Padstow School Newsletter Friday 10th November 2023



Diary Dates

November

Cormorant class swimming
NEW date for School Photos
Children in Need day
Oystercatcher class swimming

ATTENDANCE							
Puffin	Kittiwake	Oystercatcher	Cormorant	Curlew		Average	
91%	90%	96%	97%	98%		94%	

Snowflake the Attendance Owl is awarded to Curlew class, as they achieved the highest attendance this week!

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



Swimming

Swimming lessons have begun this week, and Curlew class have had a great time improving their skills and stamina, enjoying themselves with their friends.

It's the turn of Cormorant class next week.



Kittiwake class' outdoor learning

For their final lesson on materials last week, the pupils in Kittiwake class made ramps in outdoor learning and raced cars down them, to see which materials produced the highest speed.







Our Recommended Read

Each week, we will recommend a reading book suitable for a range of primary school year groups. Here is this week's book:

Recommended reads



Between bullies at school and changes at home, Charlie Challinor finds life a bit scary. And when he's made guardian of a furry fox cub called Cadno, things get a whole lot scarier.

A heartwarming story about family, friendship and finding your inner fire.

Reading age: 6-10 years Suitable for: Y2 Up

A reminder of Christmas dates

December dates for your diary:

Monday 4th December	2.15pm	Nursery & Reception Nativity performance
Tuesday 5th December	9.30am	Nursery & Reception Nativity performance
Thursday 7th December		Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 8th December	6.00pm	Padstow Christmas Festival Lantern Parade
Monday 11th December	9.30am	Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity performance
Tuesday 12th December	2.15pm	Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity performance
Wednesday 13th Decemb	er	Christmas lunch (bookable on parentpay)
Friday 15th December	2.00pm	Carol Service at St Petroc's Church
Tuesday 19th December	1.30pm	LAST day of term. School closes at 1.30pm.



Remembrance Day

This week, Nursery and Puffin class have been exploring Remembrance Day and making poppies, which they then laid in the Garden of Remembrance at St Petroc's Church on Wednesday. The children from Curlew class



also accompanied the younger ones to the Church, and on the way back the older class visited sites of historic interest around the town as part of their World War II topic.











Children in Need Day, Friday 17th November

As you'll have 'spotted' in the Calendar on page 1, it is BBC Children in Need Day next Friday. As in previous years, the School Council are inviting children and staff to wear something spotty (or just wear non-uniform) for the day and—IF you wish—you can make a small donation towards BBC Children in Need on ParentPay. Please ensure children are still wearing trainers or



comfortable shoes and Cormorant class parents, bear in mind that the children will still be changing for swimming that day!

FoodBank open in Padstow



The Foodbank is now open in Padstow every Thursday, 1- 3pm at The Hub, Lawns Car Park, School Hill. Donations will be greatly appreciated during opening hours, otherwise they will be collecting food for Padstow from the Wadebridge depot.

In the New Year, they hope to be able to offer assistance with benefit and pension credit checks along with offering a book swapping service. See newsletter attached to email for more information.

Individual photographs: next Thursday

Harlequin Photography will be here on Thursday next week (16th November) as a re-arranged date to take individual and sibling photographs. For those of you who have a child at nursery who is not due to attend Nursery on Thursday, you are invited to come to the school hall between 8-8:30am to have your child photographed.

Missing PE kit

Harry in Kittiwake class is missing an entire set of—named—uniform. Please can you check items at home to see if anyone has his polo shirt, jumper, trousers or black PE hoody? Return to Mrs Bruce please. Thanks.

School nurse information

A poster detailing the services on offer by the School Nursing team is attached to today's newsletter email.



Be polite, kind & thoughtful

Follow instructions

Care for everyone & everything

This week's Certificate winners:

Nursery: **Archie**, for caring for everyone & everything

Puffin: Jerry, for following instructions

Kittiwake: Isla, for following instructions

Oystercatcher: Macy, for following instructions

Cormorant: Elexa, for caring for everyone & everything

Curlew: Jago & Lucas for caring for everyone & everything, and Caelin for following instructions.

Mrs Whitford's Certificates

Mrs Whitford presented certificates to the following pupils today:

Caiden in Oystercatcher class, for being brave

Sebby in Oystercatcher class, for being kind and caring

Eva in Curlew class, for passion (daring to be different & following her dreams).

Nursery Story Sharing Superstars

Each week, Mrs Parsons presents Story Sharing Superstar certificates to Nursery pupils who have shared 10 stories at home (written in their new reading record books). This was achieved by:

Ellie & Riley





Curlew class' visit to the Cornwall Community Flood Forum event

Last Friday, Curlew class went to the Royal Cornwall Showground as they were invited to the annual conference of the Cornwall Community Flood Forum. It was a fascinating afternoon: with thanks to Cornwall Wildlife Trust and the University of Exeter, the children participated in a workshop focused upon why nature-based solutions are important in combatting the effects of climate change, such as



with flood mitigation, improving biodiversity, and other associated benefits for local communities. This encompassed the re-introduction of beavers. With thanks to the Environment Agency, the students also took part in a flood modelling activity based around the area of their school, using pre-made lego houses and 'flood water' AKA cold tea! The houses were 'flooded' and the students







had to plan what they would save and how, physically moving objects like cars and

livestock to higher ground, and then designing flood barriers using materials provided to try to protect the properties. Thanks to the CCFF group, who paid for the transport required to attend the event.