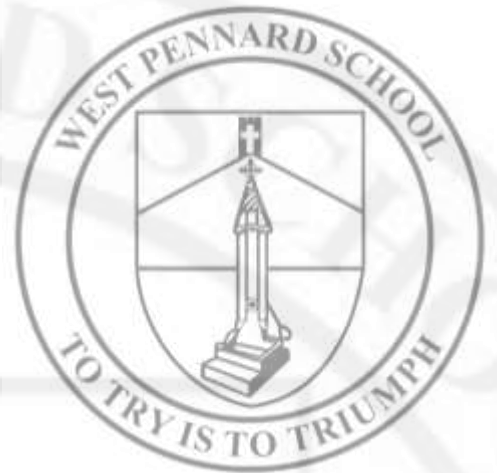


West Pennard C of E VC Primary School



Children in Mole Class enjoying Forest School this week as part of enrichment.



'Since God so loved us, so we must love one another' (1 John 4 v11)

Heads Up

It was truly wonderful to see the children back in school so positive and ready to learn this week. I would like to take the opportunity to pass on our sincerest thanks for preparing the children so well to start back, some having not attended since March. It will most certainly be a partnership like never before, so do keep in touch with us with anything that will aid their return further. Please ensure that they are well rested, so that they can continue to build their stamina for learning.

Procedures for the start and the end of the school day are working well. When picking up Key Stage 2 children at 3:15 please do use the entire playground, including that to the left of the gate as you walk in.

Next week we will start to timetable groups and individuals for additional help to catch up on education lost during the pandemic. The first installment of funding comes to school next half term, however we wanted to ensure that we address needs at the earliest stage and get children back on track, so we are initiating things now. Additional support will be in place for the whole year. We have employed Miss Major, who currently job shares in Year 5, to deliver the tuition on a Monday and Wednesday week when Mrs Pinsent teaches Year 5. She has taught across the age ranges throughout her career and will be well equipped to accelerate progress.

In this letter are the key dates for the term so far.

We are trying to put in place as many enriching opportunities as we can, albeit on occasion virtually. We are trying to ensure that we continue to do things in spite of Covid rather than avoiding them because of Covid. We will add these opportunities to the key dates as we arrange them.

Hope you all have a great weekend.

Mr Wheat

Stars in Our Eyes



Well done to the following children, who were chosen as the class 'Stars of the Week' this week;

- Year R - Ariana & George G.
- Year 1 - Joe & Lily R.
- Year 2 - Reuben C. & Pixie-Fae
- Year 3 - Jacob & Dolly
- Year 4 - Noah & Cameron
- Year 5 - Jake & Aldo
- Year 6 - Leyton & Elliot



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Here and There

In this section we ask for suggestions from our school community in order to get 'out and about' for free or for paid for experiences.



Search for fossils on Kolve Beach and then go for a cream tea or an ice cream at the Chantry Café.



Ocean Adventures Soft Play Centre in Cheddar is a great way to spend a wet afternoon. You will need to book ahead, however, due to current guidelines.

If you have any suggestions for the coming weeks please email the school office.

Considerate Parking

We have had a few instances this week of people parking very close to the turning into Church Lane near the War Memorial. We understand that the school is in a difficult setting to enable parking, but by parking so close to a junction, not only does it break the rules set out in the Highway Code, it makes it nigh on impossible for the bus to safely turn into Church Lane. Please could you ensure that you do not park in this area and that you adhere to guidelines set out in the traffic code of conduct (attached).

School Uniform

It's lovely to see all the children in their full school uniforms! Please remember to name everything — especially jumpers and cardigans.

Many thanks

Appeal for Help



Later this academic year we will be implementing the new Relationships and Sex Education Curriculum which will become statutory from the Summer Term. As part of the implementation it will be helpful to gauge opinion through parental input. Therefore, we are putting together a working party that will meet remotely in the first instance in early October. If you are interested in being part of this please email the school.

Poetry Competition



Back in March, Year 5 (now Year 6) entered the Premier League Primary Stars poetry competition. The theme was 'Ambition', and children from all over the U.K. created poems showing what ambition meant to them; with the hope of winning a prize. Last week I received the wonderful news that Tigris' poem had been awarded a 'Highly Commended' prize and that her poem might be published along with other winning poems! Congratulations Tigris! Please see her poem below.

