



Newsletter wb October 4th 2021

It's Black History Month!

For our first assembly this Black History month, we considered how people from African and Caribbean backgrounds have been an important part of British history for centuries, but how their stories are often overlooked in favour of the achievements of white figures.

Joseph Emidy is a prime example. Captured by the Portuguese as a child from the West African coast and enslaved in Brazil, he became a most talented violinist. Later kidnapped to Portugal and then dumped in Falmouth, he ultimately settled as a free man in Cornwall, married and had children. He composed, performed, was the leader of Truro's Philharmonic Orchestra in the early 1800's, and taught many other musicians. His gravestone is in Kenwyn Churchyard, Truro and a painted carving is dedicated to him inside Truro Cathedral.

And yet I had never heard of him before this week! I'm glad we got to learn his tragic, yet uplifting story eventually.

Harvest will take place on Wednesday of next week. As last year, this will be class-based. Children have brought home a slip, requesting a small food contribution to our shared breakfast please. We will also collect dried and tinned foods for Wadebridge Foodbank. If you would like to contribute, please steer away from pasta and beans, Victoria from the Foodbank tells me they have lots of those! If anyone is available to scoop up our collection and to deliver it to the Foodbank, we would be extremely grateful. Please let Miss Martin in the office know.

Football We are excited to send our first squad out to represent the school, competing for this season's Broad Shield, at today's interschool football tournament. It has been so long, but we are committed to having the maximum amount of different children participating in sporting events throughout this year. So good luck to today's team—we'll let you know how they get on!

Mrs J Rodwell
Head of School

- **PLEASE LOAD DINNER MONEY ACCOUNTS BEFORE YOUR CHILD HAS A MEAL**



- **WEEK 3 OF THE MENU NEXT WEEK**

Important Dates

13/10/21 Harvest (slips sent home, also collection for Wadebridge Foodbank)

13/10/21 Year 5 trip

15/10/21 Nasal flu vaccinations

**18/10/21 Child Health Programme—
Reception & Year 6**

22/10/21 INSET day

w/c 25/10/21 October half term

**12/11/21 Deadline for John Bray
Christmas card competition**

**15/11/21—19/11/21 Anti-Bullying week,
theme 'One Kind Word'**

**15/11/21 Odd sock day—let's celebrate
individuality**

19/11/21 Children in Need

20/12 21 - 03/01/22 Ch*** holidays**

04/01/22 INSET day

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the Sea Girls' Christmas Fayre poster competition. Each competitor received a book token from the Sea Girls and the winning entry, from Fergus, wins a family cinema ticket! Please look out for the posters advertising around the community.

New Covid protocol - a reminder!

"From 16 August, you will not be required to self-isolate if you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 and any of the following apply: you are fully vaccinated; you are below the age of 18 years 6 months; you have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial, you are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons." Children and young people aged under 18 years 6 months who usually attend an education or childcare setting and who have been identified as a close contact should continue to attend the setting as normal. They do not need to wear a face covering within the setting. If a pupil with a parent or sibling who has tested positive for COVID has no covid symptoms, then that pupil should continue to attend school. The family of the affected person should all have PCR tests as they are close contacts of a positive case however as long as the children are well and non-symptomatic they can continue to come to school whilst awaiting test results.



Stars of the week!

We are delighted to confirm that the following children were awarded Star of the Week today!

Year R: Ernie and Fergus for fantastic work on their reading both at school and at home. Great work! Lillie-Mae for working really hard on learning her sounds with Mrs Hutley.

Year 1: Ethan and Felix for great independent writing and Harriet for working so hard to improve her presentation.

Year 2: Arthur for wonderful maths work and for creating a brilliant map of London. Leo for wonderful maths work and making a super effort with his reading.

Year 3: Demi for excellent reading and super effort in improving her handwriting and Jago for using his imagination and producing a very entertaining set of instructions.

Year 4: Jasper for such enthusiasm towards all aspects of school life. Eva for showing off her natural ability to work with clay when making her Canopic jar base.

Year 5: Eliza for being really focused and involved in class and working really hard. Rupert for always producing his best work.

Year 6: Kaci for always trying hard and starting Year 6 with excellent focus and Poppy for offering great ideas and having a fantastic work ethic.



Communication

Communication remains key to a happy, informed school community and this is a high priority for us.

Parents evenings We would like to run parent consultations in the week beginning 8th November: a chance to hear how your child has settled into their new year group and how we can best work together to help them reach their potential. These meetings will be by phone, so please do make sure you have let us know of any phone number changes.

Give us a ring Please do let us know if someone different is fetching your child from school, either by a call to the office or by emailing hello@stminver.org.

Remote learning Unfortunately, we have had a few children learning remotely in the past couple of weeks, having received positive PCR test results. Under the Parents tab of the website, you will find Remote Learning guidance on how to stay learning while you await PCR results. If your child has a positive PCR test result, we need to be ready to jump again onto Google Classroom for their home learning (or Tapestry for Class R and Year 1). You can find log ins on your child's Arbor profile or via the school website and we are always here to help should you experience difficulty. That said, I sincerely hope your child doesn't have to be learning at home any time soon!

Priceless Playtimes!

Our school motto is "Be brave, be kind, belong" Who has been a great ambassador in demonstrating these values this week?

Daisy for always looking out for her friends and Nate for being an excellent role model for the younger years at playtime.

Who will be demonstrating these values next week?

Christmas Card Competition

All the children have been invited to take part in a Christmas Card Competition run by John Bray Cornish Holidays.

The winning design will be printed as Christmas cards and sent to Cornish Holidays' holiday homeowners and other contacts. **The winning child will receive a prize along with 10 Christmas cards to keep and every school that is involved will receive £100 of book tokens as a 'thank you'.**

All entries must be submitted on the entry form template, which is available from the school office. The deadline to submit your design is **12th November**, Winning students will be informed the following week.

We have some amazing artists on Team St Minver, so good luck everyone!

Contact us

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