



Dear Parents and Carers,

The first week has passed in a flurry of activity! It has been lovely to feel spring in the air after such a long winter. The forecast is looking good for next week – which includes our annual St Piran's Day parade and concert. As you will remember, the children got very interested in the planetary alignment last half term. Apparently, all 7 planets will be aligned tonight so pop outside if you have chance!

On Tuesday, it was lovely to see so many children getting stuck into the cross country. This was last event in a series of 4. I was impressed with how hard everyone tried. As Head of both Cape Cornwall School and St Just Primary, I was proud how well the older Year 10 BTEC students helped manage the event with Mr Gapp and it was wonderful to welcome parents and staff from across West Cornwall to school. A big thank you to Mr Kevern for leading and for the other staff who supported.

Tuesday was also the next round of the 'Youth Speaks' competition at Truro and Penwith College. Our team were brilliant again: Thelo, Amber and Ewan did an amazing job and were 'pipped at the post' by 1 point! We have subsequently had a visit from one of the judges who visited class to say how well they had done. Who knows what will happen next year. We are all very proud of our pupils who did brilliantly in a very intense environment.

On Thursday, we had a visit from the 'Elmore String Quartet' to both schools. It was awe-inspiring to listen to such amazing live music. You can see some links to follow later on in the newsletter where you can see them play for yourself. All members of the quartet are around 25 years old, which just goes to show what you can achieve if you put your mind to it!

One last request: please check that we have the correct details for you on file. For example, you may have moved and not updated the school yet - see the note later in the newsletter.

Next week, we are all looking forward to St Piran's Day and World Book Day. I can't wait to join the parade and to also see all the creative and imaginative ways the children come up with to celebrate their favourite book characters.

In the meantime, have a lovely weekend (in the sun!) with your friends and families.

Jon Hall





ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

THIS WEEK'S AMAZING ATTENDERS ARE:



Year 5 = 98.8%



Year 1 = 98.2%



Year 3 = 95.4%

CURRENT NATIONAL ATTENDANCE % =



96.2%

ST JUST'S WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE % =



97.5%

THE WORLD IS RUN BY THOSE WHO TURN UP.

ATTENDING SCHOOL EVERY DAY = 100% ATTENDANCE.

ATTENDING 4½ DAYS A WEEK = 90% ATTENDANCE = 4 WEEKS MISSED PER YEAR.

ATTENDING 4 DAYS A WEEK = 80% ATTENDANCE = MORE THAN HALF A TERM MISSED PER YEAR.

ATTENDING 3½ DAYS EACH WEEK = 70% ATTENDANCE = MORE THAN A QUARTER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR MISSED.

AN AVERAGE ATTENDANCE OF 80% OR LESS ACROSS A CHILD'S SCHOOL CAREER ADDS UP TO MISSING A WHOLE 2 YEARS FROM SCHOOL.

BEING LATE FOR SCHOOL REDUCES LEARNING TIME.

IF YOUR CHILD IS 5 MINUTES LATE EVERY DAY THEY WILL MISS THREE DAYS OF LEARNING EACH YEAR

IF YOUR CHILD IS 15 MINUTES LATE EVERY DAY THEY WILL MISS 2 WEEKS OF LEARNING EACH YEAR.

MAKE EVERY MINUTE COUNT!





Enthusiasm



Tater Du	Ava for demonstrating super enthusiasm in our learning and being keen to apply her knowledge in her own activities.
Longships	Leo for not only showing great enthusiasm in your learning but also helping your friends in class.
Round Island	Eloise for showing fantastic enthusiasm in her learning. Keep it going!
Sevenstones	Lucas B for being enthusiastic after that half term break and giving super answers - especially in science.
Bishops Rock	Willow for always showing enthusiasm for her learning.
Godrevy	Taylor for his genuine enthusiasm in all learning - consistently eager to raise your hand, take a guess, or answer a question.
Wolf Rock	Karen - your enthusiasm in all your learning is impressing us, but particularly in your maths. All your hard work is paying off - well done!

Lunchtime Legends

Key Stage 1	Bethan for having a huge smile and being so polite. Cleo for having a clean plate all week!
Key Stage 2	Bobby for always being thoughtful. Danny for politeness and being well spoken.

