



St Minver School

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We've made it half way through!

Thank you for your patience and perseverance with the road closures this week, which along with the weather has been somewhat 'challenging' shall we say!

STEAM

Tomorrow St Minver School are pleased to host a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths Education) Conference for both ourselves and visiting Aspire staff, with workshops ranging from how to build an infinitely weed free garden, STEAM in the Early Years and 'When Arts and Science Collide.' We look forward to implementing what we learn in the months to come, to supplement and further enhance our curriculum.

PARENTS' FORUM

Next half term we plan to hold a Parents' Forum meeting as an opportunity to tell you more about recent changes we have made to the organisation of early reading. We will run this meeting once during the school day and once after school on the same day. Date to be fixed, so please look out for this. If well-received, we plan to run these meetings termly, with a varying agenda, with a view to keeping parents informed about School Improvement and developments.

Parental questionnaire response #2

A fantastic idea from one parent which we will definitely implement in November. A bring and buy sale for Christmas jumpers—a chance to size up and get a different festive jumper, while donating those which are no longer of use to someone smaller! Thank you for that!

PE Kits

Today welly boots, PE kits and all the children's belongings will be sent home. Please ensure they do come back with their kit on the first day back after half term and that this is in school EVERY DAY so that children never miss out on their entitlement to PE lessons, even when we have timetable variations.

Wishing you all a lovely half term—see you on Monday 24th.

Kind regards,
Mrs J Rodwell

Week 1 of the menu after half term.

- Dates**
- 14/2/20—SCHOOL CLOSED Training day
 - 17/2/20-21/2/20—Half term
 - 24/2/20—Yr3 Swim @ The Point (First session)
 - 28/2/20—DEADLINE for residential trip payments
 - 2/3/20—6/3/20—Wadebridge Festival of Speech & Music
 - 9/3/20—Yr 4 Bikeability
 - 10/3/20—Yr 5 Bikeability starts
 - 10/3/20—Round 2 of Girls Cup vs St Mewan School
 - 11/3/20—Hi5 Netball Comp @ Wadebridge School
 - 13/3/20—St Petrocs XCountry event
 - 17/3/20—Yr6 Maths Challenge Day @ Wadebridge School
 - 20/3/20—Yr 2 trip to SITA Recycle Centre Bodmin
 - 23/3/20—Songfest Performance
 - 26/3/20—Spring Concert
 - 26/3/20—Yr3&4 Football Festival
 - 27/3/20—Last day Spring Term (IN SCHOOL PLEASE)
 - 30/3/20—13/4/20—Easter Holiday
 - 14/4/20—First day Summer Term
 - 20/4/20—Year R and Year 1 Swimming sessions start

All aboard the trip to Ancient Greece!

On Tuesday, the Year 5 children came into school wearing costumes that were inspired by their Ancient Greece history topic. They began the morning by learning about Greek theatre and went on to creating and performing their very own plays. The children made fantastic masks, inspired by Greek comedies and tragedies. We also learnt about life in modern Greece and all of the children got involved in making greek salads and tzatziki. The children loved eating this, along with houmous, olives, dates and pitta bread. In the afternoon, we learnt how to dance the Zorba and the Hasapiko. We had a tremendous day!





Stars of the week! Mathletes of the week!

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

Class R: Flossy Biggs—Always trying her best and Digory Williams—Settling back into school and making good progress in reading

Class 1: Alfie Hunt—Excellent progress in reading and George Pascoe—Wonderful written work

Class 2: Alfie Jago—Working hard to increase the amount of written work he produces in a lesson and Lanyon Mably—Writing an excellent non-chronological report about castles

Class 3: Oliver Radford—Settling in so well to his new maths group and Eliza Fluin—Working so hard in class

Class 4: Ben Meneer & Nate Tamblyn—Awesome creative writing

Class 5: Lila Attlee—Excellent effort in fractions and Maisy Cooper—Working extremely hard this week in every lesson

Class 6: Stanley Sutherland—Amazing general knowledge and Elsie Bunce—Being a pleasure to teach at all times



We are delighted to confirm that the following children are our mathletes of the week.

Class R: Digory Williams—2,260 points

Class 1: Faith Davis—2,060 points

Class 2: Lexi Couch—7,759 points

Class 3: No score over 1,000 points

Class 4: No score over 1,000 points

Class 5: No score over 1,000 points

Class 6: No score over 1,000 points

Mathlete of the week is LEXI COUCH!!



The top three class scores—

1st place—Class 2—26,733 points

2nd place—Class R—5,050 points

3rd place—Class 1—2,060 points

Remember the great support this maths resource gives to the children for their mental maths skills!



Explorer extravaganza!

On Wednesday Class 6 were lucky to spend the day with Antony Jinman who has been on several polar expeditions. Born in Plymouth (like the explorer Robert Scott who we've read about that went to Antarctica) he was the 12th Briton to ski to both the north and south poles (doing this solo on his expedition to Antarctica!).

Antony showed the class some of the equipment he used on his journey to the poles, showed presentations and told us stories of life in these frozen lands, camping in a tent in temperatures as cold as -65 degrees C!

The class learnt about the wildlife at each pole with photos and videos of what Antony saw whilst exploring the far north and south. The children made 'gooey glaciers', investigated the effects of animal fat by making blubber gloves and planned their own polar expedition.

A HUGE thanks to the PTA for the donation to help bring this brilliant day to our Year 6 class!

