



Thank you for your support during the events of yesterday. As you know, we value attendance in school highly. We know how much learning happens every day in school. It was therefore a very difficult decision to shut for the day. However, we had to consider the safety of our entire school community and we would not have been able to forgive ourselves if anyone had found themselves in difficulty when travelling home. Furthermore, the moment we knew that fellow CELT schools were closing, particularly those in the St Austell area, we knew that the conditions closer to town must have been problematic. Taking into account that we had a number of families and staff travelling in that direction, I felt it was the right thing to do.

Ensuring the children have the tools to remain safe on the internet is one of the biggest challenges schools face in the modern world. The teaching of online safety features heavily in the Mevagissey curriculum. We teach online safety predominantly through PSHE and Computing. We also celebrate National Online Safety Day (Tuesday 6th Feb 2024). Assemblies are used as a great opportunity to explore what staying safe online means for our school community. We have also selected our class novels with care, ensuring that important themes such as online safety are presented to children in the form of story.

Last week, we spoke to the children in small groups, outside of the classroom, listening to their views about the school and life in general. We also had teachers and headteachers from several different schools join us for this. I have taken these quotes from the report of the visit, which I received recently. Some of these quotes made me smile:

'All pupils feel teachers are respectful to them, using phrases like "adults listen to us".

When discussing bullying, children shared the following: 'All students said bullying, although it can happen, was rare. All students say if someone is bullied then action is taken. They gave a couple of examples. All students said if they saw someone being bullied then they would report it and it would be dealt with by a teacher'.

'All pupils were enthusiastic about the engagement approaches and used them all the way through our session—they explained build, challenge, agree and the thinking fist and talked about the sentence starters that they use to help them'.

Pupils enjoy buddy reading—it makes me feel good to help the younger children and it's why I want to be a teacher'.

However, I would like to share a piece of feedback from the children that I feel we all need to be aware of: 'Pupils identified that there is sometimes a problem with text/WhatsApp messages outside of school but knew they needed to tell an adult if that happens.' Another, separate sample group said, 'there is some online bullying where children are nasty to one another. This happens on WhatsApp. They say there are various group chats'.

It is reassuring that children feel confident speaking to an adult when they have concerns about Whatsapp groups, but this continues to be a real challenge for young people. It is our responsibility to help support and educate them on appropriate interactions both online and offline.

We have a fantastic resource called National Online Safety that we use as a staff team. It provides access to some excellent materials that better-prepares us to support children with the challenges they face with modern technology. Our subscription allows parents to access these material. Please find information below to sign up.

How can we all help to keep children safe online?

We are delighted to announce that—as a school—have shown our commitment to protecting our pupils online by working with National Online Safety—providing resources for all parents and carers.

The resources include Parents & Carers courses (presented by Myleene Klass), online video resources and weekly guides covering a huge range of topics, including:

- Online Relationships
- Fake Profiles & Social Bots
- Online Bullying
- Online Grooming
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Sexual Harassment & Violence
- Sexting
- Live Streaming
- Online Identity
- Screen Addiction
- Online Challenges
- Overspending
- Social Media Platforms • Online Gambling
- Radicalisation, Terrorism & Extremism

- Age Inappropriate Content
- Copyright & Ownership
- Hacking
- Fake News
- Online Fraud
- Online Reputation
- Personal Data
- Pornography
- Targeted Adverts & Pop-Ups
- The Dark Web
- Games & Trends

To create your account, please follow: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/mevagissey-community-primary-school> and complete your details. When you're set up, you'll be able to set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type.

You can access National Online Safety online via any device—including via our brand-new smartphone app. To download the app, please go to:

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/national-online-safety/id1530342372>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.nationaleducationgroup.nos>

Alternatively, search for 'National Online Safety' in the App Store/Google Play Store.

Answers to frequently asked questions and customer service can be accessed at

<https://helpdesk.thenationalcollege.co.uk/helpcentre>

Have a lovely weekend

Mr B Ringrose

Headteacher

Sadly, no-one attended the 'Cuppa and Cake with the SENDCo' session that we put on in the school hall on Wed 29th Nov between 10-11:30am.

