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### Maths Update 2018/19

It has been full steam ahead from day one of the academic year in terms of Maths. Building on our highest end of KS2 SATs results for some years (88.6% achieved the expected level compared to National 75%), the children have been challenged and engaged in their respective year groups, developing their reasoning and problem-solving skills; this is an area St Hilary School has been working on since the 2014 curriculum came into place. This year, our focus has been to raise all pupils' attainment through practising key skills and strengthening their understanding of key concepts by ensuring they have variety in their learning. It is incredibly important to keep 'the basics' (such as times tables, number bonds, rounding skills etc.) bubbling on the surface so that children are fluent and armed with this knowledge, ready to use in other areas of maths.





The EYFS team have been busy creating games to hand out on a weekly basis to their reception children. Why? Because we have found reading is something that is practised more often at home compared to Maths. Of course, this is not a negative in itself, as it is obvious that children need to read before acquiring any other skill. However, what is clear is that our end of KS2 Maths results are rarely in line with Reading; something we are keen on changing over time. Already, pictures have been added on Tapestry (an online app that is used in conjunction with parents in order to assess children against the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile) which is very encouraging. A massive thank you to everyone in EYFS especially Mrs

Sandow and Mrs Bettens who collated most of the resources for the games.

We continue to use Mathletics, TTrockstars and the newly added Mathshed (linked to Spellingshed) to promote Maths at home and engage children with what they are learning in class. These online resources are perfect for building on existing knowledge and research has shown that children who use them, increase their progress over time.



Last Friday, four Y6 children participated in the first Cornish Primary Maths Olympiad at Nexus in Camborne. They had to complete many very tough challenges promoting their problem solving



skills and did the school proud. Molly, Zelah, Harry and Hayden were a credit as always. A big thank you must go to Jo Osmand for transporting the children and Mrs Greygoose who supported and challenged the children throughout the day – much appreciated!

After Easter, we would love to hold another Maths Bonanza linked to Place Value and progression of calculations so you are more equipped to help children with their homework, and so you are more aware of what methods are actually being taught. We understand that how calculations are learned have changed over time and sometimes it is difficult to keep up. Please keep a look out for the date!

We would like to thank you for your continued support this year. If you have any questions or suggestions on how we can improve Maths at St Hilary, please do not hesitate to get in contact!

Mr Larter - Maths Leader

## CLASS CERTIFICATES WEEK ENDING 1ST FEBRUARY 2019

Perran - Evie & Oscar
Prussia Cove - Paige & Tressa
Porthcurno - Harry & Marley
Kynance Cove - Callum & Isaac
Gwithian - The whole class
Gwenver - Sam & Beth
Lamorna - Zelah & Jack

There will be no infant sports club on Wednesday 6th February as Mrs Sandow and Mrs Gardner are on a school trip and will not be back until 4pm.



## This week's Hot Chocolate Friday Winners!

Millie L was nominated by Mr Wright because she has tried really hard to improve her swimming.

Archie E was nominated by Mrs Gardner for making a mature decision when playing with his friends, and he recognised it was the proper thing to do!

Ava R was nominated by Mrs Bettens as she always looks after new children who attend Fun Zone showing them what to do and making sure they are happy.

Malia W was nominated by Mrs Cane because she never walks by without saying hello and always with a lovely smile.

**Molly D** was nominated by Mrs Davies because she gives 100% effort whether it's singing assembly or drama. She smiles 100% too.

Charlie T was nominated by Mrs Greygoose because he always say "hello" when we meet in the corridor and has a smile on his face.

**Poppy M** was nominated by Mrs Osmand as she gave up an ipad for someone in her class without any fuss.

Isabella R was nominated by Mrs Ellis for her "I can" positive attitude towards all aspects of school life, and making others know they can too.



#### SPELLING SHED

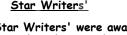
Top Speller - Jessie P (Perran)
Top Class - Kynance Cove

## Class Attendance

This week's attendance hot spot goes to Gwithian & Lamorna with 94.4% Well done all.







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 - Jessie P Porthcurno - Mazey H Kynance Cove - Alex S Gwenver - Robyn K

Huge well done children - keep up the fantastic writing!

Miss J :-)



# SCHOOL DINNER MENU FOR TUESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2019

