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break.

Another half term has drawn to a close. It may have been a short one, but as always a lot has happened. This week, we had two visits from our school improvement partners. Both were impressed by the progress that the school has made in terms of curriculum development over the past 12 months. Both also commented on the calm, focused learning environment in each class. The journey isn't finished yet, but as a staff, we are proud of the achievements made in a short space of time.

The diary for next half term is filling up quickly. There's a further two cross country races – including the famous Landrake Run – and football matches to look forward to. Buzzards will be attending a life skills session at Liskeard fire station. Details of this will follow after half term. Of course, we have our Easter celebrations including our service at Millennium House and a visit to the church for children to Experience Easter.

There's definitely a lot to look forward to. In the meantime, have a safe and restful half term.



Pupils Of The Week



Wrens – Harry

For his effort with writing

Doves – Willow

For using finger spaces in her writing

Doves – Elliott

For his fantastic progress with reading

Puffins – Jake

For his use of amazing adjectives

Buzzards – Kai

For his work during Safer Internet Day

Headteacher Award – Sienna

For her progress in maths

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME	Notes
12-16.02.24	February Half Term		
20.02.24	Girls football match vs Burraton	3.45pm	Away match at Burraton. Leave school at 3.00pm.
21.02.24	Class Photos	All day	
21.02.24	Parents Evening	3.30pm onwards	Details to follow
22.02.24			
07.03.24	Girls football match vs Dobwalls	3.45pm	Home match as part of the East Cornwall league.
14.03.24	Buzzard's Life Skills Session	12.30pm	Life skills session hosted by Liskeard Fire Station
27.03.24	Whole School Easter Performance	2.00pm start	Millennium House
28.03.24	INSET Day	All day	School closed to children

Cross Country – Last Friday, our cross country team travelled to Landrake Motox for the 4th race of the season.



The children showed amazing resilience on what was a very tough course. The results are below. A special mention to the Year 5/6 girls team who finished in 6th place out of the 17 teams present.

The final race of the season will take place on Friday 1st March, with the Landrake Run taking place two weeks later.



Absence request – all requests for term time absence should be made in writing using the form available in the reception area.

Time off school for family holidays cannot be authorised. However, the Head Teacher does have the discretion to authorise absence in exceptional circumstances. Examples of 'exceptional circumstances' include:

- When a family needs to spend time together to support each other during or after a crisis.
- For Looked After Children to spend time with family or carers and the request is supported by the child's social worker.
- For current and active service personnel where the request is supported by a senior officer from the service, confirming that leave can be taken at no other time.

Applications for exceptional Leave of Absence where dates are known ahead, MUST be made at least four weeks in advance of the requested date.

Consideration is given to each request before a decision is reached on behalf of the Governing Body (Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006). Each case will be judged on its merits in line with the criteria outlined above. The decision is final and once the decision to not authorise the leave is taken, it cannot be authorised retrospectively.

If the absence is not authorised and the holiday is taken anyway, the case will be referred to the EWO Service for possible legal action.

School Uniform – Having reviewed the school uniform policy with the school governors recently, it seems timely to send out a reminder about uniform. Wearing a uniform promotes a sense of pride in the school, allows all pupils to be seen as equals and sets children up for expectations that will be faced in later life.

<p>Girls Year 3&4</p> <p>2nd – Emilia</p> <p>11th – Kensa</p> <p>97th – Poppy</p> <p>110th – Iris</p> <p>111th – Indigo</p>	<p>Boys Years 3&4</p> <p>44th – George</p> <p>60th – Eric</p> <p>67th – Jake</p> <p>104th – Alfie</p> <p>108th – Dexter</p> <p>118th – Daniel</p>
<p>Girls Years 5&6</p> <p>14th – Ailla</p> <p>20th – Alice</p> <p>21st – Flora</p> <p>63rd – Grace</p> <p>87th – Lilly</p> <p>103rd – Beatrice</p> <p>105th – Ruby</p>	<p>Boys Yea5&6</p> <p>96th – Bradley</p>

The school uniform worn should come from the following items. Items can be embroidered with the school logo, but this is not mandatory:

- Red school sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece
- White or grey polo shirt
- Black or grey trousers, shorts or skirt
- Grey or black pinafore dresses
- Summer dresses (red/white check print)

Footwear

Shoes should be black and be flat. Footwear such as boots and wellingtons may be worn in cold or wet weather but pupils should bring shoes to change into. Trainers are discouraged in school, except in P.E; however, we do understand that this may be difficult, so plain black trainers are allowed. Children should have separate footwear for PE.

PE Kit

All children should wear a PE kit for PE lessons. This is for practical, as well as hygiene reasons. PE kits should not contain large branded designs. We have noted recent conversations around children not being in the 'cool gang' for not having the latest designer sportswear. This goes against our value of respecting others.

Pupils should wear:

- Black PE shorts
- T-shirt – white (or blue/yellow, dependent on house)
- Black tracksuit trousers and plain black sweatshirt/hoodie for outdoor PE
- Trainers or plimsolls (trainers offer more support to feet)
- A change of socks

PE kit should always be in school during term time. The kit will be returned home at the end of a half term for washing, or sooner if appropriate. Long hair should be tied back for PE and any jewellery and watches removed.

Some Half Term Activity Ideas

10 SATURDAY
LOVE YOUR BEACH DAY CLEAN
12pm, meet in Seaton Beach Cafe carpark

11 SUNDAY
HALF TERM ROCKPOOL RAMBLE
12pm, meet at Hannaford below the coastguard station

20 TUESDAY
ATLANTIC BLUEFIN TUNA
6:15pm, talk in the RNLI Station on East Looe quay

LOOE MARINE CONSERVATION GROUP

Monday 12th February & Tuesday 13th February
Make a Mossy Pom Pom and learn more about the mosses near the River Tamar. No booking required.

Wednesday 14th, Friday 16th & Saturday 17th February
Brick Ideas family Lego workshop. Booking essential
£5 per person (children and adults).
www.bridgingthetamar.org.uk/events

Science Spectacular
10-18 February

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FEBRUARY EVENTS