

Padstow School Newsletter

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OFSTED Update Meeting

The next Ofsted update meeting for parents will be on **Wednesday 14th March** at 6.00pm in the school hall.

Community Donations

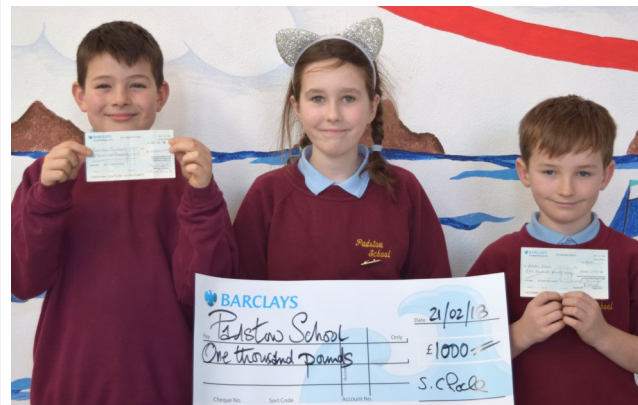
Donation from the Friends of Padstow Christmas Festival

Padstow School has been very lucky to have been given a very generous cheque in the sum of £1,000 for participating in the Lantern Parade. This has given the school a massive start to its Chromebook Fund. Thank you very much from the school to the Committee and everyone who helped Year 4 with making the lanterns and accompanied the parade.

Donation from the Rotary Club of Padstow

In addition to the donation from the Friends of Padstow Christmas Festival, the school has received a totally unexpected donation of £500 from the Rotary Club. This will also be added to The Padstow School Chromebook Fund. A huge thank-you from everyone in school to the members of the Rotary Club.

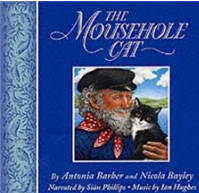
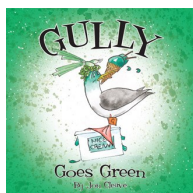
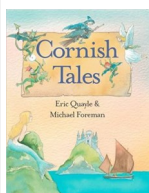
Find out more about our chromebook fund on the back page.



Anya, one of our school councillors, attended a presentation evening on Thursday along with her mum, Mrs Whitford and Mrs Edwards. They were joined by Zach and Oscar.

World Book Day—Thursday 1st March

This year we will be combining World Book Day and St Piran's Day. On Thursday 1st March we will be celebrating all things Cornish and the brilliant things we love about books- with a focus on Cornish authors and/or Cornish Tales. We also be enjoying a Cornish themed lunch of pasties, fresh fruit and ice cream in place of lasagne. The children and staff are invited to come to school dressed in black and white clothing.



Diary Dates

February:

26th—2nd Mar—Bikeability Y5

March:

1st—World Book Day

14th—Ofsted update meeting 6pm

16th—Sport Relief

29th—School closes for Easter at 2pm

April:

16th—Summer term 1 begins

30th—Strike Up

May:

1st—School Closed: May Day

14th-18th—SATs Week

29th—Half Term

June:

4th—Summer term 2 begins

July:

2nd-6th—Year 6 Transition Week

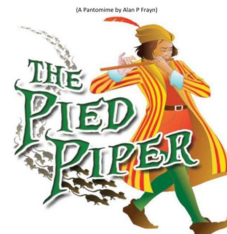
18th Summer Fayre

20th—School closes for summer 2pm

Kernow Players

Well done to Jocelyn (The Pied Piper), Hollie, Laila, Bailey, Beth and Abi who all performed in the Kernow Players' adaptation of The Pied Piper over the half term holiday.

They all worked extremely hard, rehearsing and learning their lines and there were many late nights to contend with, but the performances were a great success, making it all worth while.



POLITE REMINDER:

All children using the climbing frame outside Y6 at the end of the day need to be supervised by an adult.

Attendance

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
90.4%	94.2%	89.2%	89.9%	89.3%	96.6%	97.0%

Congratulations Year 6 You are our attendance winners!



School Values Certificate Winners:

Happiness
 Team Work
 Friendship
 Communication
 Freedom
 Curiosity
 Honesty
 Trust
 Kindness
 Respect
 Healthy
 Resilience
 Ambition
 Community
 Individuality
 Perseverance

Year R: Beau
 Year 1: Ella
 Year 2: Elijah
 Year 3: Kegan
 Year 4: Declyn
 Year 5: Anya W
 Year 6: Ned & Freddie

School Rules Certificate Winners:

Show good
 manners at all times
 Follow instructions
 with thought & care
 Show care & respect
 for everyone
 &
 everything

Year R: Faith
 Year 1: Olivia
 Year 2: Ryan
 Year 3: Phoebe
 Year 4: William
 Year 5: Phoebe
 Year 6: Jocelyn & Lily

Mrs Whitford's Special Awards:

* Anya W (Y5) * Oscar (Y5)
 * Zach (Y5) * Doug (Y2)

We have also awarded numerous certificates to children for their reading, writing and maths as well as Golden Tickets and specific class certificates.

