



St Hilary School Newsletter

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Geography at St Hilary



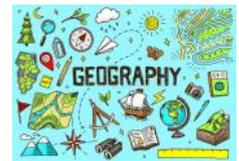
Mrs Sandow and I have recently taken over the leadership of History and Geography at St Hilary and are currently in the process of auditing our provision so that we can continue to provide an inspiring, relevant and useful education for your children in these areas.



I've started to get my teeth into Geography this term by joining the 'Geographical Association', talking to the children and looking around our school environment for clues about what we are already doing really well.

Findings from initial audit:

- Some of the children (mostly upper KS2) know what 'geography' is and how it relates to maps, countries, biomes, the world, ...
- Our children love learning about different countries and cultures!
- Most of the children can explain why learning geography is important. Comments like 'I'd like to travel when I'm older' and 'it's good to know about how other people live' were frequently heard
- Once the children knew what geography was, they could point to examples on the walls and in their project books.
- Every child spoken to could remember a class trip or experience that linked their project to geography. A lot of our projects have Geography at their heart, but children don't necessarily know that what they're learning is 'geography'



Next steps:

- Supporting the children in being more aware of the presence of geographical skills and knowledge in their learning.
- Ensuring teachers make the most of geographical opportunities within projects and day-to-day teaching, evidencing these in project books, displays, writing books etc.
- Further embedding the use of our amazing environment within our projects and documenting this.

The whole staff team have been working on producing Knowledge Organisers as you will have previously read about I'm sure; some of these will link to specifically our geography topics, as prescribed by the National Curriculum documentation. For example, the current project in Gwithian Class involves learning about volcanoes and natural disasters and the Year 2 project is about Africa. Some projects have geographical elements running alongside the main project, for example, next term's project in Kynance Cove Class includes learning about rainforest environments alongside learning about plants and the Ancient Maya.



A major focus in English this year is further developing 'Reading for Pleasure' and the use of quality texts to enhance the different curriculum areas. There are loads of high-quality books with links to Geography, some of which can be found on the link below.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/geography>

As always, if you have any feedback on this article, or any thoughts/ideas about the school's provision of Geography, please get in touch at kjelbert@st-hilary.cornwall.sch.uk
Many thanks for reading!



Miss Jelbert



Fabulous Full-Markers

Accelerated Reader

Gwenver

Layla R
Noah E-R

Kynance Cove

Mazey H
Poppy M
Dan D
Lexi I
Zara S
Brody T
Sylvester N
Woody J-B
Sikya C
Ella C

Porthcurno

Priya A
Eloise B
Isla M
Marley S

Gwithian

Freddie C
Lola F
Harvey W
Chloe E
William McA

Lamorna

Alice L
Mia J
Isabelle S
Sam B
Emma T
Caleb S

Class Attendance

This week's attendance hot spot goes to Sennen with 100% Well done all.



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.

Porthcurno - Evie L
Prussia Cove - Isla A-S

Huge well done children - keep up the fantastic writing! Miss J :-)

CLASS CERTIFICATES WEEK ENDING 28TH FEBRUARY 2020

Perran	-	Violet S & Cecily W
Prussia Cove	-	Marnee F-S & George B
Porthcurno	-	The whole class
Sennen	-	Gracie R
Kynance Cove	-	Dexter D & Woodie J-B
Gwithian	-	Rosie K & Sacha R
Gwenver	-	Arthur G-P & Archie J
Lamorna	-	Toby P & Isla F

MATHS SHED

Mathstronaut - Flynn T (Prussia Cove)
Top Class - Kynance Cove



SPELLING SHED

Speller of the Week - Isaac S (Gwithian)
Top Class - Gwithian



HIGH 5

High 5 is not on next Monday 16th March as the staff that run the club have other commitments.



Family Support Drop in sessions

Our very friendly and approachable family support advisor Mrs Sally Sharp will be holding a drop in session on **Thursday 19th March 2 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.** at school.

