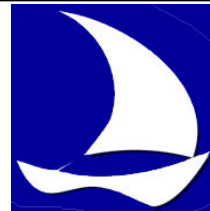


'Blue' Briefing



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September, 2011

Keeping you in touch with events at St. Columb Minor Academy

We are an Academy!



All smiles!

A picture from our end of year show, the Peace Child. Well done to all members of Musical Theatre who took part.

Learning to ride the wave of life

Welcome to the 'Blue School' newsletter.

Our newsletter is a vital link between home and school. It is issued to each family at the beginning of each month in paper format or by electronic reminder. (If that is what you prefer!) It is published on our website on the same day. If your copy doesn't arrive at home with your child, please ask where it is! You will also see copies of it around the community as we welcome all members of our community to be involved with our school and share our successes and celebrations. We try to put as much information as possible into the newsletter to reduce the need for lots of little notes home which are easily lost in transit. You will also find the reply slips for a whole range of activities at the back of the newsletter. You don't need to read the news from every year group if it's not relevant to you, but you do need to read all of the important articles in between. Remember that if you lose your copy you can find it on our website with back editions (see address below).

We welcome all new families to our school. Please feel free to pop in and get to know us!

I am certainly looking forward to another exciting year at the 'Blue School'!

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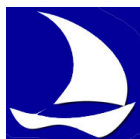
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Staffing News

As we start a new academic year we would like to welcome Rebecca Shaw and Jodie Munley to our teaching staff. We also welcome new teaching assistants Lisa Harvey and Carol Llewelyn (maternity cover). We welcome them all and hope that they will enjoy being members of Blue School!



Thank you very much to all of those who have brought in their 'treasure' boxes containing lots of exciting information about their holidays. This has been a really lovely start to our first topic 'All About Me'. You still have time to put together a box of collectables, photographs and toys about what your child has done in the holidays if you would like to. During this topic we will be finding out about ourselves, our families, our school and where we live.

Could we please remind you to label EVERYTHING!! Sewn in labels are the most successful way of ensuring items are returned back to you. We like the children to have water bottles, P.E kits, welly boots and book bags in school on a daily basis. Please be sure to send your child to school with a waterproof coat too as we will be providing opportunities for the children to learn and explore outside regardless of the weather!

We do hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend our **Foundation Stage Welcome Meeting on Friday 9th September at 3.30**. We will talk more about the Foundation Stage and how we plan to work together as a team to support your child. We will go through the daily routines and will talk about the best way to communicate between home and school. We will be discussing when we will send reading books home, how you can support your child with this, phonics folders and tricky words, as well as how you can support your child in other areas of the curriculum too.

Finally, we have very much enjoyed meeting so many of you at the Learning Together sessions and for those of you who experienced them, we hope you enjoyed your hot school dinners! Can we ask you to return your Learning Together evaluation forms to your teacher along with any outstanding toys and books as soon as possible.

We look forward to working with you all this year.

The Foundation Stage Team



Musical Theatre

I'd like to thank everyone for their support in making this year's Summer Production of 'The Peace Child' such an amazing success. All of the children who took part were fabulous, showing off all of their talents. I expect like me you will all have spotted some future stars and we look forward to seeing their names up in lights. Huge thanks to all the cast, crew members, parents and carers who helped with, lighting, sound, admin, costumes, dancing, acting, singing, props and staging. It was a show of Comedy, Dance and Music where the children confidently entertained us! The show fitted in brilliantly with St. Columb Minor's community spirit of helping each other. A true team performance and I am already looking forward to next years show.

Thanks again,
Jules Jenkin Musical Theatre Leader.



Foundation Stage News Starfish and Jellyfish

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely summer and are looking forward to what we know will be a fantastic year ahead.

Congratulations to Katie York who had her baby boy during the holidays. We are very excited to meet him!

The children have had a really great first day and we have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know them! They look so smart in their school uniforms!

We are very pleased to welcome Rebecca Shaw to our teaching team. We would also like to welcome Carol and Lisa to our team as teaching assistants.

We appreciate that you may still be a bit curious about how we plan to ensure that all children have equal access to free-flow learning and to the outside area in Foundation Stage. Each class will have their base room where they will register in the morning and in the afternoon. During the mornings we will rotate the classes so that all of the children have access to all areas of learning. The teacher will teach their own class for each lesson. Angelfish room will be where the children have their choosing learning time. They will be able to go either inside or outside the classroom. Starfish room will be where the children will have their maths lessons and will again be able to go either inside or outside the classroom for this learning. The new Jellyfish room will be where the children will have their phonics lessons. The children will be able to use the courtyard to access outside learning. For instance, finding sounds in the water and sand, chalking sounds on the ground and finding objects related to certain sounds in the environment. In the afternoon all three classes will join together in the current two classrooms for our independent free-flow learning both inside and outside the classroom. If you have any questions at all please speak to any one of our team.

We are very excited about our parade on Friday and are sure that you have been working very hard over the holidays to get your flags made!! If you would like to accompany us during the parade around the village please let us know, as we do need helpers. If you would like to help in the classroom this year, whether you have experienced volunteering in school before or not, please let us know. It does not matter how many or little hours you can give, every second is highly appreciated and extremely valuable!



