



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

Autumn Term – No. 3  
27<sup>th</sup> November 2015

What a busy month!

Last week I was focusing on how the children focus using their learning powers. I heard some super comments and saw some fantastic skills when the children were learning together and thought you may like read them yourselves:

In Canute, the children were focusing on their own colouring at breaktime (wet play), but were supporting each other in sharing pencils. I heard “ I really like that blue there”. They were noticing what others were doing, working on their own and also helping each other. I saw one child copy another’s fantastic behaviour (a younger child copying an older one).

In Tregagle, I saw two older children sharing their ideas, suggesting ways forward with their writing. I heard “ That’s a new paragraph” .The other child took this on board and immediately started a new paragraph. They accepted comments from others. I saw a group of younger children using each other as a sounding board, talking through their thought process. They talked out potential problems and solved them by working together and collaborating. The children really do help each other in the learning process and were making great progress with their vocabulary choice.

Parents:

It was super so see so many of you at our parent meetings. We hope you liked the format of showing you work that your child is particularly proud of. Many of you commented how pleased you are with the progress that your child is making.

#### Remembrance:

We had Remembrance Day where we thought about those who lost their lives. All children were part of our ceremony. The school gathered together and were honoured to hear Mrs Burns play 'The Last Post' on her trumpet. It sent shivers down the spine of many of us. Every single child showed their ability to respect others by remaining silent and sharing their thoughts.

#### For Children in Need:

The children dressed in their onsie/pyjamas. This was their idea, run by the School Council. We hope that the £29 raised will help those children in the UK supported by the charity.

During Anti-Bullying Week, both classes focused on a different aspect.

In **Canute** the children first of all discussed what the word 'bullying' means. They thought of actions that might upset them and noticed that sometimes things happen accidentally and sometimes maybe on just one occasion. They thought that if something unkind happened over and over again and on purpose we might call it bullying. We talked about things to do if they felt this was happening to them.

Next the children played a game where they sorted pictures into two sets - 'Things that friends do' and 'Things that friends don't do'. They also added their own ideas to the list of friendly actions and it became so long it didn't fit on the very large piece of paper we were using! Finally the children praised each other and talked about kind behaviours they had noticed in the class during the week.

In **Tregeagle** the children looked at the importance of staying safe online, when texting, using email, social media or playing games online.

#### Uniform:

Please ensure that your child wears the appropriate school shoes- not trainers or boots and Black PE shorts have been added to the school uniform list. Please ensure that all your child's school uniform including PE kit is clearly labeled so if lost/found it can be quickly reunited with its owner.

Please do not let your dogs walk on our school site. There have been a few incidents over the last month when we have found mess in our playground.

#### Staff learning:

This month, staff have been developing their knowledge of 'growth mindsets and how the brain works' and this will continue into next term. This is focusing on the fact that we can make a difference to our own intelligence, by keeping an open mind and thinking, 'I can do this'. Teachers have been trialling a project in their classrooms and will feedback on the last week of term. We will then move forward as a whole school, involving the children more with this.

PREVENT training. The staff of Pelynt, Polruan, Lanlivery, Darite and Polperro, joined together at Pelynt for training on the PREVENT strategy. This was to inform us of legislation which says that we need to prevent our pupils from becoming engaged in joining extremist groups. We will be following this up next year with some parent workshops, so that you are also aware of the real life facts.

Mrs Frith (Pelynt) and Mr Smith are updating their safeguarding qualifications this term. We ensure that we are always up-to-date with the latest requirements.

Mrs Burns will be sending out details next year about buying a CD with songs by the choir. More practice needs to happen, before they can record a good range of songs. She will keep you updated.

The London Trip (Years 5 & 6):

Thank you for parents who have given feedback. Mrs Sanson will be available to meet interested parents on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 2:45- Polruan and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 9:00am at Pelynt. You are welcome to attend either of the meetings – if one suits you more than another (they will both be the same). Mrs Sanson will go through the proposed itinerary and payment schedule. The itinerary is to be drawn up in liaison with parents and children (cost allowing!).

Note from the PSA:

A letter has gone out re: Christmas Jumper/Christmas Hat Day on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and instead of a donation of money they would like a tombola prize and/or a jolly jar.

Also an order form has been sent out for the 'Polruan School Calendar' at the reasonable cost of £3.50 (an extra special present for friends and family ?)

Christmas Performance

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm and 5.30pm with the Christmas Fair in the middle at 2pm (at school) – please look out for further details coming home !

**THERE WILL BE AN EXTRA SWIMMING** (as we have missed a few due to lack of transport and illness) **ON FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2015.**

**SHOW AND SHARE**

Parents and Carers are invited to Tregeagle Class and Canute Class Show and Share on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015

**Tregeagle Class** 9am to 9.30am

**Canute Class** 10am to 10.30am

**Diary Dates**

**Autumn Term 2015**

03 September – 18 December  
(Half Term 26 – 30 October)

**Spring Term 2016**

04 January – 24 March  
(Half Term 15 – 19 February)

**Summer Term 2016**

11 April – 22 July  
(Half Term 30 May – 3 June)

**Inset Days**

2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016  
24<sup>th</sup> March 2016, 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016 & 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016

***Forest Schools***

*Tuesday Afternoons – Canute & Year 3*  
*Wednesday Afternoons – Years 4, 5 & 6*

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – Par Cross Country

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December** –Swimming  
& Christmas Jumper/Christmas Hat Day

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Lunch

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Last Swimming (this is the extra one added)

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Show and Share 9am to 9.30am Tregeagle  
10am to 10.30am Canute

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Performances 1pm & 5.30pm  
& Christmas Fayre (2pm at School)

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Last day at school before Christmas Holiday.

**Christmas Holidays – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December to**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016**

**INSET DAY - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

**Children back to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016**