



## Spring Term Newsletter 3

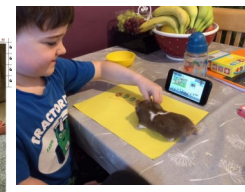
### Friday 29th January 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Hello from school as we near the end of January. Thank you for taking the time to answer the Home Learning feedback survey. As we continue with providing remote learning for those children working at home, we will be taking into account the suggestions and difficulties mentioned in the survey responses. If you have any particular questions or issues, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Whitford on [hello@padstowschool.org](mailto:hello@padstowschool.org).

### Home Learning Gallery

It is wonderful to see the children enjoying their home learning! This week there has been extra baking at home, as well as in school, and also pirate ship drawing, igloo building, hamsters helping with maths, ship building, spelling practice on the window, shield designs and some wonderful reading and writing!



Keep sending your home learning pics through to us at [hello@padstowschool.org](mailto:hello@padstowschool.org)

### School Pod Learning Gallery

KS1 Pod baked pirate biscuits

KS2 Pod A have been learning about Hinduism and continuing their 'I am Warrior' topic



## Online Learning update

Thank you to all parents and carers for the hard work going on at home with Home Learning. Please remember to contact the school on [hello@padstowschool.org](mailto:hello@padstowschool.org) if you have any questions or comments.

### Blackbird Pie magazine competition

It's COMPETITION TIME at BlackbirdPie! We have a total of £160 worth of beautiful animal-themed books for two lucky Cornish schools, a future visit\* by Mark's Ark for one lucky class or bubble AND your picture on the cover of the next issue of BlackbirdPie magazine.

Children – just draw, paint, collage, or take a funny photo of your favourite creature and email it to [post@blackbirdpie.co.uk](mailto:post@blackbirdpie.co.uk). Our favourite entry will be on the cover of the February/ March issue of BlackbirdPie magazine and the winner will enjoy a wonderful Mark's Ark animal encounter with their class or at home with the family!\* Hurry, the deadline is 2 February 2021.



Friends and Parents - Woof! Win wonderful animal-themed books for your school. Just Like and Follow BlackbirdPie's post on facebook or Instagram and put your school's name in your comments by 15 February 2021.

**The school with the most comments will win £100 worth of gorgeous children's books from leading independent publisher, Otter-Barry Books, and, as some schools are small, we have another prize of £60 worth of books which will be awarded taking the number of children into account.**

**\* Subject to Covid restrictions. This prize is valid until 31 October 2021.**

## TOP TIPS

### Mental Health Awareness

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and this year the theme is 'Express Yourself'. For resources to support families visit:

[Coronavirus: wellbeing activity ideas for families \(place2be.org.uk\)](https://place2be.org.uk)

A document put together by the children's mental health charity 'Place2Be' featuring tips for parents and carers is attached to today's Newsletter email.

A YouTube video about 'drawing your feelings' can be found here:

[Draw Your Feelings - Children's Mental Health Week 2021 - YouTube](#)

We hope you find some of these resources helpful.

## Lockdown Certificates

Here at school we feel it is important to continue to recognize the outstanding effort and hard work of our pupils—even more so during a lockdown, when the majority of them are relying on their own motivation at home to keep going! Each week, the teachers are awarding certificates to children working hard at home AND children in their Pods at school. Here are this week's certificate winners, well done to them all!

### Home Learning Certificates:

Puffin: **Tommy**

Lapwing: **Beatrice**

Kittiwake: **Kaelan**

Oystercatcher: **Josh D**

Cormorant: **Y4: Ella**

Curlew: **Noah**

**Y5: Izzy**

### School Pod Learning Certificates:

Key Stage 1 Pod:

**Hollie & Imogen**

Key Stage 2 Pod A (Y3 & 4): **Amelia**

Key Stage 2 Pod B (Y5 & 6): **Poppy**

### Spare packets of vegetable seeds please

Our KS1 Pod are hoping to make a start of planting up the vegetable garden after Half Term, ready for all of the children to help look after them once they are all back in school. The teachers would be very grateful for any donations of unwanted packets of vegetable seeds in order to get them started. If you have any spare, please put them into the Drop Box at the main door of the school in the next couple of weeks. Thank you from the KS1 team.



### Friday 12th February 2021 and February Half Term holiday —message from Aspire

Aspire academies will be closed to ALL pupils, including critical workers/vulnerable pupils, on Friday 12th February for a planned Trust INSET staff training day. INSET days are established diary dates in any given academic year and the Trust has retained this date to ensure professional development and teaching & learning best practice continues across all our academies. Academies will then remain closed to ALL pupils from w/c 15th February for half term and will reopen to critical worker/vulnerable pupils on Monday 22nd February. Eligible Free School Meals families will receive a Wonde voucher to cover the half term period. We hope you have a restful week's break - stay safe everybody.