



"Learning that lasts a lifetime"

## Newsletter

What a week! All the children were very excited by what was, for some, their first experience of snow! I'm glad everyone stayed safe and sound.

Thank you to you all for sensible driving and parking around the school, especially since we no longer have a caretaker on site every day. The good news is that I've had confirmation that works to improve parking and traffic flow will start during the Easter holidays! This has been a long time coming and will make such a difference for everyone. All the planned works will take a while to complete and may make things a little worse before they get better so please bear with us during this time! I have also received another, very polite, request from a local resident to highlight some concerns. Please can parking on residents' driveways, junctions and pavements be avoided and please be alert to residents reversing out of driveways—apparently there has been the occasional 'near miss' I would hate for anyone to be injured on their way to school.

More good news...! Two members of our Early Years team recently travelled with a group of practitioners from other Trust schools to attend a briefing at the Early Excellence Centre in London. Following consultation with Early Excellence, we are pursuing an exciting opportunity to become an Early Years Hub and Training School due to the fantastic provision for our youngest pupils. Well done to all that work in the Reception and Nursery classes!

### BBeebies news.....

On Monday BBeebies went to visit The Lost Gardens of Heligan. The children have been really enjoying the stories of the Mud Maid and The Giant by Sandra Horn and Karen Popham, which we have been reading in nursery. They were really impressed by the enchanting sculptures which we found sleeping on the woodland walk. These were created by local artists Sue Hill and her brother, Pete.

We also learnt a little about the history of the gardens.

Did you know that the gardens and forest lay buried for almost a century, overgrown with plants, broken trees, and hidden under blackberry brambles? Local people were inspired to bring these once glorious gardens back to life and they are now one of the most visited botanical gardens in the UK. A huge thank you to all our parent helpers that made this trip possible.



# ATTENDANCE

We're happy to report our continued attempts at raising the importance of positive attendance with pupils and have put the following in place:

For the class achieving the highest attendance each week, a Friday 'Popcorn Pass' will be granted. This involves an hours treat of a film and popcorn to munch on! Here are the winners from this week.....**ANGELS CLASS**

For the individual children achieving 100% attendance throughout the week, their names will be put into a draw. Two names will be drawn and a small prize will be given to the winners.

Our current whole school attendance stands at **95.38%**, a percentage that is below the government expectations. Thank you for all your support in ensuring the positive attendance of your child and keeping school informed of any illness or absence.

Classes	%	No of lates
Little Doves	93.7%	1
Little Fish	97.41%	2
Little Lambs	90.04%	5
Peacocks	98.89%	0
Phoenix	97.7%	0
Pelicans	88.93%	5
Angels	99.15%	1
Faith	97.04%	0
Hope	96.03%	2
Total	95.38%	16

## 2018 Spring Term Diary Dates:

**Half Term** - 12th—16th Feb

**Class Photographs** - Mon 19th Feb

**LKS2 visit to Newquay Zoo** - 26th Feb

**Rainbows Eden trip** - Tues 27th Feb

**KS1 trip to Pendennis Castle** - 28th Feb

**Lent Communion** - 1st March at 2pm

**World Book Day** - 2nd March

**BB Friends Meeting** - 7th March at 2pm

**Science & Engineering Week** - 12th—16th March

**Parent consultations** - w/c 19th March

**End of Spring Term** - 29th March, school finishes at 3.15pm,  
there will be NO BBKIDS running



## **BAD WEATHER EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

In the event of snow or extremely bad weather, we will text out to all parents any closure news. It will also be posted on our website and announced on Radio Cornwall/Pirate FM. If we take the decision to close the school during the school day, you do not need to contact us before collecting your child as this would only overload the telephone lines. **Please rest assured we will NOT close the school until all children have been collected.**



**BBKIDS TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 01726 65471—THIS IS FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY**

## Professional Athlete Visit

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March a professional athlete will be visiting the school to lead an inspirational assembly and then lead the children in a sponsored workout. 40% of this money goes towards supporting young athletes in the early stages of their careers (as explained on the sponsorship form, which was given out today). The rest of the money goes to the school. This year we have decided to donate our share of the money to Sports Relief. If you would like to know any more, please contact Mr Daysh through the office.

## Sports Update

We have a busy few weeks coming up after half term with competitions in rugby, basketball, cricket and cross-country! Congratulations to the year 5 and 6 sportshall athletics team who have qualified for the Cornwall School Games final in April. Year 4 and 5 children have just completed a fantastic 5 week block of rugby coaching from a Cornish Pirates coach.

## Daily Mile

You may have heard your children talking about the Daily Mile. This is a new initiative we are taking part in that involves all children in the school attempting to walk, run or jog a mile every day! The Daily Mile has numerous benefits for children:

- Within 4 weeks, children who do The Daily Mile become much fitter
- The Daily Mile is very helpful in reducing childhood inactivity and obesity.
- Children bring the benefits home, often eating and sleeping better and encouraging their families to be active together
- It improves their perception of exercise, and promotes the idea of self-care
- The 15-minute break from lessons is invigorating and leaves children more focused and ready to learn.
- The time spent outside, in almost all weathers, helps children become better engaged with the outdoors and aware of nature and the seasons
- The Daily Mile is non-competitive, fully inclusive, and the children have fun!
- The Daily Mile builds self-esteem and confidence
- The Daily Mile is also a social occasion, and can facilitate communication with other children and teachers
- The Daily Mile helps build relationships, with children often helping and encouraging their peers

If you like the sound of the Daily Mile, it might be worth finding about the weekly Eden Project Parkrun. This is a free weekly timed 5km run which takes place every Saturday morning at the Eden Project (and various other locations around the UK). For more information go to <http://www.parkrun.org.uk>





## Climbing Courses • Ages 7 to 18 • Nationally Recognised



### NICAS Courses:

Our under 18 indoor climbing courses start with NICAS, National Indoor Climbing Award Scheme, which is a nationally recognised award scheme to develop and accredit the skills of young indoor climbers.

#### Scheme Aims:

- Promote best practice
- Develop climbing movement skills
- Learn climbing rope work
- Develop teamwork and trust with others
- Develop hazard awareness skills
- Point the way to further climbing



### The Scheme:

#### Level 1 Foundation Climber:

An entry level award aimed at novices wishing to learn basic climbing skills under close supervision

#### Level 2 Top Rope Climber:

A top rope proficiency award aimed at promoting best practice in climbing and bouldering/traversing on an artificial wall. You need to have successfully completed level 1 before progressing to level 2.

On successful completion of each level a pass certificate will be awarded to the candidate in recognition of their achievement.

#### Dates/Costs:

**Registration:** £7.50 (includes log book and certification)

#### Level 1: £56 + registration

3 x half day sessions spread across 3 days: 13, 14 and 15 February 2018 (9 hours of coaching)

#### Level 2: £75 + level 1 prerequisite

4 x half day sessions spread across 4 days: 29, 30 and 31 May and 1 June 2018 (12 hours of coaching)

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