## Padstow School Newsletter Friday 12th March 2021



## **Diary Dates**

March

**April** 

- 1 Last day of Spring Term 2
- 19 First day of Summer Term 1

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| Puffin | Lapwing | Kittiwake | Oystercatcher | Cormorant | Curlew | School  |
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|        |         |           |               |           |        | average |
| 93.3%  | 99.4%   | 99.4%     | 100%          | 94.6%     | 94.8%  | 96.7%   |



If you are booking a holiday, please make sure that it coincides with school breaks.

Snowflake the Attendance Owl is awarded to Oystercatcher class this week as they achieved 100% attendance!

## Welcome back to school

Dear parents and carers,

At the end of the first week back to school for the majority of our pupils since December, I want to say how impressed I have been with their resilience and positive attitude towards coming back to school. All of the teachers have said how engaged the children have been with their work this week and they have adapted brilliantly to the demands of attending school during these unusual times.

We can see the good progress that children have made during their time home-schooling and we are very grateful for your support during that period. All the

classes have 'hit the ground running' with their learning this week and the children are thriving being back with their friends and getting 'hands-on' with the teaching again, especially with the focus on science this week.

Here's to many more weeks of learning and laughter, with a continued emphasis on supporting the emotional needs of the children.

Mrs Kate Whitford, Head of School.





# World Book Day competition winner

Now that our pupils are all back in school, we were able to ask the winner of 3rd prize in the Cornwall Education Library Service competition for World Book Day to open the box of books won! As well as copies of books for the school library, she was able to choose a few to take home for herself and her siblings. A fitting prize for a book-mad student—well done!

## Thank you to Padstow Bookseller

To celebrate World Book Day, Padstow Bookseller have kindly delivered a selection of the special World Book Day books for us to hand out to each child. Thank you to the bookshop and we hope that it is open again soon so the children can spend the £1 book vouchers that they received on Monday!



## British Science Week

There's been an extra focus on science this week for British Science Week. Kittiwake class have been learning about their senses, the achievements of Helen Keller (an advocate for the blind and deaf born



in America in the late 19th century, who was left deaf





and blind after an illness at the age of 2 years old) and creating braille. They are looking forward to receiving some real braille documents from the RNIB.



Oystercatcher class have been exploring 'states of matter' in more depth as part of their 'misty mountains, winding rivers' topic.

















Puffin class undertook an investigation this morning.

They have been learning about the gingerbread man, so their challenge was to find a safe way to get the gingerbread man across the river!







# SongFest

The virtual SongFest 2021 Concert is being held next Wednesday, 17th March. As the children are now back in school, our classes will be watching the YouTube video and joining in with the singing in their school day. The lyrics will be shown on the screen so the children don't need to learn the songs by heart, but if they do want to listen to them again over the weekend at home, here are the links to the 8 practice videos:

I'm still singing Songfest 21: song #1 I'm Still Singing - YouTube

Happy Songfest 21: Happy - YouTube
Love my life Love my Life teaching - YouTube

Go the distance Go the Distance - YouTube

One in a million One and a Million - YouTube

Don't Stop <u>Don;t stop teaching film - YouTube</u>

One Love One love - YouTube

Reach Out Reach out - YouTube

#### Padstow School Golden Rules:

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

#### **Padstow Golden Rule certificate winners:**

Puffin: **Effie**, for caring for everyone & everything

Lapwing: **Whole class**, for caring for everyone &

everything

Kittiwake: **Esme**, for following instructions

Oystercatcher: **Tilly**, for following instructions

Cormorant: **Elizabeth**, for caring for everyone &

everything

Curlew: **Amber**, for following instructions

#### **Padstow School Values:**

Aspiration, Spirit, Passion, Integrity, Resilience & Excellence

# Padstow School Value certificate winners for this week are:

Puffin: **Tommy**, for Resilience

Lapwing: **Beatrice**, for Spirit

Kittiwake: Kaelan, for Passion

Oystercatcher: **Suzie** for Spirit

Cormorant: Ella, for Passion

Curlew: Isaac, for Spirit

## Mrs Whitford's Certificates

This week Mrs Whitford is presenting certificates to the following pupils:

Leonni in Curlew class, for caring for everyone & everything

**Doug** in Cormorant class, for showing respect & good manners

Isabella in Puffin class, for following instructions with thought & care





# Stars of the Week!

In order to recognize the improvements in the key skills of reading, writing and maths, the teachers will be awarding a Star of the Week certificate for each of these in every class.

| Curlew        | Grace        | Phoebe       | Freya      |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Cormorant     | Anola        | Reuben       | Austin     |
| Oystercatcher | Evie         | Lucas        | Myla       |
| Kittiwake     | Orlando      | Lily         | James      |
| Lapwing       | Georgia      | Hollie       | Eddie      |
| Puffin        | Caiden D     | Madeleine    | Sonny      |
| <u>Class</u>  | Reading Star | Writing Star | Maths Star |



# Mountain formation practical

Oystercatcher class had a fun lesson yesterday trying to form 'mountains' of cream between two biscuits. The biscuits acted as tectonic plates moving towards each other on a base of

cream, that then forced the cream into a peak in between. Helping to bring their topic learning to life. Obviously they ate the biscuits and cream afterwards!