The Vision for our School

The beginning of the school year is a good time to review our vision, mission and aims.

The staff annually spend time discussing what we want to achieve across the year and in the future. We are still happy with our vision statement but made amendments to our aims last year.

We have a vision statement, motto, strap line (whatever you want to call it) that is in keeping with the local area. We originally thought about why people come to this area and many of our ideas took on a nautical theme. We thought about the journey of life and how unpredictable it is and that reminded us of waves. We also thought about the fact that all of us are always learning and our prime purpose is to prepare our children for the future for whatever may come their way. We agreed on the following:

Learning to ride the wave of life

Our mission statement:

We believe in....

- A safe, caring and stimulating environment
- Equality of opportunity
- Respect for all individuals, valuing diversity
- Quality teaching and learning
- High expectations of achievement and behaviour

Our school aims to:

- promote high self esteem through the recognition of individual qualities
- encourage self respect, forgiveness, honesty, confidence, humour and independence
- foster an informed appreciation of cultural diversity and international understanding
- demonstrate our commitment to global citizenship
- realise the intellectual and physical potential of all
- develop enthusiasm, independent thinking and learning enhanced by an international perspective
- promote an understanding of spiritual and moral values which reflects the core virtues of our school
- inspire imagination, creativity and a sense of awe and wonder



Clams and Limpets Year 1 News

Welcome to the start of a new school year and to the Year 1 team. Nathan Bennetts and Lesley Rogers enjoyed getting to know the new Limpets during the Learning Together sessions in the Summer Term and Nikki Cotterill, Meg Calton and Jane Mounter have got to know the new Clams very well too. We have had a great first day back to school and are all looking forward to an exciting Autumn Term.

The children in Year 1 have settled in so quickly and are now encouraged to come in on their own in the mornings, which will aid their independence. They all look so smart in their uniforms and we are really pleased to see so much uniform that is named! (If you have a few items unnamed, please do this soon as it really helps when items become separated from their owner!)

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the Year 1 Welcome Meeting which is this **Thursday 8th Sept at 3.30pm**. At the meeting we will outline what your child will be learning this year and how you might support them with their learning. Following the meeting we will send you a summary letter covering all the main points so that you can refer back to this over the term.

Thank you to the many parents and family members who have already volunteered to come and help in the classrooms. Your help is so valuable and very much appreciated. If you would like to come in for just an hour to hear readers or help with spellings, painting or anything else, please see your child's teacher – the more, the merrier! It doesn't matter if you have never been in before, all are welcome.

We hope that you will help your child to learn at home by reading each evening and practising their tricky words. It really does make a difference to their progress in class when they read regularly at home.

Our first topic this term is '**Ourselves**'. We will be having talks by people from the community like the police, the fire brigade, dentists, nurses and paramedics and we are looking forward to this. Perhaps you can talk with your children about people in the community, the jobs that they do and the uniforms that they wear. If **you** are one of those people and want to come to talk to the children, then please let us know!

Please can you make sure that your child has their PE kit in school **every day**. This includes plimsolls as we will be doing outdoor PE in the first half of this term. Please make sure that all PE kit is named too.

We look forward to welcoming so many of you into the classroom over the term. Do not hesitate to come and ask us if there is anything you need help with.



The teaching and support staff in Year 1.



Mussels and Oysters Year 2 News

Welcome back to school! We hope that you had a good summer break and are now rested and ready for an active school year. Having met our new classes at the end of last term we are very much looking forward to some fantastic learning!

We would like to introduce the Year 2 team to you!

Mussels– Mary Hoyle, Tina White (Teaching Assistant) and Clare Kennedy-Smith (Midday Supervisor)

Oysters– Sarah Woodfinden, Sue Scott (Teaching Assistant) and Jane Mounter (Midday Supervisor)

Our topic for the first half term is **Buildings and Structures**. We will begin by looking at castles and we have organised a trip to Pendennis Castle on **Wednesday 14th Sept**. You will receive further information about this shortly in a separate letter. Please start collecting and sending in boxes of various shapes and sizes as the children will be making castle models!

Our host country in Year 2 is **India** so if you have any artefacts, fabric etc. we would be pleased to receive items on loan. During our topic we will be finding out about important buildings in India.

We hope that you will continue to hear your child read regularly and spend some time together talking about the books they are reading. This year your child will continue to have Phase Word Spellings to learn so that they can spell them correctly in their writing. We will test these in school on a regular basis and keep you informed of how your child is doing. This way you will know which ones to support them with at home. It is important at this stage that children know their number bonds to 10 so we will begin by focussing on this. A thorough knowledge of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables in Maths is vital so the children will be receiving a times tables booklet later in the term to help you support them with this at home. The children will receive a Rainbow Wall maths target from time to time, which will support the learning of these essential skills.

We will be holding a **Parents Welcome Meeting on Monday 12th Sept at 3.30 p.m.** where we will be able to give you much more information about life in Year 2. This is, of course, an important year where your child will be assessed formally against the national curriculum learning goals. We will talk to you about how this works and how best to support your child so that the year is an exciting and enjoyable one with no unnecessary pressures.

