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Friday 9th October

Dear Parents/Carers,

On Thursday, I had the pleasure of carrying out learning walks across the school. I am so proud to report that in every class children were happy, focused and engaged with their learning. They were keen to talk to me about their topics and show me their work. Not only that, but, their beautiful manners were an absolute highlight from the very youngest to our Year sixes. Their conduct and following of both old and new rules made me so immensely proud of them - we really are a very fortunate school, filled with lovely children. It is so very hard to believe that many of them had not, until September, been in the school environment for over six months and our youngest pupils had no transition from pre-school and yet they have more than coped! Whilst I cannot fail to acknowledge that some children may have been anxious about a return to our new normal and are perhaps still settling, our wonderful pupils have shown and are demonstrating true resilience at a time when we are filled with grim stories about the impact this pandemic has had on them and may well continue to have. We need to remain positive rather than set them up with this media driven prophecy. There is work to do and learning gaps to close, but, together, with your help, we can address these. Whilst on the topic of Covid, and with the significant rise in cases, please can I ask that you check your emails, our website and our Facebook page frequently so that, should we need to inform you of a school closure whilst out of school hours, you receive the information in a timely fashion by accessing one of these communication platforms.

In Towan class, we have been looking at different parts of a flower and the purpose of each part. All children have had a challenge of making a flower and labeling it. During child initiated play this week, the children have been interested in worms and building superhero dens. The Year 1s especially enjoyed this week's English as they loved innovating the story of 'Farmer Duck'.

In Summers Class this week the children have been writing about their walk around Tregony. Following on from this, they have been looking at the similarities and differences between London and Tregony. They realised that both places have a clock tower and a monument, but that Tregony does not have a zoo or a palace!

This week, Porthcurnick class have been writing their own versions of Stone Age Boy, and, in French they have been learning to say how they feel and ask how someone else is feeling by using the phrase *ca va*. In science, they completed a rock survey by looking at the rocks that the school has been made from. They found out that the school has mostly been made using different man-made rocks (including glass as it's made from sand).

The children in Portholland Class have been producing some amazing models of prisons for their homework for the Crime and Punishment topic. They have also really enjoyed looking at the movement of the Suffragettes and the changes that have occurred throughout history because of them.

This week, the year 6s in Porthluney Class have worked incredibly hard and have mastered long division. It was something that they were all worried about, but the practise was worth it - they are all very proud of themselves. We have also been playing matches in hockey and have been showing off all of the skills that we have learnt during this half term.

Next week, our Year 6 pupils are catching up on the Bikeability sessions that they missed during the summer term last year. Pupils have received a letter regarding their dates and the equipment needed so please check this for dates and times.



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Also, Friday 16th October is **Wear Red Day**: The charity, 'Show Racism the Red Card', are asking us all to wear something red and donate £1 (or whatever you can afford) to help fund their vital work. We'll be taking part, and we hope your children will join us. Although our children wear red every day, we are asking them to wear a different item of clothing or accessory than their usual uniform. This day will be held in conjunction with Black History Month, whereby children will be celebrating black history and culture.

Karen Green, our visiting music tutor has spaces for pupils who may want to learn the flute, piano or recorder. These lessons take place at school during the school day. If your child is interested please contact dkirby@tregony.cornwall.sch.uk for more information.

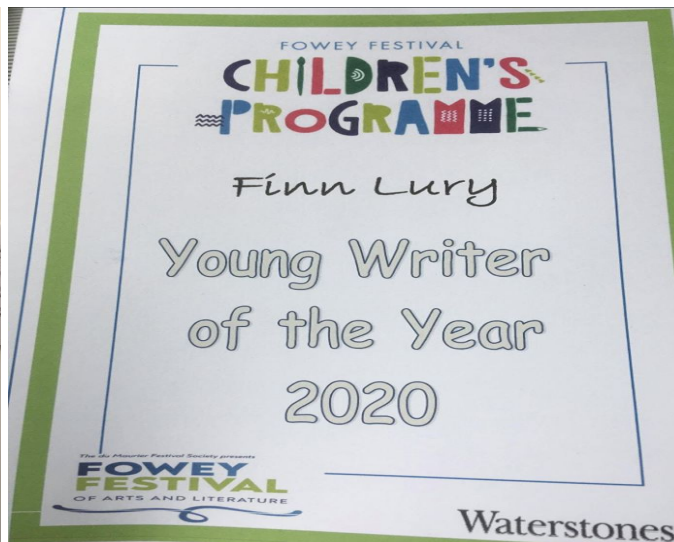
As we are unable to hold our usual Harvest Festival Assembly, our pupils will be showcasing some Harvest work and performances with you virtually. This will be emailed out to all families as a video and placed on our website and Facebook page. We are aware that some pupils are not permitted on these platforms and will adhere to that unless you tell us otherwise. However, due to the current situation, celebrating these achievements virtually is the only way we can do this. As usual, we are requesting that pupils and their families might, if they wish, donate food contributions (tins or fresh produce) to the elderly members of our local community. We would appreciate any donations to be delivered to the school by Tuesday 20th October. These will then be distributed by members of our school council. We would also like to run a Harvest Festival raffle to raise money for our school and pupils. If you have some donations to help us create a hamper, please can you email dkirby@tregony.cornwall.sch.uk. We would be most grateful and are hoping to raise money to spend on more books for our library!

