



24th May 2024

Dear Families

We've had a lovely final week of the half term. The sun has shone nearly all week, teddy bears joined us for a picnic and choir practice started!

Well done to our year 2s who have completed their Secret Agent Training!

There are loads of activities on locally over the half term - see the back of the newsletter for more details. Also for those of you who frequent Sennen, there are details of an important fundraiser for the recreation centre.

Thank you to all the Puffins, Choughs, parents and teachers who came along to our first choir rehearsal with the fabulous Christine Judge. It was such great fun! We have started learning and practising two songs and a medley to sing at our music festival Ilow Gool on Friday 12th July after school from about 4-7pm. The choir will be one of several wonderful acts on the day. Our next choir rehearsal is after school on the Tuesday after Half Term (4th June), and I think we're all looking forward to it already! If you or your child/children would like to join in, please do - it's not too late...

Make sure you read to the end of the newsletter to see a wonderful out of school experiment conducted by one of our year 5s.

On the first day back, we have our first tennis lesson of the year so if you're year 5, 6 or a group 1 year 4 - please remember to come to school wearing trainers etc.

Have a lovely, fun and safe break - see you on the 3rd of June!

Stars of the Week

Choughs: Erin - for listening and responding to feedback so brilliantly in your writing. Terrific!

Puffins: Calum - for always engaging fully with all learning, being keen to share your thoughts and ideas and regularly undertaking independent research to further your understanding!

Attendance (YTD)

Whole school = 94%

Choughs = 92%

Puffins = 95%

Printing Leaves

In Art, we have been using leaves to print with. We had special permission to pick some different types of leaves in the garden. We aimed to get a range of sizes, shapes and textures and made sure to avoid anything too prickly or stinging like brambles, nettles and hogweed! Our top tips:

“Paint the leaf with a brush. Don't dip it in because it's too much paint.”

“The primrose leaf works really well.”

“You can use the different greens together on the same leaf and it looks really cool when you print it.”

“Try overlapping your leaves.”



Terrific Transpiration

Puffins have been busy writing predictions. One of the experiments they have completed this week is:



Working scientifically skills focus – Years 3, 4, 5, 6								
Plan			Do			Review		
Ask scientific questions	Plan an enquiry	Make a prediction	Observe closely	Take accurate measurements	Gather/record results	Present results	Interpret results & Record conclusions	Evaluate enquiry
Types of enquiry:			Enquiry Question:					
Identify and classify	Compare & test	Observe over time	Pattern seeking	Why do we have to keep watering plants? Where does the water go?				



There were varying theories:

- “The plants use it like petrol.”
- “It leaks back out of the roots.”
- “It’s something to do with photosynthesis.”



To test out why, Puffins put bags over the leaves in the sunny spots in the garden. Within minutes they observed condensation forming on the inside of the bag!

“It must be evaporating from the leaves!”

We then learnt all about transpiration and how it is a bit like sweating for plants! More heat, more wind and more sunlight will increase transpiration. The process is part of how plants suck up water from the soil.



Our ‘sweaty’ plants!

GIANT Teddy Bears' Picnic

After achieving all ten of their stars, there was a general consensus that films and pyjamas have been overdone and work well in the winter months so an outdoorsy treat was needed. There was also an appetite for something involving GIANT teddies (although what constitutes a teddy, teddy bear, cuddly toy is still being debated) so the children overwhelmingly voted for a teddy bears' picnic in the garden with GIANT teddies. Thank you so much for all the tasty snacks. We had such a lovely time!



Dance-tastic!

We were very excited to once again welcome Grace from the Minack to come and teach us the dance routines for Operation Kernow! Grace is an amazing teacher and everyone was smiling, laughing and learning some tricky moves really quickly! Well done everyone and thank you Grace!



Diary Dates**2023 - 2024**

Term	Summer
Event	Date
Half term starts	Mon 27/05/2024
Half term ends	Fri 31/05/2024
First day back after half term	Mon 03/06/2024
Multiplication tables check - Year 4 - starts	Mon 03/06/2024
Tennis @ Porthcurno	Mon 03/06/2024
Multi-skills event @ St Just Sports Centre (year 1/2) 1.45pm-3pm	Fri 07/06/2024
Whole school trip to St Michael's Mount	Mon 10/06/2024
Phonics screening check - Year 1 - starts	Mon 10/06/2024
Phonics screening check - Year 1 - ends	Fri 14/06/2024
Multiplication tables check - Year 4 - ends	Fri 14/06/2024
Tennis @ Porthcurno	Wed 12/06/2024
Little Levans	Fri 14/06/2024
Summer Fete	Fri 14/06/2024
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
Whole school Minack Theatre trip - Dr Doolittle	Mon 24/06/2024
Sports day	Thu 27/06/2024
Tennis @ Porthcurno	Fri 28/06/2024
Little Levans	Fri 28/06/2024
Beach day!	Mon 01/07/2024
Tennis @ Porthcurno	Fri 05/07/2024
Little Levans	Fri 05/07/2024
Dress rehearsal at the Minack - Puffins	Mon 08/07/2024
School reports issued	Tue 09/07/2024
Sports day backup	Thu 11/07/2024
Tennis @ Porthcurno	Fri 12/07/2024
Summer Festival	Fri 12/07/2024
Performance at the Minack - Puffins	Mon 15/07/2024
Whole school transition day	Mon 15/07/2024
Parent consultations (if required post school reports issued)	Tue 16/07/2024
Tennis @ Porthcurno	Fri 19/07/2024
Lafrowda day	Sat 20/07/2024
Leavers' assembly	Mon 22/07/2024
Last school day! (finish at 1.30pm)	Tue 23/07/2024
INSET day	Wed 24/07/2024
Term ends	Wed 24/07/2024

Mordros: the sound of the sea

DIVE INTO A NEW ADVENTURE AND WRITE YOUR OWN SEA - THEMED POEMS

Come on in to Morrab Library, Penzance
and the Mor Poets will get you started,
it's easier than you think!

