making contact with local schools to see if we can arrange more high five and football matches in the new year.

The results of our Christmas light competition are in! The children did a great job coming up with some fantastic designs that encompassed both Sennen School and Christmas. We have 2 winners and 2 runners up who had designs with a

similar theme.

Winner—Liv, runner up—Velvet





Winner Finnley, runner up— Oona

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Important dates:

- 0-0-0-0
- Longships tennis Monday
- Brisons group 1 swimming—
 Tuesdays
- Cowloe Forest School Fridays
- Bikeability— 28.11 & 30.11
- 10.12.22—FOSS Xmas fair
- 12.12.22—Christmas performance—Longships & Cowloe pm
- 13.12.22—Christmas performance—Aire & Brisons pm
- 15.12.22—Potential Xmas party
- 16.12.22—Last day of term 2
- 3.1.23—INSET day, school closed
- 4.1.23—first day back for children



Health advice—Scarlett Fever

Whilst we have not had any confirmed cases in school, we have been advised that cases of Scarlett Fever are on the rise in Cornwall. The NHS describes Scarlet Fever in the following way:

The first signs of scarlet fever can be flu-like symptoms, including a high temperature, a sore throat and swollen neck glands (a large lump on the side of your neck).

A rash appears 12 to 48 hours later. It looks like small, raised bumps and starts on the chest and tummy, then spreads. The rash makes your skin feel rough, like sandpaper.

A white coating also appears on the tongue. This peels, leaving the tongue red, swollen and covered in little bumps (called "strawberry tongue").

If your child has any of these symptoms, they should see a GP straight away to get advice.

A message from Miss Clackworthy—Cookery club

Cookery starts this Thursday! There will be a small cost of £1.50 per child to cover baking supplies.

I've set one Thursday per year group:

Thursday 1st December - Cowloe & Longships

Thursday 8th December – Year 1 and 2 – Brisons

Thursday 15th December – Year 1 and 2 – Brisons.

Dates for week 5

Monday—Tennis for Longships

Tuesday—Swimming for Brisons group 1

Wednesday —PE for Brisons, Longships & Cowloe

Friday—Forest school for Cowloe & Aire

Clubs (3.15—4.15):

Monday—no running club

Tuesday—writing club for years 5&6

Wednesday—multi-sports for KS2

Thursday— High five for KS2, Stay and play for KS1, cookery for KS2

Have a great weekend!

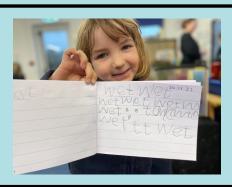


Aire class round up

We have had a blast these last two weeks in Aire class and continue to be wowed by the progress the children are making especially in their English and Maths! Well done guys! Last week, our focus read was 'The Best Diwali Ever'. The children enjoyed learning about this colourful celebration, spotting similarities and differences with other celebrations that they were already familiar with. The children made Diwali cards, rangoli patterns with paint and coloured rice and sand and diya lamps out of clay. This week, our focus text has been 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. The children have naturally been on their own bear hunt, creating a textured map of this. In Maths, we have focused on the composition of the numbers 4 and 5. The children have really got to grips with writing the numerals 1-5 and have even started to write number sentences to explore different ways of making 4 and 5 - brilliant! The children have also made their own version of the song '5 green bottles' including '5 beautiful gems' and '5 hairy waffles'. They have played doctors, had sleepovers, taught each other phonics and lots more. In Forest School, the children have mulled apple juice, learnt to make toast over the fire, made clay faces and willow star decorations. Such a great few weeks.... always a pleasure Aire Class!





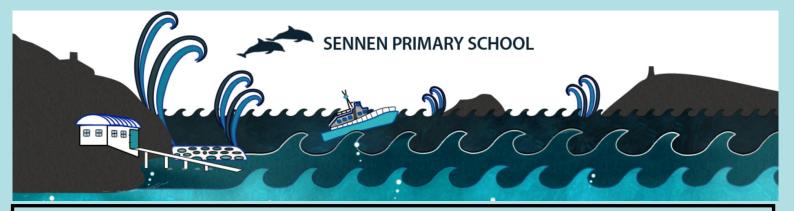




Brisons class round up

Brisons have had a fun filled week this week, we had Mickey Smith come in to talk to us about his amazing photography and showing us all of his cameras and prints which the children loved! We are going to use his ideas to create some Christmas gifts which we will be selling at our Christmas performance. We have done some amazing art and drama this week based on the book we are reading 'The three little wolves and the big bad pig.' They have all also worked hard practicing the Christmas play. They are doing a great job learning the songs and I know you will be very impressed with their production.





Longships class round up

This week in English, Longships have focused on finishing their setting desriptions. They took great pride in their presentation and could see a huge improvement from their unedited versions. We have attached some to this newsletter so that you can be equally impressed! In maths, year 4 are starting to learn about the area of shapes and year 3 are learning to subtract using column method and have started to exchange. This has proved very tricky but they have kept going the whole week! Our design technology lesson was interesting as we are practising joining to help us create our pavilions for holding a potion bottle and in science we have been planning a fair test to investigate of all liquids evaporate—what a great week!











Cowloe class round up

Wow! What a busy week we have had. The children have been practising the play and we got the stage out today. Please can you help your child learn their lines and practise the songs as we only have 2 weeks! Next week their home learning will be to practise their parts! In Maths we have been learning all about the different types of numbers such as square and cube and we are playing lots of games to help them be more fluent in their times tables. In English we have been writing a non-chronological report about the Day of the Dead and we will be comparing life for a child in Mexico to the children's lives in Sennen next week. We have a lot to fit in in a short amount of time but the children are so positive and helpful; I'm really proud of them!













