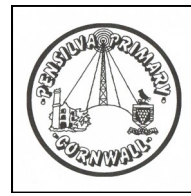


# Pensilva Primary School Newsletter

To Live, To Love, To Learn

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**Friday 10th February 2023**

We've reached the end of the first half term of 2023 - my first half term at Pensilva. So much has happened over the last six weeks that it's impossible to put it all down on paper. We've had sporting success with the cross-country team, a range of fantastic clubs and a whole host of exciting learning opportunities.

Next half term is always one of my favourites. There's always so much to look forward to - longer, warmer days for one! In school, we are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Bowhay who will be supporting children in Doves and Puffins classes. She will be a great asset to the team here at Pensilva.

There's also plenty of exciting events to look forward to - World Book Day, St Piran's Day, a trip to the zoo, football matches, SongFest, the final races of the cross-country seasons. The list seems endless!

In the meantime, have a wonderful half term break and relish some well deserved family time.

Mr Matt Davies

## **Class focus of the week— Buzzards**

As Buzzards Class have approached half term it has been very busy.

Our Reading Champions have been working with the wider class and the other classes in the school to introduce them to the newly reopened library. They are very excited and should feel very proud of what they have already achieved with their hard work and commitment. It is lovely seeing and hearing children enjoying the library space as they choose books to read.

In class, we also celebrated 'Internet Safety Day' this week with lots of different activities. We have looked at how important it is to talk about our experiences online. We have had a focused computing week in Buzzards this week - exploring inaccurate websites and fake news. We have looked at strategies to use when researching to increase accuracy.

We finished our science unit by closely investigating the parts of a egg. We separated all the parts and produced detailed scientific drawings.

Finally, Buzzards have continued to enjoy reading 'The Explorer'. It's a great action/adventure story. The main characters have just sailed along the Amazon River on a raft they made. It is really inspiring us to produce some great writing.



## **PSA news and updates**

Monday 20th March—film night. Peter Rabbit 2. £5 per child. Book and pay at school office.

The PSA are kindly asking for donations of Easter egg donations for the children's Easter raffle and any raffle prizes. Please bring into the school office.

There will be an upcoming jumble sale in the village hall (date to be confirmed). This is to raise funds towards new equipment in the front playground. If anybody has any good quality jumble they can donate, please bring into the school office.

Thank you for your continued and ongoing support!



13th—17th February—Half term  
 20th February—Children return to school  
 21st February—Reception and Year 6 national measurement programme checks  
 3rd March—Cross country race Bake Lakes  
 8th March—Songfest  
 10th March—Cross country Landrake run  
 13th March—Parents Evening  
 15th March—Parents Evening  
 20th March—Class photographs  
 29th March—Whole school trip to Paignton Zoo  
 31st March—Last day of term  
 3rd—14th April—Easter holiday  
 17th April—Children return to school  
 1st May—Bank holiday. School closed  
 8th May—Bank holiday. School closed  
 26th May—Last day of term  
 29th May—2nd June—Half term  
 5th June—Children return to school  
 9th and 12th June—INSET days. School closed  
 3rd—7th July—Year 6 residential to Barton Hall  
 21st July—last day of term  
 24th and 25th July—INSET days. School closed

### Attendance

Wrens	93.18%	Doves	94.64%	Puffins	90.77%	Buzzards	93.33%
Whole school	93.02%						

The fourth cross-country race of the season took place last Friday at Landrake Motox. It was a new and tough course! We entered a number of children into each category and they all did amazing well! The results were as follows:

Year 3/4 girls	Year 3/4 boys	Year 5/6 girls	Year 5/6 boys
8th —Emilia K	113th—Harrison B	50th—Alice P	8th—Noah K
24th—Ailla M	116th—Jake H	69th—Isla O	74th—Thomas S
25th—Kensa B	121st—Kai B	81st—Grace R	93rd—Leo M
93rd—Beatrice S	125th—Kenlee L	82nd—Issy B	
		102nd— Ruby H	
		106th—Scarlett M	
		109th—Layla A	

