



Newsletter

11 October 2019

Weekly news

This week has been Dyslexia Awareness week, as well as World Mental Health Day on 10th October.

The children have spent some time in class learning about dyslexia, how it may affect people differently and also how people with dyslexia may display strengths in certain areas like problem solving, creative ideas and technical abilities.

We have also looked at mental health and well being, learning how important it is to have a good mental health as well as physical health. We have been exploring our emotions, learning how our behavior may affect others and how it's important to be able to talk to one another about our feelings.

Other topics this week have included making music and discovering instruments, learning about the properties of materials as well as World War 2.



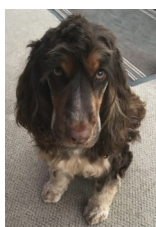
Despite the poor weather this week, rain definitely didn't stop play in nursery. The children still enjoyed a fantastic active session this week, splashing around and investigating their reflections in the puddles.



Today the school photographer visited school for individual and sibling photos. We expect to be able to send the proofs and order forms home with your children on Monday.

Unfortunately the Miller Shield football match due to take place today, against St Stephen, had to be cancelled due to the weather and poor pitch conditions. The match will be rescheduled again shortly.

Next week we shall look forward to Mrs Bawden visiting us for a special assembly with her Pets As Therapy registered dog, Maple. Please let your child's class teacher know if your child has any allergies which may be affected by Maple's visit.



We hope you all have a relaxing and restful weekend and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

Forthcoming Events

14th October - Bedtime stories (4-5pm)

21st - 25th October - Half term

w/c 28th October - No extra curricular clubs this week

31st October - Parent Meetings (3:15-6:15pm)

1st November - Prospective Parent Tour (3:30-4:30pm)

6th November - Parent Meetings (3:15-6:15pm)

15th November - Children in Need

16th November - St Austell Torchlight Carnival

25th November - Prospective Parent Tour (3:30-4:30pm)

26th November - Year 6 St Austell Christmas Lights switch on (4:00-4:30pm)

27th November to 6th December - St Austell Poetry Festival

2nd December - Nasal flu vaccinations (Reception - Year 6 inclusive)



Holly	Nursery
Arthur	Reception (KE)
Evie	Reception (LP)
Kendrik	Year 1 (PW)
Lowen	Year 1 (CG)
Ruby	Year 2 (DB)
Jago	Year 2 (KO)
Tayla	Year 3 (COB)
Evelyn	Year 4 (SH)
Scarlett	Year 5 (GR)
The Whole Class	Year 6 (JW/DL)

Arbor Communications

Please ensure you have installed the Arbor app on your device together with enabling push notifications, to ensure you do not miss important school communications. We are now using the 'In App Message' facility, which will provide you with a notification if a message has been sent to you. With so many events being planned for the coming months, we really want to ensure that everyone is aware of forthcoming activities and events.

Please read the [Arbor User Guide](#) should you require any further information about the Arbor App and contact the school office if you have any queries. Thank you.



Infant Bedtime Stories

We are holding our annual Infant Bedtime Stories on **Monday 14th October from 4:00-5:00pm**. This is always a fantastic evening and we regularly have 98% of the infant children return to school to take part. As always, we ask that your child is dropped to the outside door of their own classroom at 4:00pm, dressed in their pyjamas with slippers or trainers and, of course, it would not be bedtime stories without their teddy bear to hug (one named teddy bear per child please).

As well as enjoying story time the children will have milk and biscuits. Please let your child's class teacher know if your child has any food allergies that will mean that they will not be able to enjoy these refreshments.

Whilst the children are engaged in bedtime stories there will be parent information workshops taking place for all parents. These workshops are important as they will provide you with the vital information you need to support your child with the next stages of their schooling. Please see the letter emailed home on 9th October for further detail of the event.

Please sign in to Arbor (Activities>Trips) to provide your consent, if you and your child would like to take part in this fun and informative event by Sunday 13th October.

We really do hope to see as many of you as possible at this event.



St Austell Torchlight Carnival

It's that time of year again and as the evenings draw in so the Winter festivities begin. We are very excited to confirm that we are once again participating in the annual St. Austell Torchlight Carnival. This fantastic community event takes place on Saturday 16th November 2019.