As always we look forward to a happy and productive term. In the meantime we are always grateful for help in the classroom. We hope that your child will enjoy the forthcoming year. However, if you do have any concerns please get in touch straight away.
All the teaching and support staff in Year 2.



Term Dates for the Year 10/11

Autumn Term 2011

Tues 6th September—16th December
Friday 21st October Training Day for teachers
Half Term 24th October—28th October

Spring Term 2012

Tues 4th January Training Day for teachers
5th January—30th March
Friday 10th February Training Day for teachers
Half term 13th—17th February

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE TO END OF DEC TERM AND START OF JAN TERM OF ONE DAY!!

Summer Term 2012

Monday 16th April Training Day for teachers
17th April— 24th July
Half term Mon 4th June—8th June



For Year 6 Parents !!!!!

Year 6 SATS week 2012 has yet to be announced. These tests usually take place in early May.

It is **very important** that your child is in school this week and in the weeks prior to the tests. No holiday leave will be sanctioned during SAT's week for Year 6 pupils.



Important dates in September

6th—15th September Year group

Welcome Meetings These meetings are very important as they set the scene for the coming year. All staff who are involved with your child will be represented. The meetings provide advice about how to support your child with their school work and homework. Please make every effort to attend.

6th—9th September One World Week (separate flyer issued)

7th September Friends of Blue School 1st meeting of the year. (FOBS) This is a meeting for people interested in supporting the school with fund raising activities. We are always looking for new ideas and new members. Join us in the staffroom at 6.00 p.m.

16th September Parents' Forum 9.00 Staffroom

This meeting is open to **all parents / carers**. It is an opportunity to talk with Jennie Walker (Headteacher) and Phil Mason (Chair of Governors) about ideas and developments for the school.

21st —23rd September Year 5 Residential to Delaware (separate information already issued)



Sports Update

We are looking forward to another fantastic year of sport! We enjoyed many successes last year including:

- Participation by all year groups in cluster festivals at Treviglas and Tretherras
- the football team's success in the league
- the success of the cross country team
- A wide range of after school sporting opportunities, including extra football for Year 4-6
- Sports days
- Our first ever Olympic Sports Week

The sports clubs for this term are many and varied and we hope that your children will take these up! Please have a look below and fill in a slip at the back of the newsletter to apply for a place. Wait for confirmation before sending

your child to a club.

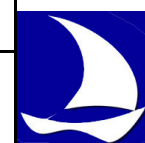
If you want to get your child involved in sport in the wider community and are not sure who to contact, then please look at: www.cornwallfisdirectory.org.uk and they will provide you with lists of activities for you to do as a family or for you to do on your own as well as points of contacts for a range of sports.

We are aiming to repeat our special Olympics week this year with even more sports on offer. We are also currently researching the journey of the Olympic torch which will leave Land's End next May – so watch this space!

Can I say a huge thank you to all of those families and friends of Blue school who sent in the Sainsbury's vouchers. We have been able to acquire lots of new equipment and we will update you on this as it arrives this term. We will collect them again this year so please invite friends and family to donate their vouchers to Blue School.

I look forward to sharing our continued sporting successes over the coming year.

Nikki Cotterill
PE Subject Leader



Rainforest Café in Year 4

Thank you to everyone who supported The Rainforest Cafe, at the end of the Summer Term. We really enjoyed ourselves and raised a staggering **£220 for The Rainforest Alliance.**

The amount of cakes that were donated was amazing and they were all so beautifully decorated with rainforest designs. The children were delighted by the positive comments about their art work and really enjoyed having their family in school to share their achievements.

Well done to the Shrigley family who won the rainforest cake in our raffle, made and iced by Kirsty Youngman.

Thank you once again for supporting your children and our school in such a positive way.

Emma Lawton and Linden Taylor



Netball For Adults

Do you fancy having fun and keeping fit in a relaxed supportive environment?

Netball For Adults meets on **Mondays 5.00-6pm at Treviglas Dome.**

It is for men/women from our school community, any age group, beginners or more experienced players.

Please come along and boost our numbers!
Sarah Woodfinden

Club	Club leader	When /Where	Year gp
Cross country	Mrs. Pearce and Mr. Withers	Mr. Withers room at 3.15 – 4.15 Mondays	Yrs 3,4,5 and 6
Football Club	Mr. Boutwood	Mr. Boutwood's room 3.15 - 4.15 Thursdays	Yr 5 and 6 boys only.
Netball	Miss. Stewart and Miss. Begley	Miss Begley's room at 3.15 – 4.15 Thursdays	Yr 4,5,6 only
Tag Rugby	Mr. Bennetts	Mr. Bennett's room 3.15– 4.15 Tuesdays	Yr 5 and 6 only
Writing	Mrs Hoyle and Mrs. Calton	Mrs Hoyle's room 3.15 – 4.15 Tuesdays	Yr 3,4,5,6 only
Science	Mr. Rowe	Mr Rowe's room Friday Lunchtime	Yr 3,4,5,6 only
Garden- ing	Jes Brito	Vegetable Garden 3.15—4.30 Wednesdays	Yr 2,3,4,5,6
Kwick Cricket	Mr. Rowe	Mr. Rowe's Room 3.15 – 4.15 Thursdays	Yr 3, 4,5,6
Com- puter club	Miss Simpson	Library 3.15 – 4.15 Thursdays	Yr 6 only
Gym- nastics	Mrs. Willson	Hall 3.15 – 4.15 Fridays	Yr 3 and 4 by invita- tion only
Film Club	Mrs Wood- finden and Miss Simpson	Mrs Woodfinden's room 3.15 – 5.00 Tuesdays	By invitation only
Craft Club	Miss. Cunningham	Miss Cunningham's Room Thursdays 3.15-5.00	Yr 3 and 4 only