We would very much like to continue offering social opportunities such as this, and so would welcome feedback around the day / time that these events take place...

If you would be interested in 'Cuppa and Cake with the SENDCo' in the Spring term, please contact the school office and feel free to suggest convenient day/ times that may be able to be accommodated.

*Many thanks
Mrs L-D-L*



Stars and Citizens of the week



Attendance Cup Winners this week were:

Seals Class with
100% attendance!
Well Done!



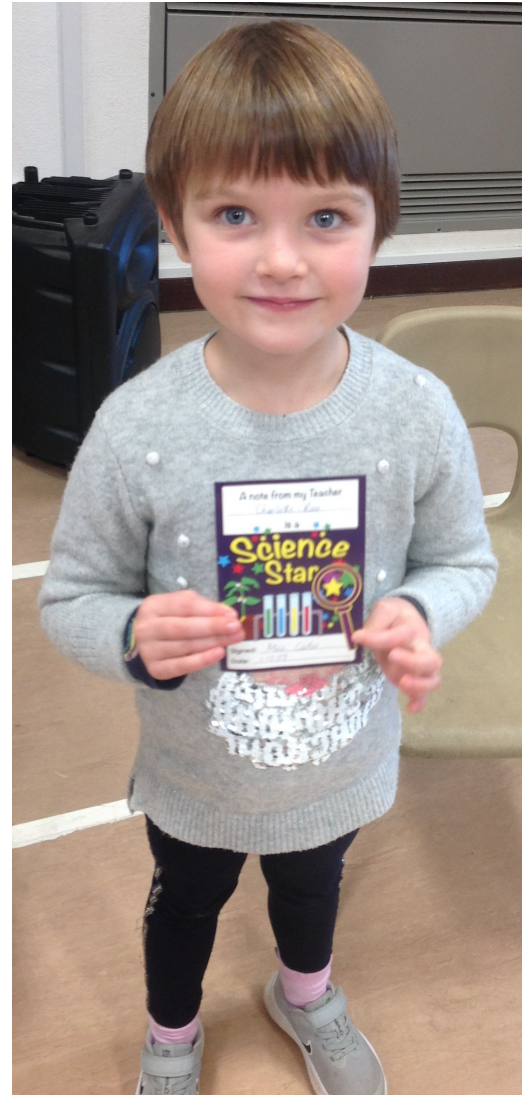
Class Attendance this week

Starfish	91.8%
Dolphins	90.7%
Lobsters	90.5%
Jellyfish	97.7%
Seals	100%
Sea Turtles	98.3%

Kindness Cup for Ameley in Dolphin Class for always helping out and being kind.



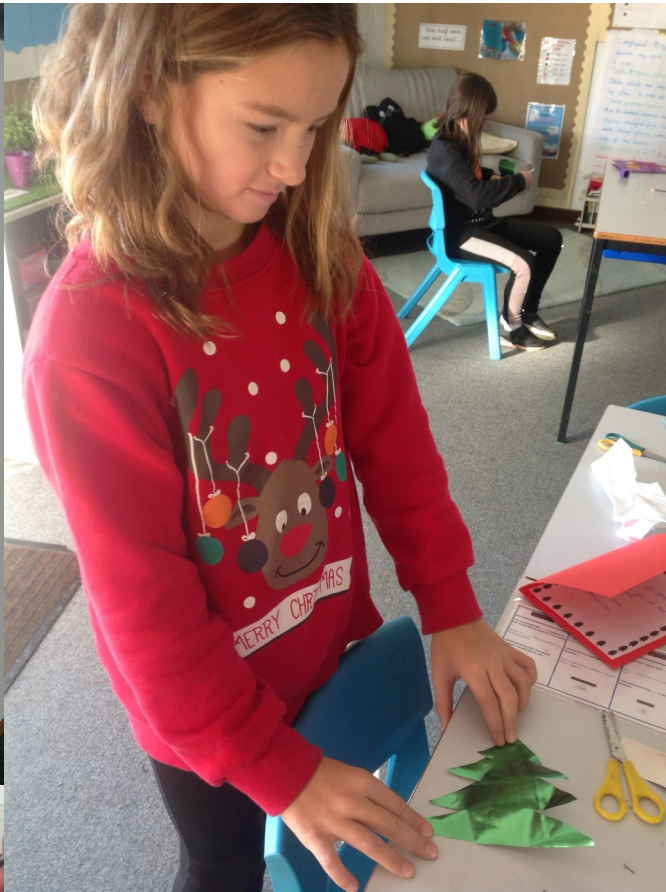
Science Star of the Week in Charlotte-Rose in Dolphin Class



