



St Hilary School Newsletter

"The Best we can be"

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Supporting Children with their Emotional Resilience and Development At St Hilary School

Dear Parent,

As many of you have been aware the school have been using a program called 'Thrive' for the last 2 years. This approach has enabled us to support children at St Hilary using creativity and play to help develop emotional resilience and we have all seen a real impact this way of working has had on a number of individuals throughout the school.

We have been lucky that this was partly funded through the Cornish charity Headstart, whose aims are to support emotional resilience and mental wellbeing of children and young people across Cornwall. However last year they had to complete a tender process to determine which organisation could most effectively meet these aims across the County. Therefore our 'Thrive' program has now changed to using TIS UK- Trauma Informed Schools UK, supported by the computer based program run by Motional.

So what will change? Nothing; TIS is based on the same scientific research and has been developed using the latest research into brain science, child development theory, attachment theory and the role of creativity and play in developing emotional resilience. If your child is already accessing Thrive sessions their class teacher will just ask you to sign the new permission slip, in order that we can assess them using the new Motional system. And, if there is a child that we feel would benefit from an assessment and accessing these sessions here is some of the rationale behind why some children might need some extra support in developing emotional resilience, from the people behind Motional:

We believe that a child's learning shouldn't just be about academic results - that's only one part of us growing into well-rounded human beings. We also need to learn about how and why we feel, think, react and behave in certain ways. And sometimes we get those feelings, thoughts, reactions and behaviours wrong. Just like sometimes we get maths problems wrong.

Often the what is easy to spot when it comes to feelings, thought, reactions and behaviours!

*Motional helps adults and children understand the why, and work on the how, so that the what can change. We also keep track of the what so we can see when or if it changes. We call these **Reports**.*

*Sometimes the why can be difficult or painful to talk about, sometimes it can be a relief to talk about it. Motional uses **ACEs** and **Protective Factors** to help us understand.*

We have some questions that teachers can answer about your son or daughter to find out what the what is when they're at school.

*You could do the same to measure the what at home. They're things like "Is John able to make friends and be warm, open and friendly?" And "Does Erica have explosive outbursts or temper tantrums?" And "Neil enjoys finding solutions to problems." They're scored by how often that thing happens - never, rarely, sometimes, often, or always. We save the answers to these questions in **Snapshots**.*

*We use the answers to those questions to suggest things the adult can do to help that child with the how. Again, you could do some of these at home if you wanted to. We call these **Programs**.*

At St Hilary we believe we have been given a huge opportunity to support any child that needs it, in order to help them develop into well rounded individuals. Children may need this support for a short period of time or as a longer set of ongoing sessions, and the reasons they may need this can vary hugely as their experiences vary widely. We have 3 trained personnel in school to deliver these sessions: Miss Rowe, Mrs Badcock and our SENCo Miss Brant. All the children that have completed any sessions have thoroughly enjoyed them, and usually badger the teacher to ask when is Miss Rowe or Mrs Badcock coming!

If you have any questions at any time please ask your class teacher or just ask the practitioner that is/ will be working with your child. Alternatively you can email: michellebrant@st-hilary.cornwall.sch.uk.

Michelle Brant - TIS Co-ordinator & Special Needs Co-ordinator



Hockey success

A huge WELL DONE to four ex St. Hilary pupils - Finlay Gardner, Jacob Pengelly, James Swan and Luther Hewett - who have just represented Mounts Bay Academy and become Year 9 County Hockey Champions.



CLASS CERTIFICATES WEEK ENDING 23rd FEBRUARY

Perran	- Loveday McMichael, Tressa Andrewartha
Prussia Cove	- Harry Bettens, Jessie Postlethwaite
Porthcurno	-
Sennen	- Grace Ellis, Hana Veal
Kynance Cove	- Layla Richards, Wyatt Tully
Gwithian	- Year 4 Swimming Gala Representatives, Beth Denton
Gwenver	- Ben Nicholas
Lamorna	- Ellie Oates, Anthony Williams

Mathletics – 19th – 25th February

Our highest KS2 star and overall Mathlete of the week is Ava Gilmour...can anyone knock her off the top spot?!

Archie Davies, in a very respectable 4th place, becomes our highest R/KS1 star of the week! Well done everyone!

Mathletics have created a fantastic new, interactive Sci-Fi themed multiplication resource. 'Multiverse' is an immersive game designed to increase **multiplication fact fluency and recall**. Set in a rich, animated science-fiction world, students use their knowledge and recall of multiplication facts in a story context, to scan asteroids, harvest resources, navigate through space and even defeat space pirates. Why not see what the children think about it and let us know?

