



An Daras Trust
Igniting Curiosity Growing Capabilities



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Please read and enjoy the latest newsletter! Hope you find it helpful in keeping you up to date with what's happening in school this term.

Values in Action

These wonderful pupils have been spotted demonstrating our school values in the last two weeks:

Reception: Leon-courage; Marcelina-courage.

Class 1: Arni, Ella-May, Esmee, Gracie, Lillie, Lily, Molly-courage in swimming; Jacqueline-caring.

Class 2: Hannah-generosity; Julia-compassion.

Class 3: Louis-fairness; Leland-courage.

Class 4: Amelia-friendship; Aaron-trust.

Class 5: Courtney -courage; Mawgan -courage; Natalia-patience.

Class 6: Alistair-service; Morwenna-courage.

Good Learner

These are our star learners:

Reception: Hattie-resourceful; Isabelle-resourceful.

Class 1: Joshua-responsibility; Kian-responsibility.

Class 2: George-resilience; Harper-resourceful;

Class 3: Feb-responsibility; Dominic-resilience.

Class4: Aarushee-responsibility; Alfie, Megan and Lola-responsibility.

Class5: Mawgan-responsibility; Wael-responsibility.

Class 6: Abbi-resourceful; Jamie-enthusiasm.

School Improvement - Assessment

As always we have ended the term with a variety of assessments from Reception to Year Six, encompassing phonics, reading, writing, grammar and maths. These are always incredibly helpful to teachers in giving an indication of progress made and areas for development, and are a very valuable tool in supporting the planning for the coming term.

We are always so proud of the enthusiastic and determined way that the children approach these assessments and feel it is yet another good indication of the positive impact that the Visible Learning and Learning Powers approach have had within our school. Well done to all our children for all the hard work and progress made over the course of the Autumn Term!

Home Learning

With Christmas almost upon us, we thought we would remind everyone of the homework expectations for Y1 to Y6 in the coming holiday:

Spellings on Spelling shed and in homework Books; tables on Times Tables Rockstars and/or



in Homework Books; reading independently or with families regularly.

Knowledge organisers for new topics will be given out at the start of the new term.



Save for Kicks Count – Reminder



“Kicks Count” is a really worthy charity that aims to reduce the UK’s high still-birth and neonatal death rate by raising awareness of baby movements. They have set a challenge to local schools to help them raise money by collecting various items that can then be recycled and reused, therefore being a great boost to the environment too.

Our challenge is to collect as many **used toothbrushes, electric toothbrush heads and tooth paste tubes** as we can and try to beat other local schools along the way! Please bring washed items to school where there will be a recycling container to collect them in. After Christmas we may have other items to recycle as well, so stay posted for future requests!

Christmas Hampers - Thanks!

Many thanks to the Friends for the organisation and raffling of the ten beautiful Christmas hampers made using your generous donations. Thanks to your support they have raised £181 which will be really helpful in a yet to be chosen school improvement project!



Confirmed Diary Dates:

End of Term: Friday 20th December

Spring Term Dates

Children return to school: Tuesday 7th January

Half Term Holiday: 17th – 21st February

2nd Half Term: Monday 24th February-Friday 27th March

Easter Holiday: 30th March – 14th April

Choir

Once again, a big **THANK YOU** to our **amazing Christmas Choir** who not only supported all the beautiful singing at the Junior Christmas Service, but also spread joy and smiles at Kernow House Care



Home, Bowden Derra Residential Community, The Town Hall Community Christmas Dinner, St Mary's Christingle Service and Launceston Hospital Carol Service, who have all expressed their thanks for the children's lovely singing.

Many thanks to all the parents who have kindly helped us support these worthwhile events by bringing children along – it has been a real blessing to many of those there.

Enrichment

Parental Engagement

Many thanks to all those parents who were able to be a part of the various parental engagement events that have been occurring this term:

Reception: making wonderful Christmas goodies!

Year One: sharing reading time in the mornings and watching fabulous swimming lessons.

Year Two: watching fabulous dance and being challenged to a "Dance-Off"!

Year Three: making amazing shadow puppets and telling stories.

Year Four: watching exciting Bollywood dancing and learning some of the moves!

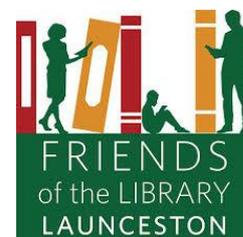
Year Five: reading children's writing and making Christmas crafts.

Year Six: getting competitive in the end of term quiz!

All the events were really good fun and as always it was lovely to share time and activities with families.

Year Four Library

As part of their work on poetry this half term, Year Four have written their own poems, a selection of which have now gone on display in the Launceston Library for the public to read and enjoy. They are a really creative collection and we are very proud of all the hard work and thought they displayed producing them. If you have some spare time over the holidays pop in and have a read – we know you won't be disappointed!



Kernow House Visits

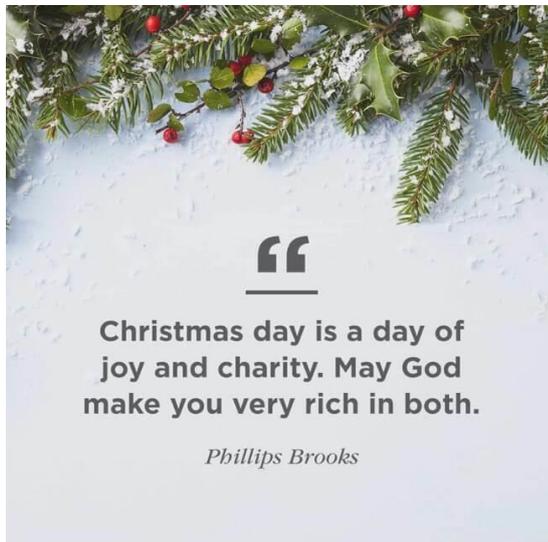
Year Two have come to the end of their weekly visits to Kernow house and I know everyone will miss spending time with Bea and all the residents there. Over the weeks the children have come to forge special relationships with some of the people who live at Kernow and have been able to inspire smiles and happiness with their singing, poetry and gentle conversations. For their part, the children have learnt valuable lessons in patience, compassion and communication as they came to understand the needs and different personalities of the residents they visited.

We hope to continue with this special relationship so next term it will be the turn of Year Four to visit, and we are all very much looking forward to it.

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For news about job vacancies within our Trust school please visit: <http://www.andaras.org/web/vacancies>

Community Notices



We wish you a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year and look forward to seeing you all again in January! Enjoy your Christmas break!

Ms Pippa Warner – Head of School