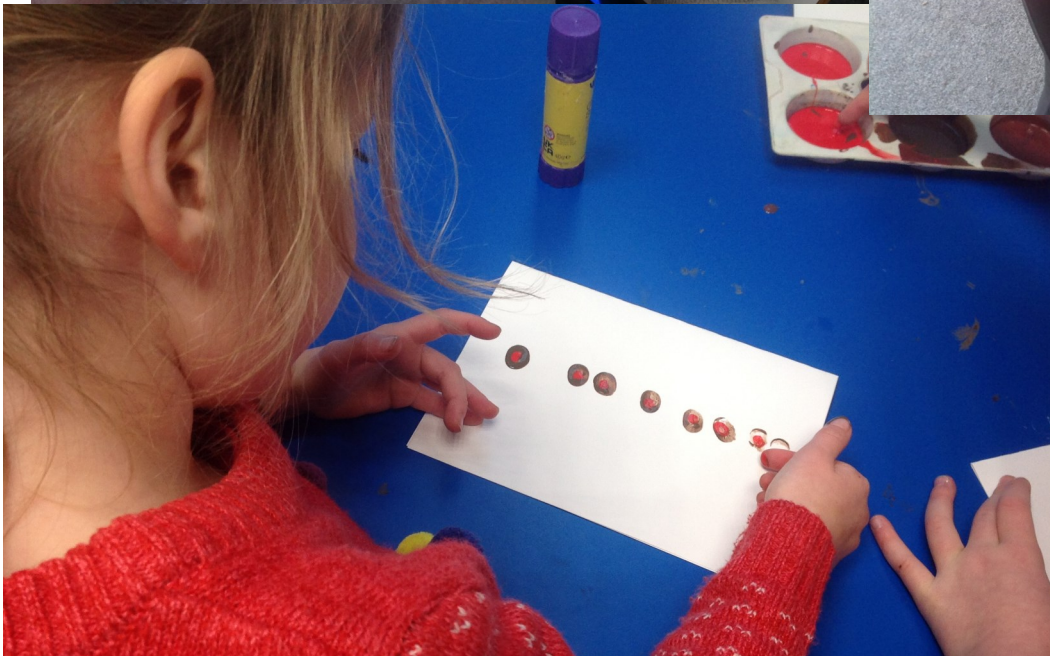
Wonderful Writer of the Week

Idris in Lobster Class for his fantastic formal writing.





Christmas started today with the children making their Christmas Decorations for our tree and Christmas card making!







The children did so well today in their sponsored Fun Run. Some fantastic running! Thank you to all of those who took part and raised money.





St Peter's Church Mevagissey

Sun Dec 10th

4pm 'Nine Lessons and Carols'

Reading the lessons are members of the community including Mr Ringrose!

Mince pies & wine/soft drinks will be served.

Christmas Eve

4pm Children's Crib Service.