Top Students	Activity Points	Live Points	Total Points
Gilmour, Ava	> 7,970	593	8,563
Ballard, Oliver	> 6,280	511	6,791
Williams, Malia	> 6,210	49	6,259
Davies, Archie	> 3,790	2,013	5,803
Trevennen, Adelaide	> 3,930	109	4,039
Atkinson, Matthew	> 2,510	1,321	3,831
Roberts, Jessica	> 3,460	41	3,501
Wright, Harriet	> 3,310	0	3,310
Strawson, Alexander	> 2,780	454	3,234
Waters, Milly	> 2,970	116	3,086

Mathletics – 26th February – 4th March

A brand new KS2 star and Mathlete of the week. A huge congratulations to Milly W who has clearly beaten some stiff competition to win.

It looks like some children took advantage of the snowy conditions! Well done to everyone who achieved a certificate and who featured on our leader board.

Matthew A, in a very respectable 3rd place, becomes our highest R/KS1 star of the week! Well done everyone!

Top Students	Activity Points	Live Points	Total Points
Waters, Milly	> 8,970	364	9,334
Trevennen, Adelaide	> 8,600	52	8,652
Atkinson, Matthew	> 3,440	3,988	7,428
Gilmour, Ava	> 6,470	0	6,470
Davies, Archie	> 3,700	2,567	6,267
Rhodes, Isabella	> 4,670	34	4,704
Wright, Harriet	> 3,450	0	3,450
Strawson, Phoebe	> 2,240	1,042	3,282
Stevens, Grace	> 3,220	0	3,220
Williams, Erin	> 3,010	0	3,010

Accelerated Reader

Word Count:

33,702,464

Class Attendance

This week's attendance hot spot goes to Porthcurno with 96.9% Well done all.

Porthcurno

Accelerated Reader

Prussia Cove

Matthew Atkinson

Harry Bettens

Porthcurno

Harriet Wright

Archie Davies

Alexander Strawson

Phoebe Strawson

Mazey Hayman

Sennen

Callum Tully

Chloe Ellis

Daisy Laity

Zela Inch

William Green

Pixie Foskett

Hana Veal

Jessica Roberts

Rosie Kelly

Grace Ellis

Maximus Jackman

Lilla Prior

Harvey Woodward

Taher Anjari

Kynance Cove

Teddy Hodgson

Noah Ellis-Roe

Lydia Smith

Annie Baker

Claudia Prospero-Matthews

Charlie Taylor

Ruairi Little

Fabulous Full-Markers

Daisy Randall

Malia Williams

Layla Richards

Elisha Edwards

Florence Brown

Savannah Garner-Williams

Amelia Atkins

Flo Postlethwaite

Jack Semmens-Ley

Gwithian

Rowan Kersley

Isabelle Skewes

Emma Tilly

Alfie Hill-Dann

Milly Waters

Gwenver

Ava Gilmour

Lewis Stephens

Olly Hamshar

Alaina Roderick

Emma Brown

Val Murley

Harry Morton

Molly Denton

Izzy Goddard

Jacob Mann

Logan Little

Lamorna

Rosie Hill-Dann

Joe Dyke

Dylan Evans

Isla Burns

Talia Stevenson

Star Writers'

This 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.

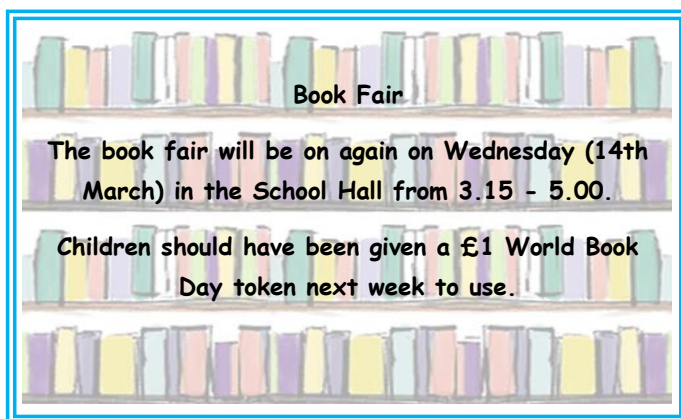
Perran - Amy Kindon-Brown

Kynance Cove - Erin Smitham

Gwenver - Val Murley

Huge well done children - keep up the fantastic writing!

Miss J :-)



Snow days

So last week brought lots of fun and excitement with the snow and icy weather. Closing a school is never a decision taken lightly and we appreciate the inconvenience to parents that this can cause. It was, however, really lovely to see photos of the children and their families having a great time- for some of them their first snowy experience!



EASTER TENNIS CAMPS

at Penzance Tennis Club

3rd April – 13th April 2018

		Member	Non-Member
9:00 – 10:00	3-5 years	£4 per session per day	£5 per session per day
10:00 – 12:00	6-10 years	£8 per session per day	£10 per session per day
13:00 – 15:00	11+ years	£8 per session per day	£10 per session per day

Pick and
choose
days to
suit you

- **All abilities welcome**
- **All equipment provided**
- **LTA qualified coaches**
- **Develop Tennis Skills**
- **Fun Games**



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