Mackerel and Cod News Year 3

We hope that you had a restful break and are looking forward to a fun and active school year. First, it is very good to welcome Jodie Munley to Blue School and Year 3. She says she is thoroughly looking forward to learning with Mackerel.

Our first week of learning will be One World Week. We hope you have all had a chance over the holidays to make a flag, and have your red and white clothes all ready for the parade on Friday. As you know, in Year 3 our country is Peru. We are looking forward to developing our link with the school in San Pedro de Lloc where, over the last couple of years, we have been finding out about their solar power.

For our first topic we will be investigating **habitats**, both within our own locality and in Peru. We are organising a local walk around St. Columb Minor to look at the building materials, and how the village has changed. We are also planning a trip to **Trevone rockpools** near Padstow. This will give the children an opportunity to investigate animals, plants and food chains in a coastal habitat. Please see the separate letter for details about this. We will be looking for volunteers to help on these trips. If you are available please let us know!

In the classroom, children will be finding out how things grow in different habitats and how changes can affect their growth. We will be finding out the different ways in which people live their lives and finding out how homes are built to conditions. In Art we will be finding out about and experimenting with natural dyes from our habitat.

As a homework topic, we will be asking children to find out about a local habitat. To help them with this, they will need to visit a habitat for example sand dunes, cliff tops, woodlands or even look in their own garden. We will be discussing what they have found and encouraging creative ways to show their discoveries. Again more details about when to start and more ideas will follow.

In Year 3, children are expected to complete regular homework. Homework activities include reading to an adult regularly during the week, learning spellings, learning maths facts and one other piece of homework to last 20-30 minutes once a week. There will be more details at the **Parents Welcome Meeting for Year 3 at 4.30 on Thursday 8th Sept.** If you are unable to attend please feel welcome to drop in after school for any further information you need.

As always we look forward to a happy and productive term. In the meantime we are always grateful for help in the classroom, particularly with hearing children read. **If you have any time to spare we would be very pleased to hear from you.**

We hope that your child will enjoy the forthcoming year.

However, if you do have any problems or concerns, please get in touch.

Best wishes,
Helen Willson and Jodie Munley and the Year 3 team.

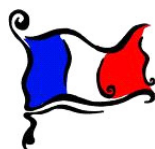


Early Doors

All Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 entrance doors are opened at 8.45 a.m. and all children should enter school through the designated entrance for their year group / class. Key Stage 2 children line up on the back playground when the whistle is blown and are collected by the classteacher from the playground.

The teaching staff are in a briefing session from 8.30 a.m. and are not in their classrooms to be able to open doors or supervise children before 8.45. There is a Key Stage 2 teacher on the back playground from this time.

The official start time for lessons is 8.55 a.m. and all children need to be in class and ready to learn by this time. Doors cannot be opened earlier than 8.45, even on wet days, because of the need to ensure appropriate supervision levels. Occasionally children will be given permission to wait in the front entrance area if this is negotiated with Mrs. Walker.



Languages through Linguascope



During our Key Stage 2 French and Spanish lessons, the children use a wide range of fun games and activities on the website Linguascope (www.linguascope.com) to help learn new words and to consolidate language skills. **We have bought a special licence for this site to enable pupils and parents to access it from home!!** It's a fantastic website to experience language learning through visual and auditory games with your child. So give it a go!

Log on at www.linguascope.com

Username: stcolumb

Password: languages

Emma Stewart
MFL Subject Leader



Opportunity for Brownies

1st St Columb Minor Brownies now has a few vacancies. For more information please call Sue Pascoe on 01637 860347.

In case you don't recognise the name, Sue is in charge of our school kitchen!!



Friends of Blue School FOBS News

Welcome back to the start of another school year and we hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday! A special welcome to all the new parents/carers and children, we're sure you will have a great time at the school. It was really nice to meet some of you at the New Foundation Year Parents Evening in July.

The FOBS page on the school website has now been updated (huge thanks to Miss Simpson!) and includes links to the Head Lice and Sun Safety information sheets for parents, minutes of our monthly meetings, events, fundraising and upcoming diary dates. There is also some general information about FOBS, the work we do and how to contact us. The website address is www.blueschool.co.uk, and follow the links to our page.

Just a reminder that the "Bag2School" collection bags will be sent home with your child on Thursday 8th September. If you have any unwanted textiles, clothing etc, please put them into the bag and return to the school on the morning of Tuesday 11th October where they will be collected and weighed. "Bag2School" will then pay FOBS £500 per tonne collected. Please do not return filled bags to the school before Tuesday 11th October as we have nowhere to store them.

