

Fowey Primary School

Newsletter 14 - 22nd April 2016



Head's View

We have only been back at school for two weeks and already the school is back into full swing with lots of exciting learning opportunities - please see below for a taste of what's been going on this week.

Earlier this week Chris Williams and I showed the new Chair of the PLT Board around our wonderful school. Michael Cooper, who has an educational background, was very impressed with the learning taking place, the calm and purposeful atmosphere, the positive behaviour and relationships between children and staff...many of the things parents and other visitors comment on when they visit. We should all feel very proud of what we do here at Fowey, but also not rest on our laurels as we always strive to improve.

The children are a real credit to the school as too are the parent/grandparent volunteers, governors and staff. Our staff are committed to providing this rich learning environment and often give above and beyond their job description. We are very fortunate to have staff who will offer to run after school clubs, take children on residentials, work long hours beyond the school day...it isn't an easy job but a very fulfilling one.

Football Success!



Yesterday, our football team played the Miller Shield semi final against a strong Charlestown team. The standard of play was fantastic by both teams throughout the match. The end result was a win for Fowey 2-0, and we now look forward to the final at Grampound Road School against St Hilary's School on Tuesday 26th April. Congratulations and good luck!

Mr Trudgeon

INSET DAY - Friday 29th April

A reminder that the school is closed next Friday. With the Bank Holiday Monday, the school will be open again on Tuesday 3rd May.

What have the children been up to this week?

- Lantic (YR) are very excited to be preparing for their class wedding, making confetti and top hats.
- Cannis (Y1) are getting ready for their Class Assembly next Thursday morning at 9am - all family members of Cannis welcome.
- Gribben (Y2) are taking part in Tim Peake's Space Seed Growing Challenge. The seeds arrived this week (some that have travelled through space and some that haven't). The class are comparing how they grow and will present their findings in an assembly to the whole school.
- Coombe (Y3) have been demonstrating through role-play how people lived in Roman times.
- Polridmouth (Y4) have been busy creating a rainforest in their classroom. They are going on a trip to Eden soon as part of their topic.
- Readymoney (Y5) have researched the Mayan civilisation and are creating their own Mayan masks. For homework they were challenged to use the ancient and sophisticated number system which evolved around A.D. 300 - I imagine the children may have taught their parents a new method. Mr Trudgeon was very impressed with the homework in and the fun they had with this new learning.
- Carne (Y6) - Aside from preparing for KS2 SATs this half term, the children have been learning about the heart and keeping healthy. The children became a 'model' of the heart showing circulation.

Phew...and that's just this week!

HfC Show



35 children from Yrs 5 and 6 are involved in the show - *Elements* which takes place on Tuesday 28th June.

As well as singing in joint choirs with other schools, each school contributes an item. Our item is inspired by 'Fire' and half of the children have already begun working with Matt Harrison on playing a section of Stravinsky's Firebird Suite.

On Monday, the other children involved will start their work with professional film maker Hana Backland, to film a clip to accompany the live music on stage.

This is the third time we have taken part with other schools and I have really enjoyed organising this event which brings together children from many schools in the local area. It's amazing to see what they achieve and their sense of satisfaction when performing.

Tickets, which can be bought from HfC, are still on sale. The evening performance has sold out but there is still availability for the matinee show at 3pm.

Fowey Festival Writing Competition

Congratulations to the following children who were selected by the judges of the recent Fowey Festival Young Writers' Competition.

Poetry (Infants):

1st Prize - Henry (Gribben)
Highly Commended - Eliza (Gribben)

Poetry (Juniors):

2nd Prize - Edie (Polridmouth)
Highly Commended - Millie (Polridmouth)

Short Stories (Infants):

1st Prize - Samuel (Cannis)
2nd Prize - Ella-Louise (Cannis)

Short Stories (Juniors):

1st Prize - Elliot (Carne)
2nd Prize - Lily H (Carne)
Highly Commended - Bella (Carne)
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Prizes will be given out in a special assembly soon.

Assemblies

We have put our Monday assembly themes on the website under the *Curriculum* tab. It also includes the Golden Coin themes that we look for when giving out these awards each week. Y5 children share these themes as our 'Thought of the Week' in Friday's Celebration Assembly - take a look on our *News* page.

Themed Lunch

The children tucked into their St. George's Day themed lunch. Luckily there weren't any dragons around.

Our next themed lunch, as advertised on the Summer Menu, is on Friday 10th June to mark the Queen's 90th birthday. We will be having a picnic extravaganza. I'm hoping that we can also invite members of the community who attend the local Memory Cafe to join us. We took our Handbells group at Christmas to play for their party and I know they got as much from this as our children did.

Cannis' Grab a Grown Up

Apologies again to family members of Cannis for any inconvenience caused yesterday. Due to Mrs Counter being poorly, we weren't able to provide the follow-up learning activity after the lunch.

We're pleased to invite you to the learning activity on Wednesday 18th May after drop off from 9:00am to around 9:45am. As usual we have to limit the number of family members to one but hope that as many of you can come as possible. No need to sign up.

Best wishes,
Chris Wathern

Don't forget to check the 'A' frame each week, our news (including calendar and twitter feed) and online calendar on our website.