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## Our Curriculum

Despite the feeling a few years ago that the government was pushing schools to a system where a curriculum should be narrowed to just learning the fundamentals of maths, reading and writing we are very pleased that the information that we are now receiving 'from above' recognises the importance of a broad and balanced curriculum.

St Hilary has always been proud of its rounded curriculum and we work hard to give the children experiences that make learning fun and interesting. The development of our 'Project Based Curriculum' over the past 4 years has certainly raised the bar and the time and effort that teachers put into planning each term is a real driver for its success.

To give just a few recent examples:

Last Friday the year 5 children enjoyed a Viking day where all of the children came dressed as Vikings (big thanks to the parents and families for supporting this!). A 'Viking expert' led the children through 'a day in the life of a Viking'. The children said:

"It was a really fun day. I was chosen to be a father to Ava my 'familier'. We then started battling and I died, not from the battle but of old age!" - Joel Veal

"The Viking day was awesome! I got to go up with Alex and try out all of the Viking weapons. We learnt the use of the spear, axe and sword. Apparently the spear was the best one to use in battle." Lewis Stephens

"It was such a fun day! At one point I was made a lord and had to decide in court (where I had two guards to protect me) if Harvey, who was a poor Viking man, was guilty of stealing a sheep. I found him not guilty." Ava Gilmour

On Tuesday our year 6 children entertained their parents in a special assembly where they spoke about all they had learnt so far this term. The children spoke with great enthusiasm about their persuasive writing and enjoyed testing their parents on the techniques used for effective persuasion. They enjoyed giving their parents maths challenges and especially enjoyed thinking that maybe, just maybe, they might be better at maths than their parents! :-)

Then on Wednesday, I had a lovely visit from a group of children from Sennen class inviting me to join them for lunch at 'Ben's Kitchen' next week, where they will be cooking and hosting. They brought me beautiful hand-made invitations which demonstrated their fantastic writing skills along with a wonderfully illustrated menu. Apparently I can look forward to a feast of meatballs and pasta- (It's tough being a Headteacher sometimes!).

Perran and Prussia Cove class have been busy using their maths and English skills to make posters advertising their home-made jams which they will sell at St Erth Farmers Market on Saturday morning. With their 'essential question' being "How do we tickle our tastebuds?" Over the term they have picked blackberries and used them to make blackberry and apple jam with the finishing touch being their hand-made jam labels.

I am always excited by our teacher's ideas when they are planning their topics and it is always a real privilege to see the ideas come to fruition and to watch both them and the children have so much fun seeing the topics through!

K Butcher

With the Christmas Fayre fast approaching we are in the process of putting together hampers for the raffle prizes. If anybody is able to donate something to go in the hampers it would be greatly appreciated. For example, crackers, biscuits, Christmas nibbles, wine, or anything that you would like to see in a hamper.

Please could any donations be dropped into Dot by Tuesday.

Thank you

The PTA.

### Mathletics – 13<sup>th</sup> Nov – 19<sup>th</sup> November

Can anyone stop them? Adelaide has become our KS2 star and therefore the 'Mathlete of the Week' with a sensational amount of points just inching Ava into 2<sup>nd</sup> place. These two girls alongside Robyn have led the way throughout the term – well done girls!!

Also, well done to Harriet Wright who becomes our highest R/ KS1 star of the week in 6<sup>th</sup> position! She's the leading KS1 child for sure as has been in this position several times – simply brilliant.

Top Students		Activity Points	Live Points	Total Points 🗸
Trevennen, Adelaide	>	10,820	464	11,284
Gilmour, Ava	>	10,370	79	10,449
Kelly, Robyn	>	7,370	1,639	9,009
Ellis, James	>	4,160	73	4,233
Mann, Thomas	>	4,050	0	4,050
Wright, Harriet	>	3,480	0	3,480
Strawson, Alexander	>	3,440	34	3,474
Williams, Malia	>	2,940	133	3,073
Мапп, Рорру	>	2,560	0	2,560
Williams, Erin	>	2,430	0	2,430



A reminder that the last day of erm - 20th December - will be a 2pm finish. There will be no Funzone on this day.