Our **second hand uniform stall** will continue to be held on Tuesdays after school, and all items are sold for 50p. If you have any outgrown or unwanted school uniform, please donate them to us, we really do appreciate it. Any items can be left at Reception. Thank you.

FOBS current main aim is to raise enough money to provide invaluable sun shelters and sail shades around the school to give our children some protection when learning, playing and eating outside. As Cornwall has the highest level of UV (ultraviolet) in the UK and the highest skin cancer rate in the country, we feel this is very important.

However, these items are expensive so we need your continued help to raise as much money as we can. The school is fully supportive of our plans and is actively seeking external grant funding which will help us towards our goal.

We are already planning some events for the forthcoming school year:

- Thursday 20th October 2011 – KS1 Disco and KS2 Disco
- Friday 25th November 2011 – Christmas Fayre
- Thursday 9th February 2012 – KS1 Disco and KS2 Disco
- Saturday 23rd June 2012 – Summer Fayre

Further information will be sent out in book bags nearer the time and will be posted on the website and in Blues Briefings. As well as these scheduled events, we are hoping to hold a quiz night (which was a great success last year), a bingo evening and BBQ/Dance evening. Watch this space for more information!!

For these events to continue to be successful, we need your help. Any help, no matter how little, is always welcomed and greatly appreciated – and its great fun!! You can contact us via the school website, or join our Facebook page "Friends of the Blue School".

FOBS meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month in the Staff Room at 6pm. Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 5th October.

If you're interested in joining us come and have a chat!

Rachel Northwood Chair of FOBS

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For more information
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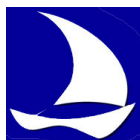
Restormel Befriending Scheme

Are you reliable, understanding and friendly? Do you have a couple of hours spare per week?

Our organization runs Community Groups for vulnerable adults and we need volunteers to help.

For more information, please call:

Lynne Newman—01637 851155



Attendance Issues

Please call the school if your child is absent.

This is essential so that we know that your child is safe. If we have no message Michelle Smith will phone you to check that your child is safe and so that we can record the absence under a correct coding.

As a school we have attendance targets to meet and we monitor attendance regularly. We would like to keep you informed of your child's attendance figure too. Termly we send letters to those pupils whose attendance is under 80%. This letter offers support if there is anything we can do to improve the attendance of your child.

The value of regular attendance.

Research shows that pupils perform better if their parents or carers emphasise the importance of attending school.

Your legal responsibilities.

You have a legal duty to make sure your child attends school regularly and punctually. The school and the Local Authority monitor your child's attendance and will take action if it is poor.

Absence for a family holiday.

The Government recommends that family holidays are taken outside school terms. Headteachers will sometimes give permission for a pupil to go on holiday during term time. The Headteacher will consider the reasons for the holiday, the pupil's past attendance and the effects the absence will have on the pupil's learning. It is school policy to record your child's percentage attendance on holiday application forms. It is school policy not to authorise holidays if your child's attendance is below 85%. The Headteacher will not normally give permission simply because holidays cost less during term time and will not give permission for more than 10 days' absence for a holiday in any school year. Only in exceptional situations will the Head teacher give permission for a longer absence.

Planning your holiday.

We publish dates of the school terms well ahead in our newsletter and on our website. This is to help you plan your holidays.

Applying for absence because of a family holiday.

If you have to take your family holiday during school term, please complete the appropriate form. Please do not assume that you will automatically get permission for the absence because you have filled in the form. Please wait to hear if the Headteacher agrees to your request. We will endeavour to make sure the agreement is returned to you promptly via your child. If you do not hear anything please check with **Michelle Smith** in the school office.

Tamsin Irons
Assistant Head with responsibility for Inclusion



Music Lessons

Our music lesson provision will be changing this year due to us taking the decision to move as many lessons as we can to outside of the curriculum time, reducing the impact on the children's learning particularly in Numeracy and Literacy lessons.

Music lessons will resume in the week of September the 19th 2011 to allow us to organise time-tables etc.

The music lessons that we will be offering will be as follows (times and days to be confirmed) :-

- Woodwind (Clarinet / Flute/ Saxophone etc) Years 1-6
- Strings (Violin/ Cello etc) Years 1-6
- Drums Years 3-6
- Keyboard Years 1-6
- Brass (Cornet/ Trombone/ Trumpet etc) Years 3-6

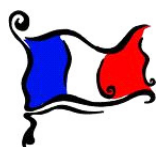
If you are interested in your child taking music lessons in the Autumn Term could you please collect a music lesson request form from the school office and I will get back to you with availability, prices discounts, concessions, times and dates etc.

The music lessons will be in the main provided by 'Cornwall Music' (formally 'The Music Service') apart from Drums which will be a private arrangement with Miss Zena Walker.

Unfortunately we do still have a few invoices outstanding from last term. All of these must be settled please before your child can continue with their music lessons. Music lessons for this term must be paid before your child's first lesson. No children will be allowed to start a course of lessons if invoices have not been paid in advance.