Our theme this year is 'Save Our Animals'. The lanterns we make will be of animals that are extinct or close to extinction.

Rather than making lanterns in class this year, we are instead running two workshops in school for parents, grandparents and guardians to attend alongside their child, where you will be able to create your lantern together. The two workshops will take place on Tuesday 5 November, you may attend either in the morning from 8:45 - 11:30am or during the afternoon from 2 - 4pm. If you do intend taking part in the carnival, please ensure you come to one of the workshops.

The cost of the workshop is £2 per child, with monies received going towards the cost of materials for making the lantern. By signing up to the workshop, you are committing to coming to the Torchlight Carnival and being responsible for your child at the event. Please see our letter home and sign into ParentPay to provide consent and make payment. Thank you.



Parent Volunteers

We are currently looking for more parent volunteers, to assist with reading with the children in class.

If you have any spare time on your hands and would like to volunteer for this rewarding role, please contact the school office who will provide you with the necessary paperwork to apply. Please do not hesitate to contact us, should you have any queries.

Bag 2 School

Thank you to everyone who has already donated items for our Bag2School scheme, helping to raise funds for school.

The collection continues until 9am on 18th October, at which time the bags will be collected and weighed.



Awards

Well Done to the following children who have received awards this week.

Times Table Stars:

Scarlett	- Year 1 (PW)
Lerryn	- Year 1 (CG)
George G	- Year 2 (DB)
Lucy	- Year 2 (KO)
Matthew	- Year 3 (COB)
Demi	- Year 4 (SH)
Hollie Bes.	- Year 5 (GR)
Jaden	- Year 6 (JW/DL)

Spelling Awards:

Elsie	- Year 1 (PW)
Brynley	- Year 1 (CG)
Amourly	- Year 2 (DB)
Croyde	- Year 2 (KO)
Alex	- Year 3 (COB)
Madison	- Year 4 (SH)
Ethan	- Year 5 (GR)
Lowenna	- Year 6 (JW/DL)

Bronze Merit:

Ellie, Casey & Isaac	- Year 3
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Silver Merit:

Hollie Bes.	- Year 5
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Gold Merit:

Finley	- Year 5
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Reading Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils who received reading award this week.

EYFS & KS1 Awards:

Amelia	- Year 1 - Rocket Reader
Evie	- Year 1 - Star Reader
Scott	- Year 2 - 500 Reads

KS2 Awards:

Ellie	- Year 3 - Ready reader
Alex	- Year 3 - Ready reader
Theo	- Year 3 - Ready reader
Zenna	- Year 3 - Ready reader
Casey	- Year 3 - Ready reader
Lillie O	- Year 3 - Ready reader
Amelia S	- Year 3 - Ready reader
Taylor	- Year 3 - Ready reader
Isaac	- Year 3 - Ready reader
Elsie E	- Year 3 - Ready reader
Ruben	- Year 3 - Ready reader

Amara	- Year 5 - Star reader
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Attendance

Whole School : 95.6%

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Government satisfactory attendance for a pupil is **96%**.

Mrs Evans - 94.7%

Miss Polmounter - 92.9%

Mr Williams - 96.4%

Ms Green - 96.4%

Miss Bussandri - 95.5%

Mrs Osborne - 95.3%

Miss O'Brien - 97.0%

Miss Heather - 95.4%

Miss Rogers - 96.3%

Mr Walker & Mr Lockett - 95.6%

Menu

Week beginning:

Monday 14 October 2019

Menu Choice - Week 1

Price £2.30*

**For children not entitled to free school meals*



Are your blinds safe?

Babies and young children can be strangled by looped blind cords and chains.

Keep them safe by:

- ✓ Securing cords and chains out of reach with a suitable safety device fixed to an adjacent surface. Cords can be wound in a figure of eight around a special hook called a cleat. A tensioner or tidy will hold a looped cord or chain permanently taut.
- ✓ Moving furniture and children's beds, cots, highchairs and play pens away from windows.

For more advice, go to:
www.rspa.com/blindcords www.capt.org.uk/blind-cords
www.tradingstandards.uk/campaigns www.makeitsafe.org.uk

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- Thinkers
- Aspirational
- Resilient
- Supportive

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