



23rd February 2024

Dear Families

Unfortunately this week you will have to make do with a newsletter produced by the staff... I hope you enjoyed the last newsletter that was produced entirely by the children (although I do take credit for some expert cutting and sticking it all together)!

After a sickly end to last term it was great to see all the children back and raring to learn on Monday. And what a week we've had!

On Tuesday Choughs and Year 3 visited Penzance Fire Station, we had a great talk and got to sit in the fire engine. Miss Ferguson dressed in all the gear - she got very hot! But she quickly cooled down when caught in the spray from the children all having a go at using the hose! While the younger children were at the fire station, Years 4-6 had their first swimming lesson of the year. After all the excitement we were keen to get back for an early lunch.

Jo visited from Coastguard Search and Rescue. She gave a fabulous presentation describing many successful rescues. The children got to experience being hooked onto ropes etc and to climb into the truck which was parked in the playground. They also got goody bags!

Next week we have the Tri-Service Safety Officer visiting the school - and music lessons start!

Stars of the Week

Choughs: Felix - for being so inquisitive on our visit to Sennen Lifeboat Station. You asked lots of questions and shared your own extensive knowledge!

Puffins: Aila - superb non-fiction writing about your space creature.

Attendance (YTD)

Whole school = 94%

Choughs = 91%

Puffins = 96%

Diary Dates

2023 - 2024

Term	Spring
Event	Date
Tri-Service Safety Officer visit to school	Tue 27/02/2024
St Piran's Day - Pasties!	Tue 05/03/2024
Big breakfast - all welcome!	Thu 07/03/2024
World book day	Thu 07/03/2024
Blast from the past history workshop 1	Thu 07/03/2024
Multi-skills event @ St Just Sports Centre (year 3/4) 1.45pm-3pm	Fri 08/03/2024
Blast from the past history workshop 2	Fri 08/03/2024
Little Levans	Fri 08/03/2024
Community Event - Lecture Series - Bats - all welcome!	Fri 08/03/2024
Parent consultations	Tue 12/03/2024
Parent consultations	Wed 13/03/2024
Red nose day	Fri 15/03/2024
Little Levans	Fri 22/03/2024
Community Event - Lecture Series - all welcome!	Fri 22/03/2024
Community duck race	Thu 28/03/2024
Last day of term	Thu 28/03/2024

Term	Summer
Event	Date
Term starts	Mon 15/04/2024
Term Ends	Wed 24/07/2024
Half term starts	Mon 27/05/2024
Half term ends	Fri 31/05/2024
Back to school	Mon 15/04/2024
Lifeguard visit to school	Thu 25/04/2024
School camp starts	Tue 30/04/2024
School camp ends	Thu 02/05/2024
INSET day	Fri 03/05/2024
Bank holiday	Mon 06/05/2024
KS2 SATS week starts	Mon 13/05/2024
KS2 SATS week ends	Fri 17/05/2024
KS1 SATS week starts	Mon 20/05/2024
KS1 SATS week ends	Fri 24/05/2024
Last day before half term	Fri 24/05/2024
First day back after half term	Mon 03/06/2024
Multi-skills event @ St Just Sports Centre (year 1/2) 1.45pm-3pm	Fri 07/06/2024
Central School of Speech and Drama week starts	Mon 17/06/2024
Year 2/3 sleepover	Thu 20/06/2024
Central School of Speech and Drama week ends	Fri 21/06/2024
Sports day	Thu 27/06/2024
Sports day backup	Thu 11/07/2024
School reports issued	Fri 12/07/2024
Whole school transition day	Mon 15/07/2024
Parent consultations (if required post school reports issued)	Tue 16/07/2024
Lafrowda day	Sat 20/07/2024
Leavers' assembly	Mon 22/07/2024
Last school day!	Tue 23/07/2024
INSET day	Wed 24/07/2024

Optical Illusion Art!

Puffins have been busy creating optical Illusion art inspired by the works of Valentin Pavageau.

First, we tried creating different optical illusions, focussing on how shading can help the illusion look more convincing.

Next we took lots of photos of ourselves in different positions. We took these in front of a bright background to make them easier to edit later.

Lastly, we created our final illusion, cut out the photos of ourselves and added them to the art.

Come and see the finished articles in Puffins!



Penzance Fire Station

We went on a trip to Penzance Fire Station to learn about what modern fire fighters do to help people. We met Sandy and Simon who told us all about the fire engine and its special equipment used for fighting fires, breaking into buildings and cutting people out of cars. Our favourite bit was squirting the hose!





In Maths Club we have worked together to explore how maths plays a huge part in every aspect of our life. We looked at different ways to get to the answer that showed some ways are easier than others.

We learned about doubling numbers and did the maths to show there is not enough money in the world for the King to pay Puss in Boots for a rabbit, if he placed a 1p coin on the first square of a chessboard, then doubled the number of pence each square until all 64 squares were filled. We also looked at different ways to estimate what the World population will be in the Year 2060 and concluded that many trends do not follow straight lines into the future.

This term we will be doing some riddles and puzzles that help develop logical thinking and problem solving skills.

Maths Club starts promptly at 0815 each Friday morning. We look forward to seeing you there!



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Neurodevelopmental Assessment Team (NDAT) Parent Information Sessions

For parents of children who are awaiting or considering an NDAT assessment

We will be running some information sessions in order to tell you more about:

- ❖ The NDAT team – who are we?
- ❖ The assessment process:
- ❖ What happens in the initial appointment?
- ❖ What information we need to gather for the assessment?
- ❖ What other factors we might consider during the assessment process?
- ❖ What help is available whilst you are waiting for the assessment to occur?
- ❖ We will also update you on any new developments

We have planned the following online video meetings to be held via Microsoft TEAMS:

Thursday 29th February 2024 - 10am – 11.30am

To **book a place** please email your name, your child's name & your child's date of birth to:

cpn-tr.asdteam@nhs.net

Here is what a few of the previous attendees have to say about the information sessions:

"Excellent presentation and informative", "It helped me understand the process from ASDAT's viewpoint", "[The most useful parts were] finding out what is involved at the assessment and what to expect."