If you have any queries regarding any of the above then please do not hesitate to drop in and see me, or alternatively e-mail me via the blue school website. Regards and looking forward to another term of great music-making.

Julie Jenkin Music Subject Leader



French Club

This club is due to restart in October. It will be on Wednesdays from 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. It is run by Madam Maggie Reeves. (ex—parent and voluntary helper of our school). If your child is interested in joining please send them along to the first session after speaking to the teacher. Telephone Maggie if you are interested—Tel. 01637 874239 (please note Maggie is away until October.)



DANGER!!!!

Please ensure that the drop off zone at the front of the school is clear each day to allow parents to drop off and pick up children. We also need this area to be clear to allow coaches to pull in to pick up classes for visits or swimming. **THIS IS NOT A PARKING AREA** When cars are parked in this area it means that children are being dropped off in the road. This is not safe! Please work with us to keep your children safe! PCSO Phil Clatworthy will be helping us to enforce this across the term.



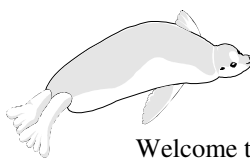
Lunchtime Arrangements

We have **fifteen** midday supervisors to look after your children. That means one supervisor to each class. The lunch hour is split into three twenty minute sections and children are either at lunch, on the back playground or on the front playground. Our children are organised and happy. Whilst on the playgrounds there are opportunities for the younger children to play with the older children, something that all of them enjoy.

Whilst in the 'Café Blue' dining area, children can choose from the colour coded menu. This system ensures that every child is provided with a balanced and healthy diet. The set meal price is currently **£2.20 per day** for the main meal and dessert. Water and milk is available for all children and juice can still be purchased at an additional cost. (Please note this is an increase from last term's price.)

Packed lunches are eaten in the hall and classrooms and children are expected to put any uneaten food or rubbish back into their lunchboxes so that **you know exactly what has been eaten each day**. Please do not send fizzy drinks or glass bottles as these pose a safety risk. Please also avoid sweets and bars of chocolate as we try to encourage a healthy balanced meal at lunchtime.

We place a great emphasis on table manners and encouraging children to enjoy the social side of sharing a meal with friends. To support us in school we would like to ask parents to encourage a knife and fork when eating. We expect children eating hot meals to use a knife and fork. Supervisors are always available to help cut up food for the younger children.



Otters and Seals News Year 4

Welcome to Year 4.

We hope that you've all had a fantastic summer holiday and are fit and healthy, ready to start the year. As you will already know, Emma Lawton will be teaching Otters class, with Jane Browning as teaching assistant every morning. Paul Boutwood will be teaching Seals, with Hayley Cooper as teaching assistant. Sarah Munday will be Otters' lunchtime supervisor and Seals will be looked after by Nettie Miles. We are really looking forward to an exciting year, full of fun and challenging activities.

This term our topic is **Airports** so we will be looking at worldwide connections with lots of map work and international links. We will be focusing on new beginnings in PSHE, Forces and Staying Healthy in science and airline artwork and designs in art and technology. Our host country this year is **Kenya** and we are really looking forward to our International Week when we will be learning all about this vibrant country.

We will be holding our **Parents Welcome meeting on Thursday 15th September at 3.30pm** to discuss the topics for the year, class routines and general expectations. This meeting is really useful as it will be a time for you to become familiar with the Year 4 team and our way of working. It will also be a great time for you to have any questions answered or a general chat if you are concerned about anything.

Homework is set on a Friday and needs to be returned by the following Thursday. Please try and support your child in completing these tasks as they are created in order to consolidate the learning in the classroom. Spelling and times tables are also set and tested on a Friday. PE this term will be outside ball games and gymnastics so please ensure that your child has the appropriate kit for both of these activities, in school at all times.

We want every child to enjoy their learning opportunities in Year 4 so please feel free to come in and see us if you have any concerns.

We look forward to meeting you all on Thursday 15th September.



The Year 4 Team



New Children in School

A warm welcome is extended to all of our new Foundation Stage children and their families. We hope you have enjoyed your first few days of school life.

At the beginning of September four new children are expected to join other year groups throughout the school!

We hope that all of our new children will settle into our school brilliantly. We hope that both the children and their families are enjoying their new environment and wish them every success living in the area.

Michelle Smith
Induction Tutor

FILM CLUB

Calling Year 4!

Your season of films is about to begin! Film Club restarts on Tuesday 20th September in Oysters Classroom. **A separate permission letter will be issued to you.** Check out the web site at www.filmclub.org and let Miss Simpson or I know any films you would like to request!

Film Club Ambassador

Over the last year Rachel Millington has represented our school as a Film Club Ambassador. She has travelled to London on several occasions, taken part in exciting events and met some of the stars of the screen. Now her time is coming to an end but who knows, perhaps there is another potential Young Ambassador out there? Well done Rachel!

Mrs Woodfinden and Miss Simpson



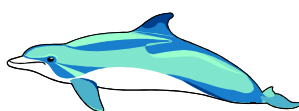
Choir News

I have been extremely proud of my KS1 and KS2 Choirs over the last year; we sang at many different events and the response from our audiences has been fabulous, very complimentary. The children should be very pleased with themselves, they are a credit to our Academy.

