Pensilva Primary School Newsletter



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This week has seen Pensilva celebrate World Book Day. The day was a huge success which the children — and — staff thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you to all of the staff for making the day a success - and especially Mrs Sissons for co-ordinating the day.

The day acted as a reminder of the school's aim to create lifelong readers who actively enjoy reading; whether that is books, magazines, blogs or anything else. We give every child opportunities to read and enjoy a diverse range of texts. We also encourage children to read their reading books with adults at home every day. Reading should not be a chore, but a chance to celebrate your child's success and build their love of reading. Remember practice makes perfect and 15 minutes of reading a day equates to nearly 100 hours of reading every year.

As part of World Book Day, every child has been given their £1 World Book Day token. Local shops - including The Book Shop, Liskeard - have a range of special £1 World Book Day books which are free if you pay using your token. If in town, why not visit the library? I would encourage every child to become a member of the local library. As members children can borrow books and there are no late fees. Library members also have access to the fantastic BorrowBox app which is full of eBooks, audiobooks and more. It is a fantastic free resource that is on the doorstep. More details can be found at www.cornwall.gov.uk/ libraries/.

I hope you all have a fantastic (book-filled)weekend. I'll end with the words of Dr Seuss -"You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child."

Mr Matt Davies

What a week of football!

Another great performance on Tuesday 28th February against a tough opposition. We were very unlucky and lost the match, luck wasn't on our side and we just couldn't get a goal. The score line certainly didn't reflect our performance and with us having most of the possession. But our team maintained their determination and we battled to the end! Amazing team effort once again.

On Wednesday 1st March, we travelled to St Neot for a football tournament. I am so proud of our team. We won 2-1 in the first match, but lost 1-0 in the second match from a free kick! We played two games back to back which really showed what an amazing team we were because every player on that pitch did not stop running, tackling, shooting at goal for the whole time they were on the pitch, they all looked exhausted and gave it their all. At the end of the tournament, each school voted for another school's star player and I'm pleased to say Noah was chosen from our team. Well done, Noah. I'm proud to say the overall player of the tournament went To Trinity! Absolutely amazing and well deserved Trinity!



Pensilva Celebrates World Book Day 2023

On Wednesday 1st March, we had an amazing day celebrating books and our collective love of reading. To prepare for World Book Day this year, each class got creative by designing and making hats linked to the book they are currently reading as a class.

Then on Wednesday itself it got even more exciting as all the children were grouped into mixed ages to experience five workshops with each class teacher to explore and respond to that teacher's favourite children's book.

The children were amazing all day and there was a busy and purposeful discussion about all things reading. The children got to explore relationships and feelings linked to characters, create art and write creatively to name just a few of the planned activities.

At the end of the afternoon, Mrs Sissons held a special celebration assembly. The children all paraded in their hats and some examples from each workshop were shown. The children were enthusiastically talking about everything they had enjoyed during the day.

For more information about the activities and lots more photographs of the day, please look at the World Book Day Page on our school website which you will find under Curriculum - English.

Favourite Book Hat Competition

To keep the enthusiasm and book talk going Mrs Sissons has launched a whole school competition to design and make a hat of your favourite book. Please get involved talking about your favourite children's books and authors and share in some creative making of a hat or hats with your child. Hats can be any shape or size and decorated in any way (paint, collage, felt-tips etc) to represent a favourite and loved children's story.

Hat entries need to be in school by Monday 27th March for the judging. There will be a prize for the most interesting favourite book (s) hat in each class! We can't wait to see your designs.

- Wrens—'The Cornish Pasty Pirate' by Sarah Hewitt
- Doves—'The Mousehole Cat' by Antonia Barber

Puffins—'Ish' by Peter H Reynolds

Buzzards—'The Explorer' by Katerine Rundell

There were lots of different and amazing ideas linked to each book, showing the children's favourite parts of the books so far or what they thought was important in the story. The adults got involved as well and made their own hats too!

We all dressed up in our hats for the day! Some children also came to school dressed as a book character. There was a huge wow as everyone saw the hats that others had made.









