

Dear Parents,

School Improvement

We have now had our Ofsted report issued which was shared with you on Monday this week. Do let us know if you have not been able to access this and would like a paper copy. We were delighted to receive a good judgement and that the progress the school has made in its targeted areas for improvement had been recognised and commented on. The areas for improvement now identified by Ofsted are to continue to work on improving attainment and attendance and develop further the resources and outside area for our EYFS – reception and nursery classes.

Curriculum enrichment

Year 2 have continued to visit Kernow House. Reception Class and Year 4 are going on an enrichment trip to the Eden project next week. Outdoor learning week is next week– this will include a well-being day on the Monday – look out for updates on Dojo throughout the week.

Collective Worship

This term, our collective worship has a global theme. Our focus this week was on refugees – continuing the theme of climate change and how extreme weather and changing habitats has caused drought, floods and other natural disasters meaning people to have to leave their homes. The children were then thinking about what they can do or change to help reduce climate change.

Summer precautions

We have now had some lovely sunny days – please remember to send in sun hats and sun-cream (but also still raincoats!) please.

Safeguarding

This week is national mental health awareness week. The NSPCC have produced a leaflet which I'll attach the full copy of with this week's newsletter. In school next week our outdoor learning week also incorporates a well-being day.

Talking Mental Health Animation

TALKING
MENTAL
HEALTH

Talking Mental Health is an animation designed to help begin conversations about mental health in the classroom and beyond.

The animation and accompanying resources have been created by a team of animators, children, teachers and clinicians, and is being taught to year 5 and 6 children around the UK.

The animation and resources are freely downloadable from www.annafreud.org



Finding support

ChildLine: For 18s and under
0800 1111

NSPCC:
0808 800 5000

YoungMinds Parent Helpline:
0808 802 5544

Youth Wellbeing Directory:
youthwellbeing.org

Holiday Science Challenge KS1 & KS2 - Spaghetti bridges

If you wish to take part in this term's science challenge, then you will need grab some spaghetti and become an engineer for the day.

The brief

Construct a free standing bridge out of spaghetti, strong enough to support a 250g bag of sugar.

The method

Think about bracing strands together for strength. Some shapes are better at absorbing loads – triangles are particularly strong. Rubber bands make for good junctions.

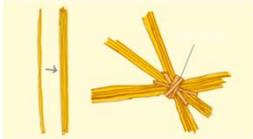
Top tip

Be patient. Through trial and error, you'll become proficient at working with spaghetti.

Materials

Spaghetti
Small rubber bands or bag ties
Sticky tape
250g bag of sugar

Please upload your spaghetti bridge creations onto your portfolio on **Dojo** demonstrating your bridge can hold a 250g bag of sugar. You do not need to bring in your designs to school. This challenge is **optional** – a certificate will be awarded for the most inventive and creative designs from each year group and key stage. We will create a school display using the pictures you put on Dojo.



How does it work?

Bridges manage two important forces: compression and tension – pushing and pulling. Too much of either and they buckle or snap.

We are looking forward to seeing your creative designs. All challenge entries should be uploaded to Dojo by **Friday 7th May**. Good luck!

Design icons

Why not take inspiration from these iconic bridge designs?



Beam bridge



Truss bridge



Cable stayed bridge



Arch bridge



Suspension bridge



Cantilever bridge

Civil Engineering Extravaganza

On Saturday 22nd June the Institution of Civil Engineers will be hosting a Civil Engineering Extravaganza! This family fun day aimed at all ages will be an interactive, creative and sometimes messy look at the wonderful world of civil engineering. This event is completely free of charge to attend and will be taking place 10:00 – 14:00, at the Devonport Guildhall, Ker Street, Plymouth.

Friends- fund raising

Friends have organised a 'Bags For Schools' collection. Bags have been sent home this week to be filled and returned on Friday 7th June. The school will raise money based on the weight of the bags we return.

Launceston College summer School

Launceston College will be running its Summer School this year from Monday 12th August to Friday 16th August, from 08:30 to 14:30. This is open to current yr6s to support transition into year 7 at Launceston College. The College will send out letters shortly to each pupil transitioning to Launceston College in September.

An Daras Jobs

Job vacancies for St Catherine's and for other An Daras Multi-Academy Schools are advertised on their website on the Work With Us/ Vacancies page. <https://andaras.eschools.co.uk/web/vacancies>. Currently advertised for St Catherine's is an Early Years Qualified Practitioner to join our nursery.

