



West Wivelshire Federation
'I am me, together we are one'
Polruan School Newsletter

Summer 1 – 8th May 2015

Learning:

Since Easter, we've been working hard on involving the children more in their next steps of learning. When an adult marks their books, the children respond in a different colour, so that we can clearly see the improvements. Staff have had a refresher session in The Thrive approach; which we are using across the school with our behaviour system.

We are keen to ask the children their viewpoints on learning and here are just a few snippets of recent comments made:

What's the most exciting learning you've had this year?- **'so many', French, using new technology.**

What do you feel proud of?- **being head girl, persevering in my learning because I wanted to, my writing and maths**

Head boy/girl-survey: They are conducting a survey asking the children and you as parents/carers for your views about our curriculum. What topics do you think your child should be taught? How does your child learn best? This will help us to plan an effective curriculum, based on the needs of your children. We are continuing to develop our curriculum so that we use the outdoors and our local community as much as possible. We also want our children to experience various other lifestyles, cultures and beliefs so are planning in a wide range of experiences for them over the next few years. We will let you know as soon as we have these mapped in.

Trips: we are keen for our (Polruan-ks2 children) (Pelynt Y3/4 children) to have an overnight stay. This will take place early in the Autumn term and will be a minimal cost. We are in the process of arranging a suitable location at a good price. We will be taking our Y5/6 children to London next summer (2016) and will again, be in touch once we have booked this up. These trips will fit into our curriculum and help to provide the children with enriching activities to broaden their education.

This next half term, we are working to make the curriculum relevant for our children. We will be contacting you after half term to see if you are able to help us with our topics to help engage our children.

Nepal-children choosing ways of fundraising-watch this space.

Polruan-Parent Voice Group-raised an issue about the wall near the entrance door. The whole site has been checked by County for health and safety, however we share your concerns about the height of the concrete and the possibility of children hanging over the wall. Since our meeting, an architect has visited to suggest cost effective ways of preventing access to this area. We are looking into adding a wooden frame by the corner with a trailing flower. This will not block the view from the rest of the area, but along with assemblies to the children about keeping safe, this should help deter them from hanging over this area.

We are trying to change the way that break and lunchtimes work for the children, involving them in this process. We are also paying due attention to this area in our planning.

If any parents would like to join our parent voice group at Polruan, please pop in and let Mrs Sandy/Mrs Sanson know.

Polruan and Pelynt: Interested in helping the school to move forward? We are looking for new parent Governors. If you are interested, please let us know at the office and we can give you some more information.

Polruan School PSA (parent staff association) welcome support, please let the school know if you would like to help out in any way. We have our summer fair coming up soon and it would be brilliant to have a good network of parents/carers to help.

Clubs:

Polruan-We're pleased with the uptake of morning running club. It's growing week by week. Afterwards, we have cereal on offer; so please donate a contribution towards this if you would like your child to have a bowl or send in a box of cereal. Please note there will be **no running club on 14th May due to Y6 SATs.**

Friday multi-skills hasn't been particularly successful yet. We have contacted another provider who starts this week. We are very sorry about this, as it's not what we wanted for our children. Thank you for your patience.

Breakfast club- Mrs Darby from Pelynt School has been looking into funding but unfortunately, our first port of call doesn't look good. We will keep trying and let you know as soon as we can source a way of providing you with a good quality service at a feasible price.

Current whole school attendance is 95.26 %

Reminder-

Please remember to ensure your child's PE kit is in school every day.

SATs-KS2 SATs Monday 11th May-Thursday 14th May.

New HeadTeacher challenge: 'everyone is different'. Please encourage your child to create a poem or a piece of artwork in by half term

I am pleased to be the permanent headteacher and look forward to us providing our children with the best education possible; valuing each of them as individuals within our local communities.

Diary dates

May:

Monday 11th – 15th SAT's Week

Monday 11th (pm) Years 3 & 4 Sailing with Fowey Gallants Sailing Club

Tuesday 12th (pm) Years 3 & 4 Sailing with Fowey Gallants Sailing Club

Friday 15th – Photograph Orders in by today please

Monday 18th – Year 7 Staff from Fowey River Academy in to see the Year 6's

Monday 18th – 3pm PSA Meeting

Wednesday 20th – SPORTS DAY

Thursday 21st – Reserve Sports Day

Thursday 21st – *School Census Day themed menu (please see menu)

Friday 22nd INSET DAY – School Closed to Children

Monday 25th – Friday 29th Half Term Week

June:

Monday 1st – School starts after half term

Thursday 4th – Year 6 Open Evening at Fowey River Academy

Friday 5th – INSET DAY – School Closed to Children

Monday 15th – Friday 19th Phonics Screening Week

Monday 15th (pm) Years 5 & 6 Sailing with Fowey Gallants Sailing Club

Tuesday 16th (pm) Years 5 & 6 Sailing with Fowey Gallants Sailing Club

Thursday 18th – Tregeagle Class – Source to Sea Trip (details to follow)

Friday 19th – PSA organised Summer Fayre

Tuesday 23rd – Harbour Swim (details to follow)

July:

Friday 3rd – Year 6's Last day at Polruan School (Leavers Performance at 11am)

Monday 6th – Year 6's First day at Fowey River Academy

Wednesday 22nd – Last day for children before Summer Holiday's

Thursday 23rd INSET DAY