If any other children would like to join our happy crew please come along to my classroom (Year 5 Swordfish) every Thursday lunch-time KS2 starts at at 12.15pm and KS1 at 12.35pm. The more the merrier as dare I say it, it won't be long before we have to be in good voice to start practising for our Christmas performances! I have already been sent two invitations inviting us to sing to the public.

Thank you all for your on-going support, looking forward to some super singing.

Mrs Julie Jenkin. Choir Leader.



Dolphins and Swordfish News Year 5

It is lovely to be able to write to you so early in the term, the Year 5 children are settling into their new classes very well.

We kick off the year with our first exciting topic `Mission to Mars' investigating all aspects of space travel to the red planet and whether life can be sustained on Mars. This will include growing plants from seed in various conditions.

The children will also learn about survival, space ship design, micro-organisms and non-fiction writing to name but a few activities. We are also hoping to have a workshop in school with a Space expert to give the children some more exciting challenges to work on (details of this will follow). Space travel has a strong link with the U.S.A. and links perfectly with the **United States of America** being our host country.

We will be studying **the U.S.A.** as part of our International topic and for this we will be comparing such things as population, housing and the geography of the U.S.A and Britain.

We are also all looking forward to **Delaware Outdoor Centre Camp from the 21st – 23rd of September;** it will be great to get to know the children better and take part in some exciting activities. We also have some special plans for the children who are staying behind in school that week.

We have super classes this year who are already showing us how much effort they are prepared to make in their thinking and presentation. We hope that they keep up their high standards as they start to take their homework home. Homework in Year 5 consists of one piece of Maths, one piece of English, spellings which will be tested weekly on a Friday, reading nightly and continuing to learn their times-tables each week. Alternatively at the beginning of a new topic we may ask for a small project when approximately two weeks will be given to this instead of the usual homework tasks. Homework will be given out on a Friday and we would like it returned to us by the following Thursday please. We feel that this is better as it includes a weekend to help any working parents or children that have many clubs etc on school days. We would very much appreciate your support with homework tasks.

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school every day. Part of the PE curriculum this term will be outside so it would be a good idea to ensure that your child has suitable tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt available. Please name everything!!!!!!!

We are very much looking forward to meeting you all at the parents meeting on Monday 12th September at 3.30pm which is then immediately followed by the camp meeting.

If you have any worries or queries about your child at school, your child's progress or wish to discuss any aspects of the year 5 curriculum please feel free to catch us on the playground, e-mail us via the school website or call in at the office to make an appointment to see us.

Looking forward to a fabulous year with your children.

Julie Jenkin, Simon Rowe and the Year 5 team.



Sharks and Whales News Year 6

Firstly welcome back! We hope you all had a fantastic summer break and the new Year 6 have already shown that they are enthusiastic and motivated in what is a very special year for them.

This term the children will take on a variety of special roles in school ranging from front desk and hall monitoring to helping in Key Stage 1 at lunch time and watering the school plants! We expect them to display a mature attitude; already they seem keen to learn.

We would like to invite all of our parents to our **Year 6 Parents Welcome Meeting on Tuesday 13th September** at 3.30pm in the hall. This meeting is designed to give an introduction to our year, telling you all you need to know in order to help your child succeed. We will cover all areas of school life in the meeting including trips, uniform, the curriculum and SATs! We hope to see you there.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for the high standard of the children's uniform; they are looking very smart. We would also like to remind parents that children need their PE kit in school every day, taking it home on Fridays for a wash if necessary.

This is obviously an important year for the children and we are very pleased with their initial start. Because of the obvious academic focus due to SATs we believe that a variety of school opportunities are vital. Please encourage your children to join the various clubs offered by filling in the slips at the back of this briefing.

Over the summer we hope your children have been researching NEPAL as their new IPC host country and our first unit The Holiday Show which focuses on travel around the world. The children will be coming home with more tasks and questions relating to this!

You will have received, or soon will receive, a letter from the local education authority about how to apply for a secondary school place. This year you are encouraged to apply on line. The website for this is www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions. If you would like to apply online and need some assistance our ICT support Maggie Simpson would be happy to help. You can, of course, choose to apply on paper and send in your form to school. Whichever route you take please be aware of the closing date on the letter.

If you have any concerns we are generally available for a chat before or after school. Feel free to pop in!

Kind regards
Russ Withers, Emma Stewart and
the whole Year six team!



Is your child struggling to learn, make friends, behave appropriately?

We will be aware of your child's difficulties and this is why they are included on the Record of Need so that support can be put in place.

Your child will receive extra support in class and sometimes as part of a focused group, out of the classroom. You will plan with their teacher the sort of support they need when you discuss their IEP (Individual Education Plan).

You will also receive a red book where there is evidence of the support your child is receiving on a regular basis. Please use this book to initiate conversations with your child about their success and progress. Please record that you have done this either by commenting on the evidence itself or signing the book.

You will be asked permission for your child to attend focused groups and there will be information about what that support entails in the letter and in the child's IEP book. If you are not sure please contact me. You may like to sit in on a session or just pop in to have a chat.