There will be no Funzone on Tuesday 16th January due to the re-scheduled Child Protection training.

Mr Dyke has kindly let us use his trailer again so we will need some other strong people to help!! We're hoping to start at 8am on Tuesday the 28th of November . If any one could help out please let Dot know.



Many thanks in advance,



A huge thank you to all who donated cakes/buns or who bought from last week's Children In Need cake sale. We raised an amazing £254.21!!

Prussia Cove and Perran class are selling their jam at St.Erth Farmers Market (St.Erth chapel) this Saturday 25th November between 10am and 12pm Everyone Welcome



#### Class Attendance

This week's attendance hot spot goes to Gwenver Class with



#### **CLASS CERTIFICATES WEEK ENDING 17th November**

Perran Raffy Morton, Isla Matthews - Aiyana Edwards, Jonathan Atkinson **Prussia Cove** Porthcurno - Sacha Richards, Lillia Strong

- Callum Tilly, Rosie Kelly Sennen Kynance Cove - Amelia Atkins, Erin Smitham Gwithian - Isla Fulcher, Isaac Stone

Gwenver - Alfie Hart



Arthur Ginnever-Pere Elsie Sharp Gwithian Tilly Sanson Ellie Sanders Daisy Laity

Emma Tilly Freddie Challoner Gwenver Kynance Cove Oliver Ballard Noah Ellis-Roe Cody Polley

Elise Eley Ava Gilmour Alfie Lapham Hayden Waters Ruby Ballard Zelah Anjari Elisha Edwards Alex Wagstaffe

Daisy Randall Lamorna Florence Brown Lilou Dobinson



his week's Star Writers were awarded with their special stickers in this morning's assembly. Check out their amazing writing on our writing display in the main school corridor.

> Perran - Isabella Campbell Porthcurno - Archie Davies Kynance - Poppy Davies Gwenver - Isabelle Goddard

massive well done to all of our St Hilary writers Let's keep it up





On Monday 18<sup>th</sup>
December, the school
will be taking on the
breakfast club which

currently runs at Sunny Corner. As the staffing ratios are different in a school to a nursery setting, we are able to offer this to parents at a slightly cheaper cost of £3.00 for the 8.00am- 8.45am session.

The club will run from the Funzone room, which will allow the use of the room and the top playground. Children arriving before 8.30 will be offered cereal and/ or toast options. If you would like to book your child in for the breakfast club, either as a regular or 'one-off' then please phone the school and a member of staff will be able to organise this. Numbers will be limited so it is important that children are pre-booked for the sessions. On arrival, children should be brought to the school entrance where they can be taken either by parents or staff to the Funzone room. If you have any queries regarding this then please do not hesitate to contact us.



E safety Parent Meeting

5th December 3:30 pm In Class 6 (Child care available at Fun zone)

Please attend for information about

keeping your child safe on line.

As part of our ongoing e safety and anti-bullying work we arrange for the local youth intervention police officer to visit the school to teach children about keeping safe while using the internet.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> December she will be visiting the junior classes to teach them about e safety.

After school she will be staying to meet with parents for 30 minutes to give important advice about internet safety.

If you are interested and need child care could you please let the office know so that we have an idea about child care numbers.



# CHRISTMAS FAIR ST PIRAN'S HALL

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 1pm – 4pm

Free Entry Jewellery, Books, Papercraft, Refeshments & More

Tables cost £5 and can be booked with John Trad

Goldsithney Christmas Lights Lantern Workshop for Children

St Kilary and Relubbus Christmas lights
will be switched on On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017.

6pm at the Institute, St Kilary
6.30pm at Badcocks Green, Relubbus

Clong with mulled wine and mince pies

Everyone welcome!!