Values in Action

These wonderful pupils have been spotted demonstrating our school values throughout the week:-

- Reception: Nora – friendship/Joshua - compassion
- Class 1: Hannah – thoughtful/George - compassion
- Class 2: Skye – generosity/Joshua - responsibility
- Class 3: Aaron – Amelia – perseverance/Cerys -courage
- Class 4: Blake – thankfulness/Oliver - friendship
- Class 5: Ryan – helpfulness/Amelia - leadership
- Class 6: Eran – Compassion/Jasmine A - friendship

Good Learner

These are our star learners this week:-

- Reception: Lydia – resilience/Lily M – Reflectiveness
- Class 1: Jamie – Independence/Lyndsey - progress
- Class2:Taran– responsibility /Brogan - responsibility
- Class3:Daniel–learning powers/Yazmyn -resourceful
- Class 4: Melissa – Resilience/Georgia - resourceful
- Class 5: Amelia –Writing/Jayden – learning attitude
- Class 6: Laila- responsibility/Zack - responsibility

Dates for the Diary

- Fridays – Year 5/6 Top-up Swimming
- Tuesdays – yr2 Kernow House visits
- Fridays Shakespeare Club 3.15-4.15
- May – Year 2 SATS
- Wk beginning 20th May – Outdoor Learning Week
- 24th May – Reception and Year 4 Eden Project Trip
- May 27th-31st Half term Week
- 3rd June INSET Day
- Tues 4th June Back to School

Further information and dates will be added once these are confirmed.

- Wk beg 10th June Yr1 Phonics Screening
- 11th June New Reception Initial Meeting
- 19th June – Provisional Sports Day
- 21st June Shakespeare Performance
- Wk Beg 24th June Heritage Week
- 3rd to 5th July yr6 Residential
- Wk Beg 8th July – Yr 5 Trips
- Wk Beg 8th July Reports
- 15th/16th July Yr 6 Transition Days Launceston College- Transition Week in School
- 18th July – Leavers’ Service St Mary’s
- 22nd July 2pm Yr6 Leavers’ Show
- 23rd July Yr 6 Leavers’ Prom 4.30pm-7pm
- 24th July end of term

Attendance

At present our whole school attendance is below national average. Whilst taking into account the illness that has been rife this year and recognising the strategies the school have put in place to raise this, Ofsted have set this as a school target for improvement. I will be meeting with the Education Welfare Office who is employed by county to ensure that the statutory requirement to attend school is met across Cornwall, to look at further strategies to improve attendance. National expectations and average is at 96%. A child whose attendance is currently around 85% equates to having a whole half term off school so you can see the impact this would have on their learning and progress. We’d like to support all families to achieve the national expected. Please let us know if there is any support you’d like in improving attendance for your children.

This week’s attendance:

Reception	92%
Year 1	94%
Year 2	93%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	94%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	94%

Whole School Attendance

94%

Well done again to year 5 this week 😊 A whole half term of great attendance!!

Links for further info Don’t forget, you can access information about the school via our website:

<http://www.stcatherinescofe.co.uk/index.php> and Facebook: @stcatherinesandaras

Parent View: As a parent of a child in our school you can complete an online survey for our school at any time via Ofsted

Parent View <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

We also share class information via Class DoJo <https://teach.classdojo.com/>

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Louise Kussey

Executive Head

We have a new competition to raise awareness of

World Environment Day

Did you know that air pollution levels in Launceston are higher than they should be? The Council are creating an action plan to improve the air quality in and around our town.

What we would like is for you to create a News article/Fact file that we can hand out on World Environment Day (5th June) to local people giving them information on Air Pollution and what we can do to try to reduce this.

The news article / fact file:

- Should include your name, school and age on the front (open for all under 16's)
- Can be hand drawn or designed using any digital computer software; 1 single A4 page only
- Can include words and images
- Create your own Newspaper Title
- Include facts about air pollution, how we can help and why this is important for both Launceston and the whole world.

Entries must be received at DS Smith by 4th June 2019.

Email to Rebecca.kirrage@dssmith.com / sam.joseph.virgo-brown@dssmith.com or post to
Community Team, DS Smith, Hurdon Rd,
Launceston, PL15 9HN.

Entries will be judged by,

1st prize for each the following age group;
under 7's, 7-11's, 11-16's

Example:

Community Team

NEWS UNPACKED
WEDNESDAY 5th JUNE 2019
WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

By Rebecca Kirrage, Sam Virgo-Brown, June 2019

Welcome to the first edition of news unpacked - we start with a Special Report on Air Pollution!

What is air pollution?

Air pollution is when chemicals, gases, and particles enter the air and the atmosphere. Air pollution causes damage to crops, animals, forests, and bodies of water. It also contributes to the depletion of the ozone layer, which protects the Earth from the sun's UV rays.

Location	PM10	PM2.5	Ozone
Launceston	45.2	12.1	0.15
Exeter	38.7	9.8	0.12
Truro	32.1	8.5	0.10
St Austell	28.9	7.2	0.08
St Agnes	25.3	6.1	0.07
St Ives	22.8	5.4	0.06
St Leonards	20.5	4.9	0.05
St Mary's	18.2	4.3	0.04
St Michael's	16.7	3.9	0.03
St Nicholas	15.1	3.5	0.03
St Peter's	13.8	3.1	0.02
St Thomas	12.4	2.8	0.02
St Andrew's	11.2	2.5	0.02
St James	10.1	2.2	0.01
St John	9.3	2.0	0.01
St David	8.7	1.8	0.01
St George	8.1	1.7	0.01
St Elizabeth	7.6	1.6	0.01
St Mary Magdalen	7.1	1.5	0.01
St Peter ad Vincula	6.8	1.4	0.01
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