

SENNEN SCHOOL

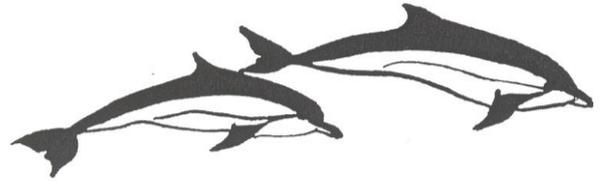
NEWSLETTER

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ATTENDANCE A.M: Aire 92.1%
Brisons 98.6%
Cowloe 97.9%

AIRE CLASS - Last week's highlight was our first Beach School, where the children enjoyed using the sea-water for their Maths capacity activities. Many thanks to the parents who helped us with this. We are also very grateful to all the parents who have accompanied us to our swimming lessons, and are glad to be swimming again this week. For this second week of the half-term, we have been starting some new projects. The children have enjoyed making the Titanic role-play in the classroom, following their own planning for it last week: some great ideas for using different resources. Some of the children were shocked that the Titanic didn't have a McDonalds or TV on it! We have been learning about the different rock formations that give our classes their names - Aire, Brisons and Cowloe, drawing these and writing about them. We have also enjoyed reading 'The Great Kapok Tree' and starting our Lafrowda with butterflies. In Maths, our current virtue of Resourcefulness has been very much to the fore, as we have been finding halves of objects, shapes and quantities. Next week, we start to look at quarters too...

AIRE LEARNING LEGEND is Megan, for starting to use maths resources more independently when solving halves problems.

BRISONS CLASS - We have had a fun-filled week this week, and the children thoroughly enjoyed making bread. Caterlink came in and ran an excellent bread making workshop. We learnt about the origins of bread, which linked perfectly with our Ancient Egyptian topic. The children expertly kneaded the dough and were very creative with their shapes. We enjoyed eating this together in the afternoon and many children requested the recipe. The children have enthusiastically started making for Lafrowda, we have started the structures for leaves and flowers. In Maths, we have finished fractions and

had a few lightbulb moments; we think the chocolate might have helped! The children have started writing diary entries based on 'The Black Hat.' The children have been extremely imaginative and are working hard on their ambitious vocabulary. Despite beach school being cancelled, we still managed to paint beautiful hieroglyphics onto our pebbles.

BRISONS LEARNING LEGEND Jago for showing great resourcefulness when trying to solve a problem during PE.

COWLOE CLASS - We have had a fantastic start to the half term. The children have begun to work on their persuasive writing unit, focussing on letter writing. We have been researching the negative effects of single use plastic and used their understanding to write a letter to the government asking for supermarkets to reduce their use of plastic packaging. The children have also been introduced to the story, The Great Kapok Tree. This tells the story of what happens when we chop down trees in the rainforest. We will be learning about deforestation and the impact of this on our planet. The story is also our focus for Lafrowda this year. This week we began making our models for the Lafrowda festival, where the children chose an animal from the story to create using the willow. They will begin painting them next week. In Maths, the children have been reading and writing decimals using place value counters and base ten. The use of manipulatives has really helped build their confidence and understanding. The Year 6 children have been gathering data and drawing line graphs.

Next week is our residential trip to Heatree. Please remember to check the kit list and bring in a packed lunch on Monday. We will open the doors at

8.30am for the children on the trip so that we can collect medication and leave promptly at 9.15am. I am really excited for the visit and look forward to keeping you updated on the fun we are having. **COWLOE LEARNING LEGEND** is Izzy. Izzy has taken her time in maths this week and shown great resilience. When she found a new concept challenging

she persevered and used the manipulatives available to help develop her understanding. Well done Izzy!

The winning house this week is Vellandreath with 676 house points, Gwynver had 671 and Maen 622. Jacob had the most points for Vellandreath, Treeve for Gwynver and Henry G for Maen - well done everyone!

HEAD TEACHER - Exciting news! Wicksteed are beginning the first phase of our new playground on Monday! They are going to be clearing the land and installing the trim trail. We will then need to get fundraising for phase 2! The company have completed a thorough risk assessment for working on site while the children are in school and have decided to fence off the areas they are working on for the safety of the children. Obviously, this area will not be supervised out of school hours so please make sure the children keep out of the area at these times. The works are expected to take 3 weeks.

On a more upsetting note, there have been issues of vandalism both on school site and in the community. I have made contact with the neighbourhood police and have asked them to come in and talk to the children about respecting our community, I will let you know when this is happening. Please be extra vigilant and report any issues or concerns to 101.

We have also received some concerns regarding pupils riding their bikes on the A30 without a helmet. We will be speaking to the children about how to ride their bikes safely over the coming weeks.

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK?

- MON** Heatree Camp - children to arrive by 8.45
Paradise Park Trip
Dance Club 3:15-4:15 Yr R-6
- TUE** Beach school - collect from beach at 3pm
- WED** Cookery Club 3:15-4:15 Pre-booked only
Heatree camp return at approx. 4pm
- THUR** Wake and Shake 8:30-8:45 Yr R-6
Gardening Club 3:15-4:15 Yr R-6
Football Club
- FRI** Minack Trip

CAPE CORNWALL YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAYS

Will be held on the 25th and 26th of June. There will also be a Year 6 Parent Evening on the 26th from 5-6pm.