

Luxulyan School Newsletter

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Please note some activities/events are not connected to Luxulyan School and parents should undertake their own checks as to the suitability of the providers/activities.

ASH CLASS

In Literacy, we enjoyed innovating the 'Little Red Hen' story with our own story which we entitled, 'The Fast Pink Pig.' This week we are focusing on using story language and adjectives to invent our own exciting stories set on a farm.

In Maths, we have been practising subtraction and have been solving problems at a teddy bear's picnic to apply this skill.

To develop our understanding of the world, we selected a range of natural and creative resources including sand, leaves, bark, glitter and cotton wool, to reflect different environments.

During our child-initiated activity time, we have been busy designing packets of seeds, creating masks of the characters from the 'Little Red Hen' story and planting sunflower seeds.

Miss Illsley and Mrs Berry

BEECH CLASS

After the excitement of last week's snow, we have got back to work this week planning the new version of our Town Mouse and Country Mouse which we will continue into next week. On Monday we learnt all about the story of St Piran and why we celebrate his special day in Cornwall every year. In our science we have been learning about objects that are living, dead and non living, sparking much debate about whether wool was ever alive and how a roast chicken looked in a former life!

SYCAMORE

In spite of the disruption caused by the weather, Sycamore class have remained really focused over the last two weeks with a variety of activities undertaken.

The year 3's enjoyed the St Piran's day celebration at Bodmin and carried the Luxulyan banner with pride with Mrs Fox and Mrs Tonkin in tow. Meanwhile back at school the year 4's made Cornish pasties (both meat and cheese and onion) which some of them enjoyed even before reaching home! The whole class studied the story of St Piran in the afternoon and learnt all about the origins of the Cornish flag. Ask them about their day and see what they can remember!



PIC•COLLAGE

Kind regards

Mrs Mileham

OAK CLASS

Thursday 8th March was world book day, we came to school in our pyjamas and brought in our favourite book. In the afternoon we designed new book covers for our favourite book or created a new character. We really enjoyed this it was fun



Miss Coffee

and different. At the end of day we were given stickers and tokens worth $\pounds 1$ to spend before the 25th of March 2018.

For our ancient Egypt topic we have learnt about the river Nile. We created a dance about it and we also drew a map in our topic books which was annotated with all the famous landmarks. In addition to this we made a sarcophagus out of chicken wire, paper and glue. Each child wrote their names in hieroglyphics which we stuck on the sarcophagus to decorate it. We had fun making Canopic jars out of clay.

Holes by Louie Sachar is our class book for English. We have been writing about the characters in our story. A few days later we described the warden and we drew her. We also made a story corner which is a tent from holes and we have Stanley's Yalnat's jumpsuit.

Erin M and Delilah R

FROM ST PIRAN'S DAY ORGANISER – MR PAUL ELLIS TO SYCAMORE CLASS YEAR 3

Thank you so much for all of your work towards the Bodmin's St Piran's Parade and congratulations to all the children who fully participated in the day. The children from all schools were wonderful. They participated in all the events and their presentations in St Petroc's were outstanding.

I'm proud to be involved in such a wonderful event with enthusiastic schools, staff and children who make us proud to live in this area. Please pass my congratulations on to the children, they did everything perfectly and congratulations to all the schools for making the day happen.

The only outstanding thing now is to look forward to next years St Piran's parade on Tuesday 5th March 2019. I hope to see you all there again!!!!

TESCO BAGS OF HELP

From next Thursday (1st March) Luxulyan School will be one of the lucky groups to stand a chance of winning up to £4000 in a grant through Tesco Bags of Help. For all of March and April, if you are shopping at Tesco in Holmbush, please add your blue token into our box in the foyer, and encourage any friends and family shopping there to do the same! We'd also just like to confirm that the Reading Karate Scheme will continue as normal. Reads will still be counted and bands will still be given on a

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

<u>ICT</u>

ICT will commence on Friday 9^{th} March for children who have signed up for it.

Football Club

Please can children remember to bring in their football kits for Football Club.

Many thanks

Mrs Grubb

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE OAK CLASS

Unfortunately, we have again this week been made aware of issues outside of school when children are using ICT, particularly 'Whatsapp'. These issues are then 'overspilling' into school; causing fallouts, children are becoming upset and being distracted from their learning.

We are asking parents/ carers to support the school in ensuring children are kept safe online. On common sense media.org, 'Whatsapp' is not recommended for anyone under the age of 16 (a link can be found to this page on our school website if you would like further information). If anyone would like to discuss ICT matters further, Mr Heagney is our ICT lead and runs ICT club on a Friday afterschool.

SYCAMORE CLASS

Please can we ask that novelty stationery is not bought into school. Over the past few weeks there have been an increasing number of incidents where children have fallen out with their friends over certain items, or sadly lost items which may have cost a considerable amount.

Thank you for you continued support on this matter.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR SPRING 2

Regular attendance at school is essential for children to reach their full potential. As a school, our target is to ensure our overall attendance for the year is over 96%.

Our whole school attendance target is 96% for the year. Current whole school attendance from

22.02.18 to 07.03.18 is 94.9%. A breakdown of attendance figures is below:

| Class | Attendance Figures |
|----------|--------------------|
| Ash | 96.4% |
| Beech | 95.2% |
| Sycamore | 94.5% |
| Oak | 94.5% |

Well Done Ash Class with the highest attendance levels this week!



SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming lessons will commence in the Summer Term on 23rd April 2018 for Year 3-6 children.

More details will follow.

PARENTVIEW

On the website, click on the parents tab, then follow the 'Parent View' hyperlink to share your views.

Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's school, from the quality of teaching to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. The survey can be completed at any time; you don't have to wait until the school is being inspected.

We will use the information you provide when making decisions about which schools to inspect and when.

Click 'Give your views' to register and complete a survey to help your child's school improve.

LOST PROPERTY

We have a lost property box in the office for clothes/items which have been lost and are not labelled. If your child has lost anything please check with Mrs Grubb.

DIARY DATES

March

21st March – Oak Class Romeo and Juliet 22nd March – Oak Class Duchy College Luxulyan Woods trip 30th March – 13th April – Easter Holidays

STAFF TRAINING DAYS – CLOSED TO PUPILS

Monday 23rd July 2018 Tuesday 24th July 2018