Curriculum focus

Over the last year, we have worked very hard on our wider curriculum to ensure that pupils see that there are many different ways to excel. I want to raise awareness of the work going on in school by highlighting a different subject in each newsletter. This week the focus is geography.

Geography develops children's knowledge and understanding of people and places. At Sennen, we learn about the wider world as well as local areas, looking at the physical, social and economic issues surrounding each case study. Use of maps, atlases, photos and the internet ensures a well-balanced and interactive method of learning for all pupils. There are many cross-curricular links with subjects such as literacy, numeracy and history. In the Foundation Stage, children learn about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects and materials. They are able to discuss their own immediate environment and understand how environments may vary from one to another. During Key Stage 1 and 2, pupils explore physical and human differences in the world around them. Children learn about the skills needed to ask geographical questions about a locality in the UK compared to a locality in a less economically developed country. Children are taught how settlements differ and change and they understand environmental issues linked to these. Children also learn about water and its effect on landscapes such as rivers and coasts. They are taught differences in weather and the effect of climate change.

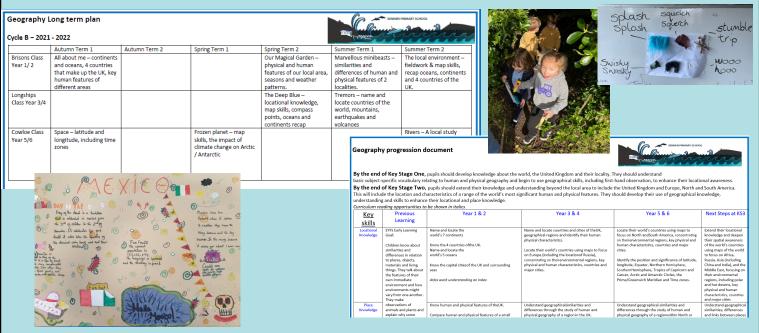
Our Geography curriculum aims to ensure children develop:

- · Research and recording skills;
- Connections between human and physical geography;
- · Use of sources of evidence to create argument;
- Hypothesis skills;
- · Investigative skills.

Below is a breakdown of objectives by year group and a long term plan.



On our website, we have full progression documents and long term plans so that you can find out more about our intentions and what your child will be learning.





Do you have a child due to start school in September 2023 or know someone that does?

We are currently doing tours for anyone that is considering Sennen for September 2023—Spread the word!

Our weekly nature club sessions for preschoolers have been going very well. It has been lovely to welcome children from Sennen preschool and other families into our site. If you know someone who would like to join us, please let them know.

Sennen School Stay and Play Nature Club for pre-schoolers with Mrs Hulse and the Muddy Pup. Every Wednesday morning from 10:30-12, the wonderful



Christopher's Garden will open its gate to pre-school children aged 2 plus for play, learning and Forest School-inspired fun! Expect to explore, make friends, laugh, learn and probably get dirty. Each week, we will offer an adult-led activity, snack and lots of free play in a super space. Please bring your grown up.

A message from the pre school:



The first and last pub is holding a quiz night this Sunday 27th Nov at 7pm. It costs £2.50 to take part in the quiz and there will be a lovely raffle at the end. Every week the proceeds will be donated to a different local charity and this week they have chosen Sennen Pre-school.



A message from FOSS

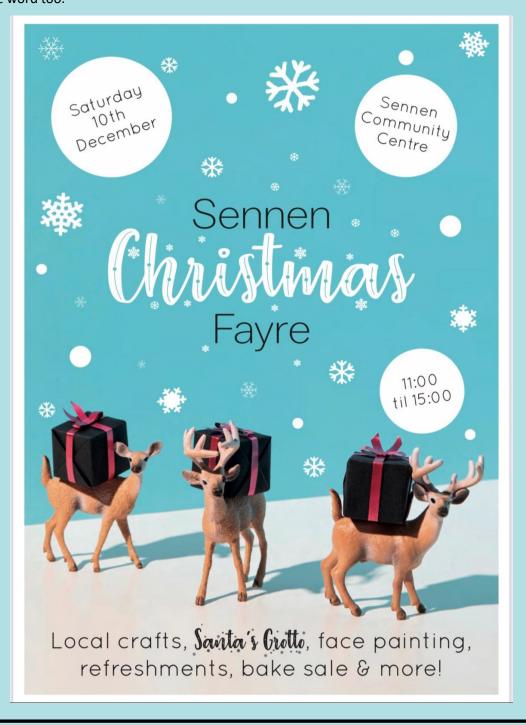
FOSS -Friends of Sennen School are super busy arranging our first annual Sennen Christmas Fayre on Saturday 10th December 11am til 3pm at Sennen Community Centre.

We need lots of volunteers to help this event run smoothly. Please comment below if you would be able to help on the day - we need help to set up and pack down tables, a couple of elves for the grotto (12-2), a couple of general runners, people to run games (these will be supplied), assistance with the bake sale and cafe.

Any help is greatly appreciated.

Please come along to support the event too! There will be a raffle, Santa's Grotto, face painting, games, refreshments and bake sale, along with all the lovely stalls. Come and get festive with us!

Please spread the word too.





Lunch Menu

Children will be asked what they would like each day by their teacher. Children in year R—2 get infant free school meals and it is £2.42 for the rest of the school, other than for those pupils who have been awarded income based free school meals.

