



Spring Term Newsletter 7

Friday 5th March 2021

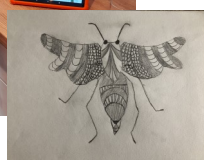
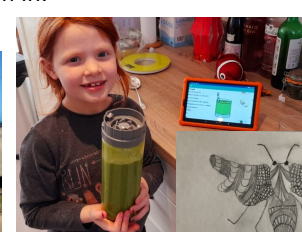
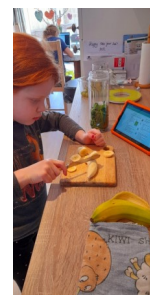
Dear parents and carers,

Happy St Piran's Day to you all! We hope you've had a chance to mark this special day in the Cornish calendar at home and that the children have enjoyed the Cornish-themed activities for their home learning today. Today is the last day of Home Learning for our pupils and we can't wait to see them all back at school on Monday. We understand that some children, or parents, may be feeling nervous about returning to school after a long break—we have included some ideas for preparing your child, should they need it, in our Top Tips overleaf. We have also given details of our health & safety precautions in the letter emailed on Tuesday. If you need an additional copy of this letter please ring the school and we can email it to you again. Next week will be Week 3 on the Aspens menu.

Have a restful weekend and we shall see you all on Monday!

Home Learning Gallery

Our last week of Home Learning has seen dressing up for World Book Day, beach learning in the sunshine, beautiful artwork & amazing mini beasts, litter picking and yummy smoothie-making. We have really enjoyed seeing your pictures over the past few weeks, so thank you for sending them in.



KS1 Pod exploring their senses and making playdough with herbs & spices



School Pod Learning Gallery



Enjoying the sunshine on St Piran's Day!



World Book Day competition winner!

We were very excited to hear this week that Ella from Year 4 has been awarded 3rd prize in the Cornwall Education Library Service competition for World Book Day! Ella is a passionate reader and so it seems very fitting that she succeeded in a book-based competition.

A box of new books for the school library awaits Ella on her return to school next week!

As we mentioned last week, we have a £1 World Book Day voucher for each child to take home on Monday.



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will reopen on Monday next week providing child-care every day from 8.00am until the classes open. Fun games and activities (on separate class tables for the time being) and a choice of breakfast are provided in the hall by Mrs Green and Mrs Bray, at £2.75 per session. Please email emma.sanders@padstowschool.org for more information or to book sessions.



SongFest—this week's song

This week's song for children to learn is Bob Marley's 'One Love'. Here is the link to the practice video that Cornwall Music Education Hub have produced:

[One love - YouTube](#)

TOP TIPS—for preparing your child to go back to school

If you or your child are anxious about returning to school, we thought that the information here might be useful.

In addition, HeadStart Kernow have signposted a story that has been produced to help primary aged children explore their feelings about returning to school. If you are interested, please click on this link:

[eps-the-little-elf-and-the-flowers-of-hope-and-bravery.pdf](https://headstartkernow.org.uk/eps-the-little-elf-and-the-flowers-of-hope-and-bravery.pdf) (headstartkernow.org.uk)

Preparing Your Child For the First Day Back in School

As schools begin to open to more children, parents and children may well be feeling anxious. Here's some ideas of how best to prepare.

Be Calm.

Your child will take their lead from you and be reassured if you are steady and matter of fact.



Be Curious.

These are strange times and their imagination may run away with them. Listen, and try not to dismiss or minimise their fears but validate how they are feeling – "it's completely fine to feel like that at the moment" or "I can really understand why you would feel like that".



Be Positive.

Remind them of all the ways they have learnt to keep themselves safe: washing their hands regularly, sneezing and coughing into their elbow, not hugging others and staying in their own space.



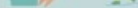
Be Thankful.

Help your child think of things they are looking forward to: being with their friends, seeing their teacher, favourite activities but be mindful some of these may not be available for them.