Sat June 8th and Sat June 15th
10.30 am until midday.
Book via Eventbrite.

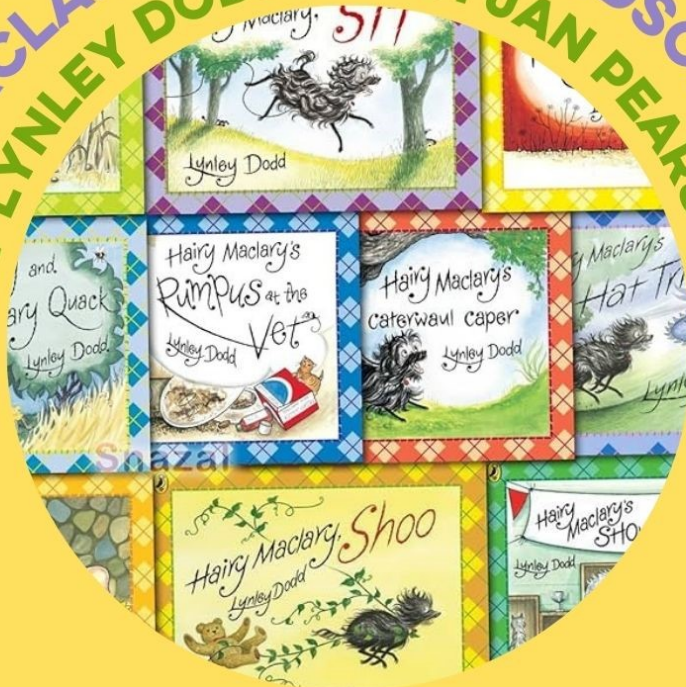
Creative writing workshops
for young people
aged 9 to 12 years.



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SUPER RHYME STORY TIME

'HAIRY MACLARY FROM DONALDSON'S DAIRY',
BY LYNLEY DODD, WITH JAN PEARSON



TUESDAY 28TH MAY

10.30-12.30. READING ROOM AT THE MORRAB LIBRARY

This May Half Term Jan Pearson will be leading a 'Super Rhyme Story Time' session at the library. She will be reading Lynley Dodd's classic children's picture book, 'Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy'. This story time will explore rhyme through storytelling. Jan will then help the children to write rhymes of their own and there will be a craft activity too.

Super Rhyme Story time is a journey for 4 to 8-year-olds but there will be refreshments for the grown-ups they bring along! Booking is essential so please let us know if you would like to come along so we can make sure we have enough cake! All children will need to be accompanied by an adult.

Contact us at enquiries@morrablibrary.org.uk or telephone 01736 364474 to book a place.

Entry to this event is free but donations are welcomed to help support The Morrab Library (suggested £5).



FIND OUT MORE: morrablibrary.org.uk/events

FOOTBALL CAMPS

MAY HALF TERM



Dates (2024)

Wednesday 29th May
Friday 31st May

Soccer Tots (3-6yrs)

School Years Reception & Year 1
10am-12pm
£7 for 1 day | £12 for 2 days

Soccer Pros (7-13yrs)

School Years 2-8
10am-3pm
£18 for 1 day | £33 for 2 days

Venue

Mounts Bay Football Development Centre (MBFDC)
Mounts Bay Academy Sports Centre, Penzance, Cornwall, TR18 3JT

Other Info

All children are welcome to attend from any school or club
The MBFDC coaching staff are UEFA / FA qualified & DBS checked

Register

Register, pay & book online!
Visit the website for further information
Website link - www.mbfdc.co.uk





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- ✓ Share our campaign



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Crisp recipe / experiment

First:

I peeled, washed dried and cut them as thin as possible. P.S If possible get three of the biggest potatoes you can find.

Secondly:

I got an air fryer and chucked around about ten potatoes in. I also put a sprinkle of chilli salt on for seasoning. We put the air fryer on 160deg for 5 minutes then flipped it over for another 5 minutes. Bam you got yourself a batch of crisps one thing I found 2 problems with this first batch 1. It didn't have enough seasoning 2. Although it bubbled like a crisp it was a bit soft not a crunch like I desire.

Second Batch

Firstly. I used the 2nd potato I already cut earlier in the experiment/recipe.

Secondly

Next, I got my chip pan and dropped a bit of dripping into it.

then

We put the chip pan on full heat on the ring for 7.5 minutes then took them out and laid them on a plate.

Thirdly. You need a Ziplock bag as well as that you need some sort of seasoning, I used a packet David bacon seasoning now pour your

Flavouring into the Ziplock bag as well as your crisps shake, shake, shake the bag for one minute finally pour them into a bowl and boom. I found this the best batch yet crispy and all.

Last batch

Firstly, I used the 3rd potato I already cut earlier in the experiment/recipe.

I got an air fryer for a second time and chucked around about the same amount of potatoes and southern fried chicken flavouring as the last time.

This time I put the air fryer on 150deg but on for 15 minutes without stopping it. once the timer's up take them out and eat away.

Conclusions

With the last batch the one I thought would be the best I have concluded that to make the best crisps they need to be cooked hot and fast.



Air fryer



Chip pan



Me eating it