We hold a meeting for any parents of our SEN children i.e. children on the Record of Need once a month. (the last FRIDAY of each month or as close to that date as we can) This term's will be FRIDAY 30th September and then Friday 4th November

This is an information sharing opportunity, where opportunities and procedures in school are discussed and news about support for you and your child out of school is shared. It is also a social time where successes and concerns can be shared and often appreciated by other parents in similar situations.

If you do not think we are aware of your child's needs, or you have any questions about your child's support in school, please speak to your child's class teacher and/or give me a ring in school.

Tamsin Irons Assistant Head with responsibility for Inclusion



Messy Church

The next Messy Church sessions take place on; Sun 2nd of October at St Michael's Church and Sun the 9th of October at St Columb Minor Church. Both run from 4-6pm. There will be harvest themed art and craft activities, story time and song. A high tea is provided for all. Messy Church is a free activity and families are invited to attend either or both sessions. Contact Rev Kim Williams for more details 01637 873087

Eco-Schools Real Ideas Organisation (RIO) Creative Workshops

Two of our Year 5 children were chosen to attend a day of creative workshops at Truro Town Hall.

Pacey Jackson, Year 5 Swordfish reported: 'I thought the RIO creative ideas organisation was amazing. My favourite part was when we had to build a stool. Everyone was given a challenge to do it. One group had to do it without instructions, another group had to do it in complete silence and our group had to do it by one of us going outside of the room to look at the instructions and come back and tell the others in my team what to do. It was so much fun!'

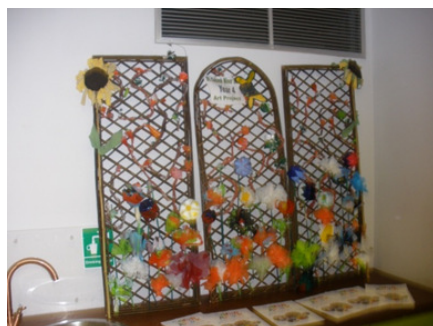
Emily Gimblett, Year 5 Swordfish said: 'The thing I most enjoyed about going to RIO is when we made the wooden stool. It was really funny because we had to keep going out of the room to look at the instructions. Finally we made a foot stool which was handy for reaching things on high shelves.'

The children then had to write as a journalist about the challenge. The final task was then to re-market their stool; they came up with some very novel and creative ways of selling the stool to various organisations.

The Academy hopes to use RIO in the future to support our creative curriculum.

Scrap Attack Challenge

Two of our Key Stage 2 children joined Mrs Harper for the Scrap Attack awards ceremony at the end of June, which was held at the Eden Project and attended by 25 schools.



This year's Scrap Attack included participation in a community litter pick, with children recording the type, quantity and location of litter and then producing a related work of art to reflect a broader understanding of environmental issues.

Indiana Hulbert, Year 4 Otters reported: 'When Year 4 went on camp some of us stayed at school. We worked on an art project using recycled materials. We made a garden trellis full of flowers made from old bottles and plastic bags. We entered our art project into the Scrap Attack competition. A few weeks later we were invited to go to an award ceremony at The Eden Project.'

Emilia, from Seals, and I went to Eden and we did a workshop and watched the awards. Unfortunately we didn't win a prize but we got a certificate and adopted a ring tailed lemur from Newquay Zoo just for entering.

I really enjoyed going to The Eden Project and hope we win next year!'

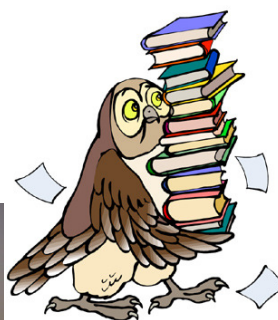
This year is the 10th anniversary of Scrap Attack. The aim of the project is to promote to children the importance of looking after our environment by reducing litter in the community.

School Garden



The garden is looking lovely. This is an on-going project and we are in the process of finalising plans for its development for this year. You will be pleased to hear that our new gardener, Jes Brito, will be starting a new Garden Club on a Wednesday afternoons from 3.15-4.30 p.m. If your child would like to join, please complete the slip at the back of this newsletter.

We will be selling further produce during September at the end of the school day. Please come and support us as all proceeds will go back to sustain our garden.



Look Out Newquay Library!

Over the next year we are going to be working hard to develop our library area into a 'Community Library.'

We have taken control of our own budget for the library and we are currently enjoying spending money on new books and resources. Our teaching staff had a lovely exclusive evening at Waterstones in Truro recently researching and choosing books.

By the beginning of term we aim to have reorganised the way that the room looks and we will have put in some of our new books. We are going to have a grand opening on Tuesday 13th September (Roald Dahl's Day) and after this we will have a community open session each Monday evening from 3.15—4.15 to enable pupils, parents, grandparents etc. to come in and share or change books together. We aim to organise special activities to promote the community use of the library.

We will still have access to the internet in this area but we aim to introduce workstations of PC's for the children to work on more adventurous IT projects.

Maggie Simpson our librarian will be leading the changes to our library area. She will still be running Computer Club for the Year 6 children this term and hopes to make the most of our new facilities.

Watch out for letters and poster promoting the use of this new and exciting facility in our school!



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