Congratulations to our former pupil, Finn Lury, who entered the Fowey Festival Young Writer competition when he was a Year 6 at Tregony School last year. He won in his age category and was subsequently judged to be the overall winner of the Children's Programme 'Young Writer of the Year 2020.' Finn told us in Year 3 that he wanted to become an author and his aspirations have been realised as his work has now been published. The book can be purchased from the link below.

<https://www.marchhamilton.com/product-page/worlds-from-home>

All finalists' work and feedback can be found

<https://www.foweyfestival.com/.../.../Young-Artists-Results.pdf...>



Kate Douglass

Headteacher.



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This year, pupils will be given the opportunity to take part in virtual competitions against other schools in the Mid Cornwall Sports Network (St Austell and Bodmin). Running Club have already taken part in a virtual relay and other pupils will be taking part in Sports Hall Athletics next week. This is a great opportunity to get more and more pupils involved in sport and competitions. We will be taking part in the Cornwall Winter Games next half term as a school, so please do encourage your children to take part.

Thank you

Miss Mulroy
P.E lead



Congratulations to our newly elected school council members:
Summers - Merryn and Rowan
Porthcurnick - Nancy and Wilf
Portholland - Saskia and William
Porthluney - Elowyn and George

They will be the voice of our pupils, sharing ideas and opinions on different aspects of school life. We had our first meeting this week in our lovely new Quiet Area and they have already come up with some excellent ideas!



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Letter reminders

For your information, the majority of letters will be sent via email so please check your inbox frequently! Thank you.

- By email: NHS Covid letter
- Key Stage 1 phonics letter
- Nasal Flu Vaccine email
- Phonics booklet letter
- Multiplication Times Tables letter (Year 3 and 4)

Value of the week

Resilience.

Forthcoming dates

- Monday, Tuesday and Friday - Bikeability
- Friday 16th October - 'Wear Red Day' to raise money for the charity, 'Show Racism the Red Card',
- INSET DAYS: 22nd and 23rd October
- Monday 26th Friday 30th: Half Term
- Monday 2nd November - school closed
- Tuesday 24th November: Nasal Flu Vaccination

Finally, don't forget to check our website for school related information. Each class has a page and a blog so you can see what your child is learning at school. You can also add us on Facebook to keep up-to-date with news, reminders and photos.

Headteacher awards

Towan: Isaac for being a great friend, Riley for super independent writing and letter formation, Maizey for super storytelling of 'Farmer Duck'.

Porthcurnick: Sennen and Sennen for super story writing. Liam for using key skills when proofreading his writing, Ava for excellent progress with handwriting and Max for attentive, hard work and focus.

Porthluney: Eythan for a wonderful story and for huge improvements with handwriting since he returned to school.

Class certificates

Towan: Charles for being a super friend and showing positive play.

Summers: Frank for always working hard and showing great independence, Elizabeth for writing a great recount about our walk around Tregony

Porthcurnick: Sennen F for excellent writing in English this week.

Portholland: Dylan for an excellent attitude to all areas of his learning.

Porthluney: George and Ashton for mastering long division and having a positive attitude ALL week.

P.E: Huw for being an excellent role model at Running Club.



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Lighthouse teams

Godrevy: 443

Trevose: 378

St Antony: 391

Lizard: 458



Attendance

Towan: 98.94%

Summers: 99.03%

Porthcurnick: 95.24%

Portholland: 99.60%

Porthluney: 99.11%



Reading Karate

White band - Annalea, Ava, Layla, Tabitha, Delia, Ben, Lowenna, Wilf, Liam, Sennen F, Aubrey, Persie, Merryn, Hetty, Toby, Thomas, Ashton, Henry, Ben, Ethan, Merryn, Beau, Elowyn, Emily, George, Eythan, Huw, Lawrie, Veryan, Daniel, Henry F



E-safety and Internet safety

Keeping children safe online is always important but particularly so at the moment with increased online learning. Below is a link to the NSPCC site which gives useful advice on how your child can stay safe online.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>



Other information

Last week, I emailed information regarding the nasal flu vaccine. All children in Primary Schools from Reception to year 6 (inclusive) will be offered the vaccine. The vaccination is free and recommended for young children; it is administered by a quick and simple spray up the nose. Please enter www.nhs.uk/child-flu to access information explaining the vaccination programme which also includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate. They are due to visit our school on Tuesday 24th November 2020. In order to access the online consent form, please enter or click on the following link

<https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> PLEASE ENSURE YOU QUOTE THE FULL UNIQUE SCHOOL REFERENCE CODE. The code for your school is: **EE142668**. Please submit your consent form by Friday 20th November 2020 to ensure your child receives their vaccination. If you experience any problems accessing the form please telephone 01872 221105 and the team will be



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happy to help. Please note that as in previous years **you must opt in** to the programme. If a consent form is not submitted your child will not be vaccinated. For your information, the children's health screening services will be paused for the time being but hope to resume next year.

Please can all children ensure that they bring their reading record book, reading book and home reading book (if they have one) each day. Reading books are changed each Monday and Friday and there will be an opportunity to change library books each Monday for KS2 children and Friday for KS1. Unfortunately, we are only able to change books on these days due to the need for them to be quarantined between use. We ask that children read at least four times a week and that their reading record book is signed. Thank you



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