

# Newsletter

21<sup>st</sup> May 2021

## Special Mentions

- Reception:** This week in Reception we had a new friend join our class, Charlie has settled in really well and has slotted into our class brilliantly! We have also been learning about halving in maths and Stella Theo, Ellis and Arthur have been brilliant at cutting pizzas in half and explaining that both parts need to be equal and that two halves make a whole. Callum even began to cut the pizza into quarters which really impressed Mrs Kent! All of the children loved our story and song this week. They enjoyed finding out what cunning plan the thieves Hefty Hugh and Lanky Len had thought of and how the animals were going to stop them! What fantastic learning this week Reception!
- Year 1:** What a busy week in year 1, we have had an amazing week. Last Friday a gentleman called George Forrest came and visited our class, he is a plant expert and had travelled to China to a village called Yunnan, where he discovered the Rhododendron flower. He brought lots of these plants back to England as well as lots of other species. Yesterday we were so lucky to take our first trip out of school. We travelled on a bus and went to Heligan gardens to also go on a plant hunt and look for Rhododendrons, we found lots of them. We also discovered many things from our shared reading book, the giant, the dove house, the bee's home and the pineapple planter. We had an amazing day at Heligan and therefore my special mention goes to the whole class for our brilliant trip to Heligan, with fantastic behaviour and enthusiasm toward discovering all about Rhododendrons, our story "The Giant" and finding evergreen and deciduous trees. Also, we have a new boy in our class, Harry! He has been awesome this week and has settled into our school and has become part of our year 1 family! Well done Harry!
- Year 2:** We've have had another busy week in year 2. Today we looked at bulbs. We investigated the inside of an onion to find the different parts of the bulb and ended up with a rather smelly classroom! We also looked at how our bean seed had developed over the last week and are recording the results. Special mentions go to Taylor and Kezia, who worked extremely hard to pick up their pace in maths. They both worked really well and it shows in their results. Fabulous work! I would also like to mention Morley. Morley loves school and is always striving to do his best. He is engaging with his lessons well and is always eager to offer answers and suggestions during learning time. He has also been working really hard on his handwriting. Well done Morley! Emmie has continued with our learning at home by planting seeds and also working on her TTRS.
- Year 3:** There was great excitement in Year 3 with the introduction of Moki, a fitness tracker! (see more details in the Newsletter). A fantastic week of learning has also taken place with the children learning about flowers in Science and division in Maths. We are carrying out an experiment to see what cress needs to grow and how water is transported through a flower. Special mentions to Charlotte and Senna-Rose this week. Charlotte has really worked hard in Maths on multiplication and division. She also produced a great dissection of a tulip in Science. Well done also to Senna-Rose. She has had a great week in all areas as she does every week. She has an excellent attitude to her learning and remains focussed throughout the day. She is a fantastic role model to Year 3. Well done girls! Well done also to Taylor C from Mr Moore for his great reasoning skills and problem solving skills in division.
- Year 4:** Year 4 have been working hard all year on their handwriting. Most of the children are consistently joining now. The size of their handwriting is also improving! Year 4 have been really inspired to write this half term as we have been focusing on biographies on Bear Grylls' as well as their own made-up explorer. I have been really impressed with how serious the children have taken their presentation. This week I am giving out 5 more pen licenses to the following children: Jenson, Amelia, Kira, Olivia and Macie. There are also several other children who are extremely close! Keep up the good work Year 4.

Year 5: Where are the weeks going! We must be having fun as they are flying!  
Congratulations this week to both Brookes and Sophie!  
Brooke W always shows great maturity but was an absolute superstar when it came to tidying up after art. Brooke T has had a fab week in maths, as well as being a brilliantly supportive partner in PE. Sophie showed super resilience in art - it was a tricky task, but she stuck with it and worked as part of a team to produce a great outcome.

Year 6: Special Mention to Scarlett for producing some amazing writing as a result of always listening to advice and working hard to do her absolute best. Another Special Mention to Jack S for showing a great attitude and responding well during lessons this week.