Mrs Barrett

One of our long serving Teaching Assistants, Mrs Jenny Barrett, made the decision to retire just before the end of the last half term.

Jenny started working at Padstow School 18 years ago. Her main role was as a Teaching Assistant in Years 1 & 2, but she also held a 1-1 position with a child from the Reception Class through to Year 6.

Jenny has many fond memories and particularly enjoyed the Y2 art projects including the Hindu Temples, Jungles and Spanish dancing. Jenny dedicated many years to the school, for which we are very grateful. We wish her much happiness in her well deserved retirement years.



An Amazing Achievement!



One of our Y3 pupils, Archie, took part in a gymnastics competition last weekend to see which children would represent Cornwall at the South West Intercounties Festival. Archie won Gold on Vault, Silver on Floor and Gold overall making him the under eights County Champion. He will now go to the South West Competition in April to compete for Cornwall

in a team with other team mates from Kernow Gymnastics and Acro Academy and other Cornish Gym Clubs. Archie is a member of Kernow Academy who are very proud of his success, especially as, due to a fire, they currently have no gym and have been traveling around to use other temporary sites. An incredible achievement. Well done Archie!

Help us to become nit-free—please check your child's hair this weekend

Little Red Riding Hood Story Trail at Prideaux Place

Our Y1 children enjoyed a sunny walk to Prideaux Place on Wednesday afternoon where they took part in a Little Red Riding Hood story trail as part of their Magic and Fairy Tales topic. They were lucky enough to meet the Big Bad Wolf! A big thank you to the Prideaux Brune family for allowing us to use the grounds and also for their generous offer inviting us to use Prideaux Place as a Forest School base in the future. We will certainly be making the most of this offer!



Communities Online Together

Call in to Padstow Library

26th February - 2nd March 2018



See what you can do online in the
library or at home

Or help someone else

FREE Wi-Fi and computer use

FREE online and to **download**

newspapers, magazines e-books, audio books

Bring your **library card**

or **Join for free** when you come in

A Message From Padstow Library

We at Padstow Library (along with other libraries in Cornwall) are promoting online resources next week - February 26th – March 2nd.

We aim to encourage people, young and older, to make use of library resources online – all of which are free. We also want to help people who may be unaware, unable or unconfident with using online services to get online in the library – on our computers or using WiFi with their own smartphones or tablets. People could try:

library resources including – reading or downloading newspapers from around the world, or magazines, e-books and audiobooks. Other online resources such as Council services, health services, government services, setting up email.

We would like to encourage people to help each other – children and young people helping older family members perhaps. Our opening hours are:

Monday 9:30 – 5pm

Wednesday 1- 5pm

Friday 10 – 1pm

And of course World Book Day is next week too so we'll be encouraging children to shout about reading and share their favourite stories throughout March!

Padstow School Chromebook Fund

Currently, Padstow School has an IT Suite of very old static PCs that are slow and frequently crash. These are now not able to support the children's learning with the new Computing Curriculum. Taking technology into the classroom is the best way to provide a 21st century learning environment. Chromebooks are being incorporated into schools because they boost students' capabilities of learning anytime and anywhere. Online access in classrooms significantly broadens the scope of any learning exercise, enabling research, creative thinking, communication and collaboration. Classroom environments can be tailored more to the children's interests, skill level, skill reinforcement, or independent challenge / intervention activities. Some key benefits of Chromebooks are that they are substantially cheaper than laptops, are secure, easily portable and encourage collaboration.

Our target is to raise enough money to purchase a class set of 30 Chromebooks which will enable a whole class to have each child working independently, children to work with a partner, small groups to work on a Chromebook while the rest of the class complete different tasks or for children to work on Booster or Challenge activities at their own pace. Increasingly, assessments are also being completed electronically rather than on paper. One of the Computing Curriculum's key aims is for all pupils to be responsible, competent, confident and creative users of information and communication technology and the school needs more up-to-date technology in order to deliver this new curriculum.

We have been quoted £6,350 to purchase 30 machines and we are hoping to raise this by the end of the year to enable a whole set to be purchased and set up for the start of the new academic year.



£6,500

Our goal

