

Trust Executive Leader Newsletter March 2021

Dear All

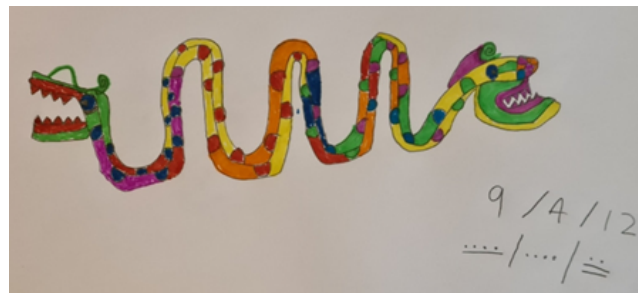
We are delighted to see that attendance at school is very positive; the pupils are enthusiastic about being in school and working hard as you will see below. Teachers are assessing where some children need additional input to make sure they are on track and ensuring that they are well supported in rekindling friendships and working well in groups. Below is a flavour of some of the work happening in our schools this past month or so.



The Stars and Sunbeams at Parc Eglos School have really enjoyed being back at school. They have been busy in their woodland area; pond dipping, making fairy peg dolls and writing messages to the fairies in the Pixie Post Office!



Choughs Class at Landewednack School have been investigating the ancient Maya civilisation. They have learnt about their number system, the Dresden Codex and have written their birth dates in Mayan.





Hannah Bullen-Ryner Art
26 January at 14:09
He came back 🐼🐼🐼🐼🐼
A few days ago I attempted a Puffin on the mud that totally failed, then a few days later I attempted him again only for the snow to bury him quicker than I could create him... today, third time lucky, made on the snow 🐼



Puffins Class at Landewednack School

made natural material artwork. They sent their work to the artist they were inspired by and she created a Puffin a few days later - the name of their class.



In science at Mullion Primary School, things got a bit gory! They 'dissected' blood! Learning about the different components of blood enabled the children to create 'blood smoothies' to display the different elements. They used Cheerios (coloured with red food dye!) for the red blood cells, white marshmallows for the white blood cells, juice for the plasma and hazelnuts for the platelets. They also added extra ingredients in different



quantities to show the antigens, and how these make up our different blood types. They created their 'blood' on a rich tea biscuit (which was meant to be their petri-dish!) So much fun and a great way to learn about our blood and its vital function in keeping us alive!

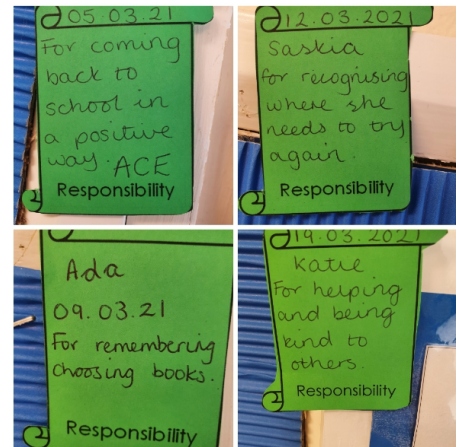


The children in Year 5 and 6 at Godolphin School took part in the Virtual Songfest21. The band, along with Mrs. Renshaw and Mr. Bailey from Cornwall Music Education Hub, led the singing live from an old aircraft hangar located near to Newquay airport which has been converted into a music studio. The children had a fantastic time and did a super job, singing along to the songs wearing their own unique Songfest T-shirts which had been kindly donated by the school PTA. Here they are gathered together to model their wonderful designs although the singing itself had to be done under covid distancing appropriate for singing activity!

At Cury they have had a positive start and have really focused on their values. This term's values are Justice and Responsibility. They award a green scroll when a child has shown responsibility: responsibility for their behaviour, their work or responsibility towards others. This is then celebrated on their weekly newsletter and during their Celebration Assembly.

As a result of her excellent work around diversity and inclusion in her role of PSHE Coordinator and PE Teacher at Mullion School, Sam Bunyan has been asked to become a member of the Cornwall RFU working party to support the county's diversity and inclusion in this sport. This role will see her working with a range of people from all different backgrounds and walks of life, from Cornwall and across the country. Cornwall is the first working party to be working in this manner and will be closely working with Maggie Alphonsi at the RFU and many others in London to drive Inclusion and Diversity across the sport.

Well done to Sam. This recognition is very much deserved and will be a fantastic opportunity for her, and can only benefit the school and the Trust.



Well done to Susie Robbins at St Keverne School. Chartwells catering staff now have an app on their tablets which enables them to do a daily audit and take pictures of the food they are producing. They started this from Monday 8th and, as an incentive, launched a scheme for a £100.00 voucher for compliance, service, and presentation. Susie was picked out of the hundreds that were submitted throughout the UK and she has won the first two weeks' £100.00 vouchers!



Socoa and Tamarisk classes from Grade Ruan School took advantage of the beautiful Spring weather by walking to Poltesco to try out Impressionist art. They were particularly looking at broken colour techniques as they have been researching Monet in their art lessons. They painted the landscape with watercolours and really enjoyed sitting on the beach.



As you will be aware, our secondary pupils have all been given the opportunity to take part in Covid testing in order to help identify any asymptomatic cases that there may have been. In order to undertake this enormous task, we have needed a lot of help from volunteers. Helston Community College was very grateful to receive offers of help from governors [including the Chair of the Trust Board], parents, former students and members of the local community. They would never have managed without them and are very grateful for all of their help. During the testing programme, they tested over 80% of the students, well in excess of 3000 tests. Secondary school students are now home testing having become familiar with the process in their schools.



Ms Barnes from Helston Community College spotted a photo of an alumni of the College, Lily Harrington, now a senior nurse in London, vaccinating Prime Minister, Boris Johnson. When you've begun in one of our schools, who knows what you'll end up doing.

Have a wonderful Easter break.

Take care and stay safe.



Kind regards

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