Maths Wizard of the Week

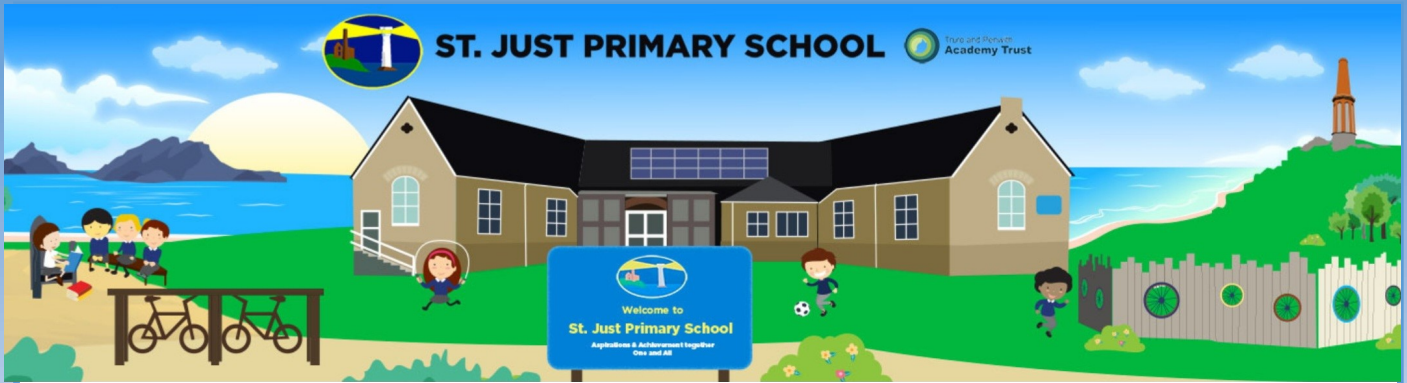


Tater Du	Roslyn for her super work on Odd & Even numbers and doubling this week.
Longships	Louie for working with great independence to complete the daily challenges.
Round Island	Rebecca for being brilliant in her maths lesson. Well done!
Sevenstones	Herbie for always leading the way in class. Conscientious, insightful to do his best - ALWAYS.
Bishops Rock	Freddie for working hard to secure his understanding of equivalences between metres and kilometres.
Godrevy	Zenna for your incredible effort on your multiplication and division assessment - especially your meticulous calculations on the whiteboard!
Wolf Rock	Noah your contributions in maths lessons are getting noticeably stronger, particularly with your problem solving in our algebra learning this week - well done!

English Expert of the Week



Tater Du	Stanley for absolutely amazing us with the effort he has put into his writing.
Longships	Marnie P for the use of great adjectives and verbs in your poetry writing.
Round Island	Taras for working really hard in building sentences independently and using his phonics to help.
Sevenstones	Lowen for working hard with his handwriting and spelling and for having the 'give it a go' attitude this week.
Bishops Rock	Joss for consistently producing written work of a good standard.
Godrevy	Zelah for sharing a highly persuasive piece of writing on Greek food for your brochure.
Wolf Rock	Sophia W for always making excellent contributions in our English learning, particularly with your though provoking responses to our novel studies.



YOUTH SPEAKS COMPETITION

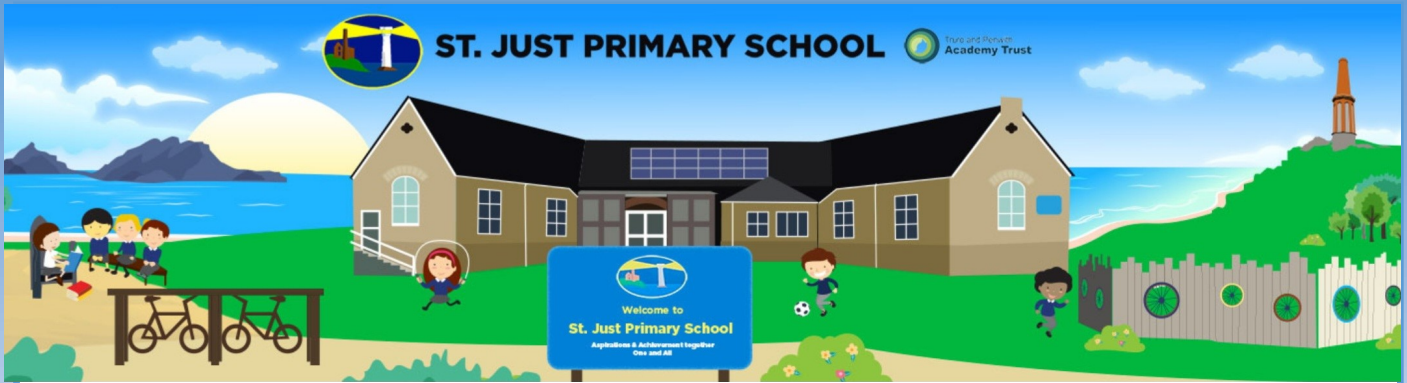
On Wednesday our amazing debate team took the floor once again, in the second round of the Youth Speaks Competition. In this round, they were up against schools from across Cornwall - all debating some really profound topics.

This awesome trio stunned us yet again with their confidence and eloquence as well as their ability to think on their feet when questioned by the panel to come up with some truly wonderful responses.

