

Fowey Primary School

Newsletter 1: 22nd September 2017



Headteacher's Message

What a busy few weeks we have had at Fowey! An enormous thanks to everyone who has supported my transition by stopping and saying hello in the mornings... I will do my very best to try to remember which adults link to which children!

I have been pleased to see Wednesday Workshops in full swing with the children enjoying a great range of activities. We hope to be able to fund Wednesday Workshops across more of the year (though not next term as we will have lots of other things to do for Christmas) so that more children are able to experience each of the activities.

It is wonderful to see such an active fundraising group at Fowey and I would like to thank everyone involved in both organising and supporting events so that we are able to buy new resources for school, which would otherwise be unaffordable.

We have recently spend £2000, gifted by the fundraising group, on new equipment for the EYFS and Year One outdoor areas which we will be arriving in the next few weeks. Keep a look out for our new pirate ship!

I have been asked to run another parent coffee session, as I know some families missed this first one. This is a really informal opportunity to come along a chat to me about anything you would like, with other parents. I will do another session on Thursday 12th October at 2:30 in the hall.

I also hope to meet with the parent voice group in the next couple of weeks.

Kate Sicolo

Polridmouth

In Year 5 we have blasted off into space to learn about the planets in our solar system. We have already learnt about the Earth orbiting the Sun, the moon orbiting the Earth and the phases of the Moon. Our challenge is to learn enough to help stranded alien Kilo get off our planet and find his way home.

Coombe

Last week the class had a special delivery but it wasn't for Miss Oatham. It was a food parcel for our new topic. We discussed food groups and why they are important to humans and animals. We also got another special delivery this week; our new class books 'Grandpa's Great Escape'. We can't wait to read more!

Cannis

This week in class we have been discussing our sense. Our senses trail took us around the site, this week recording objects we could hear or see. There was great excitement when we saw the air ambulance and RAF jet, which the class recorded in their observation tables.

Lantic

The children in Lantic had great fun celebrating 'International Talk like a Pirate Day' day with their buddies. They made super pirate ships which they tested in the water tray and ended the day with walking the plank.



We love our pirate hats!

Carne

We are all showing that we are a responsible and caring Year 6 class. We have really enjoyed meeting our buddies in Lantic and loved joining them for their pirate day! Take a look at our corridor display to see our letters to the teachers about becoming house captains.

Readymoney

This week we have followed up on our work on digestion, by looking at the effects of different drinks on our teeth (using egg shell instead of teeth). We will be analyzing the results of our 'eggxperiment' next week!

Vision and Values

An enormous thanks to everyone who has sent back the Vision and Values consultation. I do appreciate it is very hard to choose which values are the most important. The children have been working on some responses this week many of which are heart-warming about our special school. I will be pulling these together into final recommendations for governors this term.

Whole Class Reading

You may have heard that we have introduced a new reading system 'Whole Class Reading' into KS2. It will follow in Year 2 (but not Year 1) later in the year, when the children are ready. In this system, children read a large book as a whole class with each child having the opportunity to read aloud at least two or three times a week.

As part of this, we will be working with the children and families to devise a canon of texts, which we believe all Fowey children should have read by the time they leave us. We hope to include both classic books, which we loved as children, as well as newer texts that help our children learn more about the wider world. We will send further details out about this in the next few weeks.

School Car-Park

Just a polite reminder that the school car-park is for staff usage only during school hours. Please use the car parks at Squires Field or the main town car park if you are dropping off.

Pupil Premium

Next week you will be receiving a form to apply for pupil premium. We would urge any families who may think they could be eligible to apply as the school receives up to £1900 per year for any eligible pupils who are registered.

Children who are registered are also able to access funded music tuition. If you know your child is eligible for Pupil Premium and you would like them to have free lessons please ask in the office. There is more information on Pupil Premium, including how it is spent, on the school website.

Gribben

Yesterday, we hosted our first 'lunch and learn' of the year. Children and relatives were given the challenge to create a human skeleton using art straws. Please take a look next week at the amazing finished creations displayed in the classroom.

New Staff

We welcome our two new TA's Amy Dunn and Mandy Butler who we feel have settled in really quickly and are already part of the team. Miss Nicholls will be joining us in Year 5 from the beginning of October.

Parent-Pay

Just a quick reminder that all meal, breakfast and after-school care accounts should be in credit, before your child uses it.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Join Year 6 on Friday 29th September to raise money for a wonderful cause, while drinking tea and having one or more slices of cake.

Donations to Macmillan will be welcome.