Miss Morris

Ambition

*Ambition is the strength that always keeps you going.
 Ambition is the determination that saves you when you're falling.
 Ambition is a fire spitting embers of passion, courage and resilience,
 Ambition is a decision that you'll never give up for anything.
 Ambition is the drive that helps you rise over anything in your way.
 Ambition is a newfound friend who's always here to stay.
 Ambition is like a superpower that always keeps you strong.
 Ambition is the thing that lets you follow your dreams.*

Virtual Meet the Teacher Sessions

We can confirm that we will still inform you of important classroom routines that would have been shared in the meet the teacher sessions in the coming week, for those classes unable to hold them due to new Government guidelines. We will do this either virtually or by sharing the presentations and talking you through the procedures. Apologies if you have found the timings of meetings that we managed to hold this week problematic. We had to ensure that they were outside of the school day, whilst considering the needs of both working parents and those with young children.

Covid Information

The new tightening of restrictions on gatherings of 6 or more that are being introduced from Monday 14th does not apply to educational establishments, so there are no restrictions to the procedures for dropping off or picking up children. We will of course continue to monitor changes to guidance and keep you up to date.

Stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus (COVID-19) infection.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

Guidance on coronavirus testing, including who is eligible for a test and how to get tested.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>

Gardening Achievement

Well done to Zachariah who nurtured the turnip seeds we planted in school last year. We are told the turnips tasted delicious! As Mr Wheat commented 'That's a turn-ip for the books!'

Mrs Robinson



Enrichment Activities



Mole Class had a 'croaking' time in Forest School on Thursday. They even found a toad!!!



Hare Class had their French lessons virtually with Madame Taylor!!!! Mr Wheat improved his French un petit peu.



Dormouse Class enjoyed PE with Mr Cave.



Gardening with Mrs Bradfield was fun. The children weeded the planters in the sensory garden.

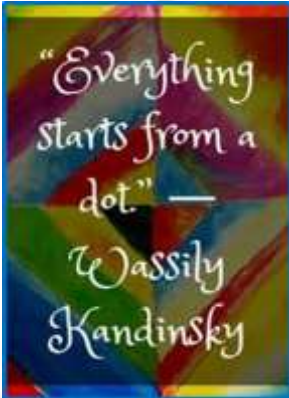


Mrs Robertson helped children in Year 3 and 5 with their wellbeing through Tai Chi and mindfulness activities.

Art Day

Children across the school have gone dotty this week as they enjoyed a whole day dedicated to **Art**. Inspired by the beautiful story, **'The Dot'**, by Peter Reynolds, alongside the vibrant works of Russian artist, Wassily Kandinsky, children have explored colour and shape through a variety of mediums to create their very own **DOT**.

Miss Holmes



Quote of the Week

'Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.'

Hebrews 12

Wisdom of the Week



'A friend is a reflection of who you are.'

Jacob Year 3



Food, Glorious Food!

We are blessed at West Pennard with having the benefit of delicious and healthy on-site cooked meals, as provided by our dedicated kitchen staff. Over the years we managed to maintain our meal provision with an enormous amount of will and effort while others in schools across the county and country were closing. Schools then found themselves in more recent times in the difficult position of having to re-establish meals provision following campaigns by Jamie Oliver and changes to Government policy / guidance. We currently have less than half the uptake we had before March and in one Key Stage 2 class only 3 children are currently having a school provided meal. Unless we use it, we lose it!

Mr Wheat

Key Dates: Autumn Term 2020

*subject to alteration due to Covid-19 measures / procedures

Wednesday 16th September	Year 6 Meet the teacher — 5.30pm
Wednesday 16th September	Whole School Values Day – Friendship (own classes)
Monday 21st September	IEP Surgeries
Tuesday 22nd September	Year 4 Meet the Teacher—4.30pm
Wednesday 23rd September	First WOW Wednesday afternoon
Tuesday 29th September	Carymoor 'Schools Against Waste' workshops
Tuesday 6th October	Tempest School Photos*
Wednesday 21st October	Class CW Year 1 - Friendship
Friday 23rd October	Year 6 Squash and Biscuits*
Monday 26th to Friday 30th October	HALF TERM
Wednesday 4th November	Open Morning*
Monday 9th November	Parents MHST afternoon 2:00pm-3:00pm*
Monday 9th & Wednesday 11th November	Parents Evening*
Wednesday 11th November	Whole School Values Day - Thankfulness
16th – 20th November	Anti-Bullying Week – Wednesday CW to focus on this
Friday 27th November	Year 5 Squash and Biscuits*
Monday 30th Nov – Tuesday 1st December	Prayer Space - ADVENT
Tuesday 8th December	KS1 Nativity - in hall (pm)*
Wednesday 9th December	KS1 Nativity - in hall (am)*
Friday 11th December	Image Musical Theatre—Pinocchio*
Tuesday 15th December	Christmas Dinner* Christmas jumper day
Wednesday 16th December	Class CW Year 5 – Thankfulness*
Wednesday 16th December	Class Christmas Parties*
Thursday 17th December	Class Christmas Parties*
Friday 18th December	Carol Service @ 2pm (Year 4 to lead)* Break up for Christmas Holidays