She can offer advice and support on a whole range of issues that impact on families and children, including parenting strategies and support for the wider family. So if you would like to speak to someone completely confidentially, or perhaps just need a friendly face to listen to you and work with you to give ideas, then please just pop-in!

Car Parking

Just a reminder that vehicles should not be parking on our neighbour's grass verge or parking on the road between the first bungalow past the top of the school and the entrance to the houses. Please respect the fact that the grass verges are private property, and also that parking on the road between the aforementioned areas makes it particularly difficult for larger vehicles/emergency vehicles to drive through. May we respectfully ask that you do not park your vehicle past the school premises.

Thank you for your support in this.



Easter Egg Raffle

The annual Easter Egg Raffle will take place on the last Friday of term.

Tickets will be on sale closer to the time and donations of eggs would be much appreciated.

Marazion Messy Church – Sunday 15th March 4-6pm in Marazion Community Centre. We'll be hearing the bible story of Baby Moses – a story about loving and caring. We'll then be staying with that theme while we make things, sing, pray and eat together. Messy Church is for families who want a different sort of church. Find us on Facebook and at www.mountsbayub.com



TERM DATES 2020

SPRING TERM - 6th January 2020 - 27th March 2020

Half Term - w/c 17th February 2020
End of Term - 27th March 2020

SUMMER TERM - 14th April 2020 - 23rd July 2020

May Day Bank Holiday - 8th May 2020
Half Term - w/c 25th May 2020
Training Day - 1st June 2020
End of term - 21st July 2020

TRAINING DAYS - 22nd & 23rd July 2020

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE MAY BANK HOLIDAY AS IT IS NOW A FRIDAY.

AUTUMN TERM - 3rd September 2020 - 18th December 2020

Half Term - w/c 26th October 2020
End of Term - 18th December 2020

PUPIL CONTACT INFORMATION

As you know we moved to the SIMS Parent Lite app for the purpose of complying with GDPR for collecting and managing pupil data from parents. What this means is that unless a parent comes in to request a paper copy of the data (the old data checking sheets) this is the only way we are informed of any changes.

In order to add/amend the information held for your child you will need to register for the app. This is done from an email that has already been sent, so if possible please could you register as soon as possible. If you have already registered, as a number of you have, **please do not go through the process again.**

The app is available on iOS, Android and a browser. The SIMS Parent Lite app provides a convenient and accessible solution for you to electronically review and request changes to the data held on your children.

Hopefully the instructions on the right will assist you with the process.

WE HAVE HAD A COUPLE OF INSTANCES RECENTLY WHEREBY WE HAVE PHONED PARENTS ON THE MOBILE NUMBER/HOME NUMBER ON THEIR CHILD'S RECORD ONLY TO FIND IT HAS BEEN CHANGED. WE CAN'T IMPRESS UPON YOU ENOUGH ABOUT SIGNING UP TO THE APP IN ORDER TO ENABLE YOU TO MAKE

Step by Step – Parent and Student Registration

When the parent or student receives their invitation with instructions on how to confirm registration a link and code will be included.



You may want to provide the following instructions to help parents and students with the registration process.

1. Click the link within the email invitation sent by the school. A new browser window will open.
2. Under **Sign In With Account** select the appropriate platform for sign in. This depends upon the type of account the parent/pupil has chosen to use.



3. Enter the user's email address and then click **Next** or **Continue**.
4. Enter the associated password and click **Next** or **Continue**.
5. Enter the **Invitation code** supplied by the school, the **Date of Birth** of the parent or student, and click **Register**.





PENZANCE ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY

3pm Saturday 21st March 2020, St John's Hall, Penzance

- Rossini** *William Tell Overture*
- Tchaikovsky** *Variations on a Rococo Theme*
- Prokofiev** *Romeo and Juliet Suite No. 2*
- Dukas** *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*

Soloist **Sun Haen Cho** cello
Conductor **Judith Bailey**
Leader **Pamela Rosenfeld**

TICKETS £10 available from www.penzanceorchestralsociety.org
and also Morrab Studios, Penzance (01736) 362191. Under 16's FREE

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