Be Supportive

Younger children particularly may struggle with separation anxiety and may become tearful, clingy or act out. Reassure them that you will miss them too and think of them through out the day. It might be helpful to draw a little heart on their wrist and one on yours too. You can call it the hug button and when they find they are missing you they can press the heart and know that you will be doing the same at home. Sometimes having a little object to remind them of you through the day helps but please check this out with your school first.



Be Prepared.

Support your child to be aware of changes that may have happened to their classroom environment since they were there last and rehearse any new routines that school may have shared. Rehearse and practice your 'goodbye' routine and create a 'hello' greeting for the end of the day for them to look forward to.



Lockdown Certificates

Here at school we feel it is important to continue to recognise 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:	Sonny
Lapwing:	Eddie
Kittiwake:	Lily
Oystercatcher:	Faith
Cormorant:	Elsie
Curlew:	Archie

School Pod Learning Certificates:

Key Stage 1 Pod:	Whole Pod
Oystercatcher Pod:	Mabel & Myla
Cormorant Pod:	Harley
Curlew Pod:	Jack M

Compost donations please

Our Key Stage 1 children will be making the most of the outdoors by gardening over the next few months. They have seeds to sow and tend, but would really appreciate any donations of compost that you may have spare. Bags can be dropped off outside the main front door of the school any time from Monday onwards. The team are looking forward to learning and having fun in the garden, so thank you for your support.

Padstow Town Public Consultation

A reminder of the current public consultation regarding the Padstow Parish Neighbourhood Plan. Please see the poster here or go to: [Regulation 14 Consultation | Padstow Town Council \(padstow-tc.gov.uk\)](https://www.padstow-tc.gov.uk/regulation-14-consultation) for more information.

**REGULATION 14
PUBLIC CONSULTATION**
Commences Monday 8 February 2021

PADSTOW PARISH
Neighbourhood Plan
(NDP)



HAVE YOUR SAY
The Pre-Submission Version of the NDP is ready for Regulation 14 consultation.
This follows several years of community engagement and consultation co-ordinated by the NDP Steering Group.
This is a formal and important stage within the neighbourhood planning regulations. It provides EVERYONE the opportunity - including residents, businesses, local workers and statutory bodies - to comment on the draft Plan.
All comments received will be considered by the Steering Group and Town Council and a revised Plan will be submitted to Cornwall Council for independent examination.

View the Plan and Make Comments:
Scan the QR code below for easy access.

ALTERNATIVELY YOU CAN:
Go Online: <https://padstow-tc.gov.uk/regulation-14-consultation>
Email: ndp@padstow-tc.gov.uk
Telephone: 01841 532 296

Hard Copies:
Hard copies of the Plan or Comments Form can be requested by contacting the Town Council Offices by email or telephone using the details above.

CLOSING DATE:
Midnight on Sunday 18 April 2021

**Padstow Town Council**
For further info visit: www.padstow-tc.gov.uk
Email: ndp@padstow-tc.gov.uk
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Thank you to Helen Blackburn from Wild Tribe!

Oystercatcher class were lucky enough to have another guest speaker this week.

Helen Blackburn from Wild Tribe talked to Miss Webster and the video was watched by the children at school and at home on Google Classroom.

Mrs Blackburn is an outdoor learning specialist with a real passion for outdoor adventure! She has led expeditions to wild places in the British Isles including the Cornish coast path, Bodmin moor, Dartmoor, Exmoor and the Brecon Beacons, climbed mountains primarily in the Lake District, Snowdonia and the Highlands of Scotland and loved long distance walking challenges of Hadrian's Wall, Coast to Coast, Arran Coastal Way and the Cape Wrath Trail.

She believes that learning outdoors provides children and young people with rich and varied opportunities for challenge, self-reliance, resourcefulness, imagination and freedom. It provides a real-world context for all learning. It encourages knowledge, wonder of, and concern for, our natural environment.

Thank you so much to Mrs Blackburn for her time: her enthusiasm and knowledge has helped to inspire the learning within their 'Misty Mountain, Winding River' topic this week.