On this occasion, our team was not selected to go through to the next round of the competition but we couldn't be prouder of them for everything they have achieved.

Thelo, Euan and Amber - You are incredible and definitely winners.



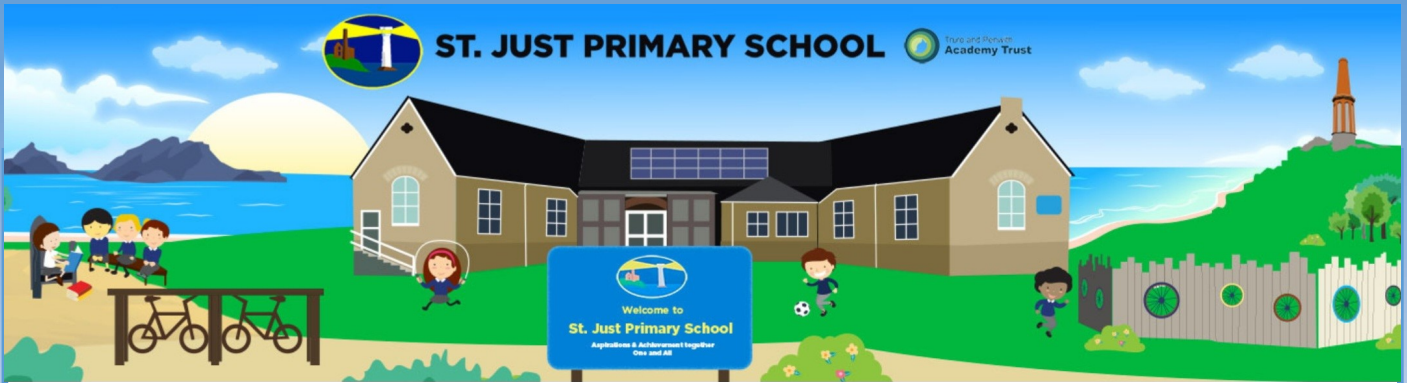


The Elmore String Quartet

Yesterday, we had a visit from The Elmore String Quartet. They talked to us about the violin, viola and cello and explained all the similarities and differences between the instruments. They then played us some different genres of music...Ask you child which piece they liked the best! Everyone had an amazing time and all the children showed great respect whilst they played. If you want to listen, please follow the link to the Youtube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/@elmorestringquartet788>





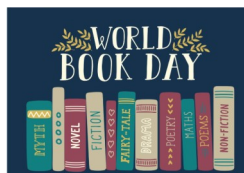
Update of Personal Details



If you have any change of details, please ensure you inform us promptly. This includes updates to your phone number, email address, or change of residence. Maintaining accurate records is essential for effective communication and support. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Mrs Hooley/Mrs Hicks



World Book Day 2025

We will be celebrating World Book Day in school on Thursday 6th March and it will include:

- *A World Book Day book token for every child.
- *An opportunity to come to school dressed as your favourite book character - this may involve a bonkers fancy-dress costume or just your ordinary clothes as many book characters are ordinary people who do extraordinary things!
- *Fun, book-related activities in class, our whole school reading carousel and a special World Book Day menu.

WORLD BOOK DAY



MENU

6th March

Neverland Burger

with Wedges & Magic BBQ

Beans

Jack's Beanstalk Burrito

Wedges & Garden Salad

AND

Paddington's

Orange Marmalade

WORLD
BOOK
DAY

Dressing Up Ideas for Parents

Some schools invite children to come to school in a costume for World Book Day because it's a fun way to encourage children (particularly reluctant readers) to engage with reading, to swap reading recommendations and to celebrate what they are reading at home.

There are lots of alternatives to dressing up. We suggest some [HERE](#)

Top tips for putting together a costume

- Choose a book your child is happy to talk about.
- Start with things you might already have – tracksuits, t-shirts (inside out to make them plain) and pyjamas make a good base for a costume.
- Focus on the parts of the character that make them stand out - use facepaint or simple props to show these.

What if I/my child....

...doesn't have a book to share?

Try a costume that invites recommendations – a t-shirt with post-it notes or one you don't mind being written on.

... doesn't like dressing up?

Keep it simple with a character who wears everyday clothes, by focussing on a prop, or by using a badge instead.

... likes non-fiction?

Focus on what they like – could they share a fact, or the subject matter, or do they want to focus on the author?

...aren't any good at crafting?

Stick to everyday clothes and add small details to focus on key elements of the character – hats, ears, sticking things on t-shirts etc.

Support
your child
to read for
fun...



PTA or Class Rep Member?

Can you support your school by:

- Organising a costume swap or costume making workshop.
- Putting together class dressing up rails.
- Hosting a school dressing up rail or costume swap.

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