#### **Golden Tickets**

Reception Class: Marlena for lovely sharing.  
Year 1: Mylor for brilliant phonics.  
Year 2: Ella for a good explanation in shared reading.  
Year 3: Sophia for 100% in an AR quiz.  
Year 4: James for achieving a row of stickers on Miss Tonkin's reward chart.  
Year 5: Ethan for great spelling work.  
Year 6: Joe for great English.

#### **Class Photographs**

A reminder that your child will have their class photograph next Tuesday (25<sup>th</sup>).

Your child will be sent home with a card which contains all the details on how to order the photograph if you wish to do so.



#### **Random Acts of Art**

The Kneehigh Theatre's Random Act of Art, runs between 30<sup>th</sup> March and 30<sup>th</sup> May with 40 wonder encounters popping up around St Austell to celebrate Kneehigh's 40 years.

If you spot a Random Act or create your own please share #randomacts <https://www.kneehigh.co.uk/shows/random-acts-of-art/>

The Kneehigh company dropped in some cards with more information for the children at Roche School and their families.

There are 4 stories about Roche. One about a quarry, one featuring honey in the walls of a house, the Co-op and Charlie Philipps stores. (If you are local to the village you will have heard of Charlie Philipps!)

The cards have been jumbled and given to each child. Make sure you share your story with friends and families and maybe join in with your own Random Act of Art.

Each card has a QR code. Just turn your mobile phone's camera on and hold it over the QR code for a story telling app!

### Governor Feedback

Last Wednesday, 12/05/21, I attended school to view the teaching of PE along with Mr Walden and Mrs Campbell the PE lead for the school. It was really pleasing to see how engaged the children were in their lessons and how much they enjoyed PE.

I had the pleasure of speaking to students from most classes who were all really polite and well-mannered and a really good advertisement for the school's values. The students I spoke with provided some really interesting answers to questions they were asked.

It was really pleasing to hear that lots of children undertake Physical Activities and attend sports clubs outside of the school. So a massive well done to all children for being so active.

Martyn Smith  
PE + Parent Governor

### St Piran's Rescheduled Day!



Pasties on Thursday went down very well with the children!

Jenson had a steak pasty with beans and a slice of decorated sponge!

There was coleslaw available, sweetcorn and turkey mayo!

The pasties are from Premier Pasties from St Columb who have won prizes in The Cornish Pasty Championships for 5 years in a row!

Not only are the pasties award winning, they are produced locally and use high quality ingredients from Cornwall to reduce those 'food miles'.



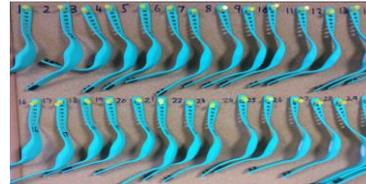
There was some delicious cake on offer for dessert today too!!

Three glorious decorated sponge cakes were made, and according to Mrs Whitford, every last crumb was eaten!



### Moki Fitness!

Year 3 were very excited on Tuesday when the Moki fitness trackers were introduced. The children shall be wearing these every day at school to measure how much physical activity they are doing. The trackers record their daily steps and their Moderate to Vigorous Physical Activity (MVPA). This is the number of minutes they were engaged in an activity that made them feel warmer and breathe faster. The data is then available for the children to see. They have enjoyed seeing who has completed the most steps. Next term, the Moki trackers will be introduced to the rest of KS2.



### Tilly's Diary

*This week I went to Doggy Daycare!  
On Wednesday (luckily the driest day of the week) I went to play with my friends at Brynn Hill!  
I had another energetic day and came back rather tired!  
We've had a great week at school haven't we? Year 3 have been growing cress and tracking their steps, Year 5 have been learning about where items come from. I learned that tea comes from a bush!  
I smelt delicious pasties on Thursday but wasn't allowed to eat one!  
I'm going to ask Year 3 if I can try a Moki tracker! I wonder what my steps would be for the day!  
Have a great weekend!  
Love Tilly x*

### Year 3 and 4 – Porthpean Camp

A reminder that the deposit for Porthpean Camp needs to be put on Parent Pay as soon as possible please.

If you would like to discuss payments, please speak with Mr Walden or email: [head@roche.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:head@roche.cornwall.sch.uk).