Autumn Diary Dates	
Monday 4th December	Last week of Clubs
Monday 4th December	London Residential Meeting for Yr5 & Yr6
Monday 4th December	Wreath Making—School Hall—further details in newsletter
Tuesday 5th December	Rocksteady Concert for those children involved in Rocksteady
Tuesday 5th December	Wreath Making—School Hall—further details in newsletter
Wednesday 6th December	Christmas Lunch—to be ordered via Parentpay
Thursday 7th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 7th December	Whole School to St Peters Church
Friday 8th December	Cross Country at Poltair School—postponed
Friday 8th December	Choir singing at St Andrews
Monday 11th December	Yr1 Hearing Screening
Monday 11th December	KS1 Carol Concert in the School hall to start at 5pm—mulled wine to be sold before hand from 4.45pm KS2 Carol Concert in the School hall to start at 6.15pm—mulled wine to be sold before hand from 6.00pm
Wednesday 13th December	PTFA Film Afternoon
Thursday 14th December	Christmas Parties
Friday 15th December	Last day of term—1.30pm finish
Monday 18th Dec—Friday 5th Jan	Christmas Holidays
Monday 8th January	Start of term
Monday 15th January	Start of clubs
Tuesday 16th January	Football and Netball fixture—Away against Bishop Bronescombe
Tuesday 30th January	Football and Netball fixture—Home against Pondhu
Tuesday 6th February	Football and Netball fixture—Away against Tywardreath
Monday 12th —Friday 16th February	Half Term
Monday 19th February	Start of Term
Monday 19th—23rd February	Yr3 swimming
Monday 4th—8th March	Yr4 and Yr5 swimming
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day—come dressed as your favourite book character
Monday 18th—Friday 22nd March	Yr1 and Yr2 swimming
Monday 18th March	Last week of clubs
Thursday 28th March	Last day of term 1.30pm finish
Thurs 28th Mar—Fri 12th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 15th April	Start of Term
Monday 22nd April	Start of Clubs

Term Dates

2023—2024 Term Dates

Autumn Term 1 2023: Tuesday 5th September— Friday 13th October

Autumn Term 2 2023: Monday 30th October —Friday 15th December

Spring Term 1 2024: Monday 8th January—Friday 9th February

Spring Term 2 2024: Monday 19th February—Thursday 28th March

Summer Term 1 2024: Monday 15th April—Friday 24th May

Summer Term 2 2024: Monday 3rd June—Friday 26th July

INSET DAYS

Friday 1st and Monday 4th September 2023

Monday 16th Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th, Thursday 19th and Friday 20th October 2023

Term Dates

2024- 2025 Term Dates

Autumn Term 1 2024: Wednesday 4th September— Thursday 17th October

Autumn Term 2 2024: Monday 4th November —Friday 20th December

Spring Term 1 2025: Monday 6th January—Friday 7th February

Spring Term 2 2025: Monday 17th February—Friday 4th April

Summer Term 1 2025: Tuesday 22nd April —Friday 23rd May

Summer Term 2 2025: Monday 2nd June—Friday 25th July

INSET DAYS

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Friday 18th October 2024

Monday 28th, Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th, Thursday 31st October and Friday 1st November 2024

MEVAGISSEY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON SATURDAY 2ND DEC

FESTIVE FUN FROM 4PM
LIGHT SWITCH ON 6PM

FOOD & DRINK
TOMBOLA
STALLS
THE ROCK CHOIR
ST AUSTELL MARCHING BAND



St Enoder Pantomime Santa sleigh

18th December 2023

Visiting Mevagissey School at 6.30 pm

Followed by a stop at the harbour at 7 pm



Come and see Santa and his elves. Donations welcome which will go to helping them put on their 2024 production of Beauty and the Beast.

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at
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Entry 10-6
(10 - 4 on Christmas Eve)

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with Santa**
@ Farmhouse Kitchen 9 - 10
See our website
to book

Book Here

2nd, 3rd,
9th, 10th
16th-24th*
DECEMBER

*Santas Grotto
Elves Workshop
Singing Reindeer
Christmas Trail
Festive Lights
And Much More*

Festive fun on the farm since 1976

Christmas afternoon

Adults
£5
Children
£10

December 10th, 1pm to 4pm

Fancy Dress competition
(children & adults)

Festive cricket

Elf Workshop

Stalls

&

Meet Santa

at Cornwall Cricket Centre

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or scan the QR Code

