



A BRAVE NEW WORLD

BUT HOW WILL IT AFFECT SCHOOL?

With Covid restrictions all but gone there will clearly be changes at school in the coming weeks, the first of which being a whole school assembly to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday.

The assembly was the first whole school gathering in almost 2 years, the last being a Friday celebration assembly on 20th March 2020. Children in Round Island could barely remember them, Longships pupils had never even been to one, and the children of Tater Du had not only never attended one but may well have been in nappies when the last one took place!



In the coming weeks other changes will be taking place, including after-school clubs which start next week and face-to-face parents' evening the week after.

Covid though, has not gone away. This Thursday there were still over 45,000 new cases and over 10,000 patients in hospital with the disease. We will still therefore be ventilating classrooms and encouraging children to regularly wash their hands.

ALTHOUGH YOU ARE EXPECTED TO BE THERE

One aftermath of the lockdown is the pressure being put upon schools to improve attendance. Children have of course, missed a lot of school, through no fault of their own, and at St Just we will be trying very hard to make up for lost time.

The Educational Welfare Officer does though expect our attendance to be at over 95% and have advised the school to not authorise in-term holidays as well as working with families whose attendance falls to low levels.

Please help us, to help your child by ensuring that they attend school as much as possible and remember we do have that extra week at the start of June to take cheaper "out of term" holidays.

IS IT A SIGN?



ST PIRAN'S DAY OMEN AT THE PLEN?



In recent years the annual St Piran's Day March has been either cancelled or curtailed due to a combination of bad weather and Covid so today the children were especially keen for the parade. As the school danced through the streets, joined by both Brambles and Pendeen School, nobody knew what was in store. After making their way around the square and into the Plen the weather suddenly changed and were greeted by an extremely vivid rainbow .

In the Bible of course, the rainbow was a sign from God to Noah to promise that the world would not be flooded again.



Time is right for dancing in the streets.

Was this rainbow a sign from God to say that from henceforth St Piran's Day would be spared and never be cancelled; that in land of St Just pasites and clotted cream would always be bountiful?

We put these questions to leader of the march, Rev Karsten Wedgewood.

"Yes, it is a sign, but only that it is going to rain."

Sure enough it did, but not enough though to dampen the children's enthusiasm, especially when they returned to school and were given one of Mrs Osborne's special St Piran's Day cup cakes!



Many thanks to Mrs Osborne for making the cakes, Chris Goninnan for organising the march and Marna Blundy for teaching the children the dance.

FLIPPIN' MARVELOUS



Pancake Day was celebrated in both Tata Du and Longships on Tuesday with the making, and more importantly eating, of pancakes. In Tata Du they enjoyed American style pancakes – smaller but thicker with chocolate spread, jam and honey.

In Longships they made the more traditional British style pancakes - thinner and larger –and got to actually make them under the expert supervision of Cornwall's answer to Nigella Lawson, Mrs Pam Fanelli.

"All the children were wonderfully keen," Mrs Fanelli said, "Although Harry was the star, he was an expert at flipping his pancake."



The children enjoyed a range of fillings that Miss Steele had brought in including strawberries and blueberries, which many of the children had never tried!

Miss Steele was especially pleased how all the children tried something new.

Alexis said of the blueberries that "they were really yummy and I ate all of them!"



EVERYONE'S A WINNER BABY

(except the strange ballerina!)



The 25th Annual World Book Day took place on Thursday with children dressing up as their favourite book character.

The winners for best costume were:



Tata Du: Bonnie and Nellie

Longships: Ellie and Lowenna



Round Island:
Euan & Noah



Sevenstones: Lyra and Danny

Bishop Rock: Cleo and Beau



Godrevy: Connor and Aliyah

Wolf Rock: George and Charlie



St Piran's Cornish Quiz



On Saturday it is St Piran's Day, the patron saint of Cornwall. How well though do you know Cornwall?

Thanks to the kind people at St Just Post Office, there is a prize to the winner which will be drawn on Wednesday morning.

1. Name these famous Cornishman/person that lives in Cornwall.



2. Who are these statues of and where would you find them?



3. Where in Cornwall?



War in Ukraine



At school we are being very mindful about the messages we are sharing with the children.

We haven't 'told' the children about it but have been 'listening' to the children's thoughts and feelings and have then responded in thoughtful and measured ways. We have used the valuable Newsround resource with our older pupils. Please see links below:

War in Ukraine – What's happening there?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/60554258>

War in Ukraine: What do all the words mean?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/60536983>

Advice if you're upset by the news

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002>



Most importantly we are considering the children's age and ability to process the information and their ability to employ their own coping strategies.

We ask that you work with us to:

- Ensure the information given is truthful and essentially age appropriate.
- Reassure the children of their own safety, and that the children of Ukraine are being kept safe by the adults looking after them.

As a school we would like to focus on how we can make a difference and be useful in helping the Ukrainian people and so we are planning a non-uniform day **next Friday, the 11th of March**, when we are asking for everyone to come dressed in yellow and blue to reflect the Ukrainian flag. We will also be asking for donations of money that we will pass on to the British Red Cross to help them in their work.



Stars of the Week

	Stars	Kindness
Tater Du	Ariana, Lilly	Toby J
Longships	Freia and Torran	Lynette
Round Island	Charlie and Noah	Daniel
Sevenstones	Amelia and Sienna	Harry
Bishop Rock	Cleo and Lorelei	Byron
Godrevy	Connor, Bella	Rosemary
Wolf Rock	Nathan & Patrick	Tristan

Club 99 Maths

Club 11	
Club 22	Phoebe(Y1) Joss, Euan, Phoebe (y2)
Club 33	
Club 44	
Club 55	
Club 66	
Club 77	Logan
Club 88	
Club 99	Charlie, Bam
Bronze	
Silver	
Gold	Ella

Certificates (for House Points)

Bronze	
Silver	Zion, Evie, Lily, Isobell, Sophie, Angela, Grace, Eva
Gold	Jack, Aldous, Ayla





House Points

	This Week	This Term	Since Sept
Botallack	441		8645
Geevor	435		8672
Levant	430		8597
Wheal Drea	422		8678

Bird Brain



Are you a maths wiz? If so you should have no problem in solving our maths co-ordinator, Mrs Bird's puzzle.

Sudoku 4 × 4 Puzzles

Each row and column contains all the digits 1 to 4.

4			3
3	1		
2			1
		2	

4	1		2
2		1	4
1	4	2	
	2		

A Good Read



Mr Kevern steps up to the plate this week and has chosen a family favourite "Aliens Love Underpants" by Claire Freedman.

WHAT AGE IS IT FOR: 5 to 7 year olds.

WHO IS IT FOR – BOYS OR GIRLS?
Definitely both.

WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

It's about a friendly invasion of aliens who like trying on a wide range of underpants!!



WHY SHOULD PEOPLE READ IT?

*My youngest child thoroughly enjoyed listening to it over and over and over and over and over again! In fact, for a long time it was the **only** book he wanted read to him at one point.*

At one point, I think my son held the official world record for the most number of underpants worn at any one time!

