



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.

Knowledge Organisers

As part of our ongoing development of the curriculum, we have introduced knowledge organisers in all classes from Year One to Year six. These are data sheets that support the learning in themed work (history, geography or science) and are given to the children at the start of each new unit to revise and learn as part of their homework. Teachers then devise in-class quizzes using the facts from the organisers, that they administer at the beginning, middle and end of the unit. So far this seems to be having a really positive impact, with children enjoying the challenge of learning the facts and improving their scores! You should be able to find the knowledge organisers in your child's homework book/book bag and we will also be putting copies onto Dojo as a back-up!



Values in Action

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

Reception: Brody – friendship; Marcelina – courage.

Class 1: Tuscan – friendship; Porsche – responsibility and respect.

Class 2: Tian – respectful and generous; Jamie – responsibility and friendship.

Class 3: Alexandra – determination; Holleigh – kindness.

Class 4: Alfie – responsibility and courage; Frankie – responsibility and friendship.

Class 5: Millie B – fairness and compassion; Natalia – compassion.

Class 6: Melissa – generous; Sarah – thankfulness and generosity.

Good Learner

These are our star learners:

Reception: Harper – responsibility; Jake – resourcefulness.

Class 1: Piotr – responsible; Lily M – reflectiveness.

Class 2: Jessica – reflectiveness and resilience; Theo – resilience.

Class 3: Brogan – resilience; Kalina – respectful.

Class 4: Aaron – responsibility; Megan – reflectiveness.

Class 5: Ronnie – responsibility; Ryan – reflectiveness.

Class 6: All of Year Six! – responsibility; Alistair – resilience.

NSPCC non-Uniform Day

Many thanks to everyone for supporting the non-uniform day, in aid of the NSPCC. We raised just over **£200** which will be put to good use providing education, counselling and family support services throughout the UK.

We thought we would like to share with you part of the email that Michelle, one of the NSPCC schools coordinators, sent following her time with the children.

"As I mentioned to you as I was leaving, both Laura and I were blown away by the pupils at St Catherine's, the behaviour was exemplary in every year group. The children in my workshop were probably the best Year Five group I have ever delivered to. They were engaged and energetic and demonstrated great maturity."

We know how blessed we are to have such amazing children at St Catherine's, but it always really good when other people recognise that too!

Reading Champions

Many thanks to those people who have already volunteered to become "Reading Champions" and support children in the vital role of becoming confident, experienced readers. All the research tells us that being a fluent reader, with the capacity to understand the complex meanings within the texts, is at the heart of being a successful life-long learner. If you feel you could offer a few hours a week in this way please speak to your class teacher or myself and we will give you the details.



School Photographs

The photographer will be in school on **Wednesday 16th of October** to take individual and family group photos. All requests for family groups should have been passed to school by now and we will be making a timetable to fit everyone as close to their chosen time as possible. All children will automatically have an individual photo as in other years.

Christmas Cards

Many thanks for the returned Christmas cards and orders. They will be sent away this week and be back in good time for the Christmas season, which will be with us before we know it!

Confirmed Diary Dates

Harvest Celebrations:

Infants (Reception Y1 Y2): Friday 18th October 1:30pm in the school hall.

Juniors (Y3 to Y6): Friday 18th October 2:15 – 3.15pm in the school hall.



If the Junior celebration ends before 3:15pm you may collect your children from classes and leave before the normal end of day time.

As in previous years we are collecting for the **Launceston Food Bank** and I know that they are extremely grateful for all donations for the many families who find themselves in need of these essential services. Please send donations in with children in the week leading up to Harvest Festival.

Christmas Services

Infant Performance: **Monday 16th December 4.30pm at the Methodist Church** (details nearer the time)

Junior Performance: **Wednesday 11th December 5:00pm at St Mary's Church** (details nearer the time)

School Disco



The Friends have organised a KS1 and KS2 disco to be held **this Friday, 11th October.**

Infants: 4.30 – 5.30pm Juniors: 5.45 – 6.45pm

The theme is "Smart & Sparkly" and you can pay at the door as per usual. Snacks and drinks will also be available to purchase. You are welcome to drop children off and return at the end of the session, but Reception parents may wish to stay and ensure children are happy with the noise and busyness of the disco!

Reminders

- Y6 applications for Secondary School need to be completed this month.
- PE kit - all children need appropriate PE kit in school at all times, including separate PE trainers, as it is not good-practice for children to undertake exercise in their every day school shoes. Your support in this is much appreciated by teachers.

Enrichment

Lots of exciting activities happening around the school this term: great swimming every week in Year One; weekly visits to Kernow House in Year Two, that I know both children and adults alike are finding so rewarding and worthwhile; Space Lab due to visit this month to support the learning in Years One, Five and Six; the opportunity to take part in the wonderful Shakespeare drama workshops again, that have been so amazing in past years and lots more besides!

As always we remain grateful for all your support.

Ms Pippa Warner – Head of School