Southerly Point Co-operative Multi-Academy Trust

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Trust Executive Leader Newsletter May 2021

Dear All

It has been good to reach the next milestone as we emerge from lockdown. We are looking forward to the days when the restrictions are gone. The schools will be taking advantage of the new freedoms with a variety of exciting plans in the pipeline such as a Trust-wide Sports event and some great school trips.

Of course, alongside this pupils are working hard on their studies. At our secondary schools there is a significant focus on ensuring pupils receive opportunities to secure the best grade they can through the Centre Assessed Grade process for both GCSE, Vocational and A Level work. The moderation and assurance processes in place to get this right and ensure fairness are extensive. Thank you to all the staff involved.

This month has seen some fantastic work going on in our schools.

Parc Eglos children thoroughly enjoyed World Maths Day on Wednesday 5th May. There was a wide range of activities on offer and it was a really fun and thought provoking day. As you can see from the pictures, the Early Years Foundation Classrooms were really buzzing throughout the day.









Year 2 at Parc Eglos are learning about The Great Fire of London. They had a special visit from Samuel Pepys to immerse the children in learning about what it was like in the past. They listened to Samuel telling them about his life and what it was like to live in 1666, when the fire happened. They had a chance to dress up as a town crier, use a quill and ink to do some diary writing and took part in a quiz. The children had a wonderful time



At Mullion Primary, Waves [Y4/5] and Surfers [Y6] children recently spent a morning in an online session with Al Sylvester MBE who led the RAF's first unsupported attempt on the South Pole. Not only were the children inspired by the importance of learning at school and extra-curricular activities like Scouts but explored Al's dynamic demonstration of resilience, trust, loyalty and determination. After losing his thumbs to frostbite and his toes to a recovery attempt, Al Sylvester shared with them how he has since gone on to reach the base camp of Mount Everest and walked from Lands End to John O'Groates, raising nearly £30,000 for charity. This was an inspiring introduction to their South Pole expedition learning around Sir Ernest Shackleton and Robert Scott - both Polar explorers. Al left the

children with an opportunity to write a letter of interest as a volunteer on his next expedition to Mount Everest... it seems we may have some future expedition leaders in our midst!

(For staff: If this fits with anyone else's learning, here is how to get in touch: https://www.inspirationbyperspiration.com/school-workshops)

Mullion Primary pupils have also been working closely with local bookshop owner Heather from 'Stories by the Sea' which is based in St Ives and she invited them to some online author workshops this term. The children from across KS2 met with Katie and Kevin Tsang, authors of Dragon Legend and Dragon Mountain, who shared how they prepare to write. The children had an opportunity to develop their own dragon character and learnt how Kevin and Katie develop characters together, throwing ideas between each other. KS1 will shortly be meeting Rebecca Cobb, author and illustrator of many books including Aunt Amelia and The Everywhere Bear. They can't wait!



This term at Garras School the children have been learning about plants in their science. Hawk Owls went walkabout to the Trelowarren Estate and discovered some interesting plants and flowers on their trip! The children also met Lady Jonet from the Estate along the way and she asked the children to paint her a picture of a duck when they returned to school—and here is one of them!!





The hard work put-in by Crowan School's Eco-Committee paid-off within the last few weeks when they were presented with the Green Flag award to become a fully-fledged green flag waving, Eco-School! Their work was made all the more challenging due to all the restrictions put in place over the last year in response to the coronavirus pandemic but, with funding help from local company 'Frugi,' the school was able to achieve its goal. Our thanks to Gary Nancholas (Crowan school Eco-Coordinator) for promoting sustainable living and environmental issues within the school and community.

The children have also been learning the specially written G7 Climate Change song composed by Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber in readiness for the G7 Climate Conference to be held in Carbis Bay this June. Spotlight regional television and Radio Cornwall recorded the children performing the song and talking about their desire for World leaders to do more to help the environment and reduce global warming. Our thanks to Christine Judge from the Cornwall Music Trust for her work in teaching the children the song and the importance of its message.





Wendron School children have been taking their learning outdoors with some special 'Wild Tribe' lessons. The children have been learning forest survival skills, including lighting campfires and building shelters, problem-solving and communication. The children in the Reception and Year 1 class linked their experience to 'The Gruffalo' story-book.



Halwin School pupils Beibhinn and Amy have been paired up as ‘Book Buddies’ after they expressed how much they enjoyed the discussions they have at school when reading their class novel. Consequently, staff picked a book with them [Tom’s Midnight Garden] and gave both pupils a copy to take home. They agree on how much they are going to read each night and facetime after reading to discuss it - resulting in a much deeper understanding of the text and a chance to share their feelings and opinions!





Cury School pupils were recently able to go to their local church for the first time in 18 months. The children had a wonderful time listening to the church bells and Father Shane read a story to the children which focused on the school’s value, truthfulness. It was great way to reconnect with the church after such a long time.

Karen Wallens, Area Manager for Chartwells, recently went into Porthleven School to do a workshop with pupils. She wanted to do something that would benefit the pupils so she decided to focus on breakfast and how important it is to us all. They managed to get in three different, quick and easy breakfasts in an hour and a half.

Firstly was the overnight oats with natural yoghurt, strawberries, raspberries, peaches, bananas and some cinnamon. Each pupil made up their own pot and we have put it in the school fridge for them to eat in the morning. They really enjoyed making up these layers.

Second on the list was the non-baked healthy breakfast bars made with oats, cranberries, sultanas, some healthy seeds, apple juice was added to form a dough and then cut and shaped to their choice.

Karen explained how quick and easy these are to make and can be done a day or two before during the day so there is no excuse for not having a good breakfast.

They also managed to squeeze in [for those who get up nice and early] making porridge and topping it with their favourite topping.

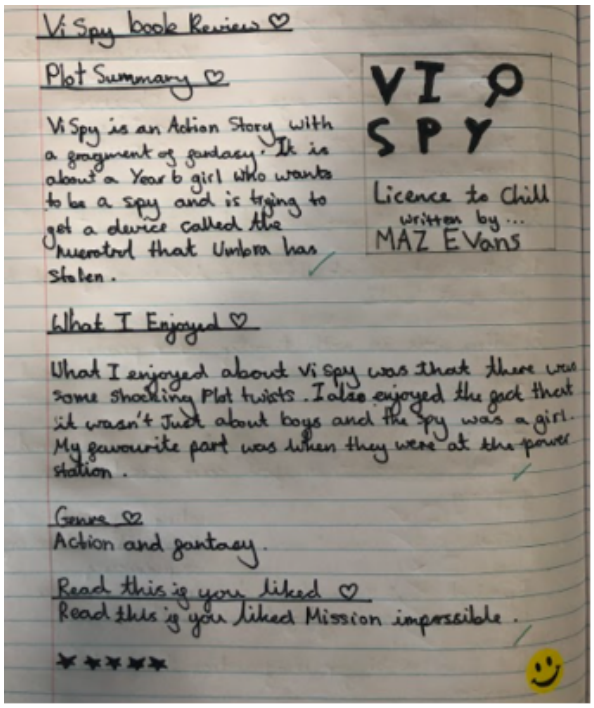
Karen said it was great to see them all getting involved, trying different things and enjoying themselves.







Children in year 5/6 at Porthleven school have been writing book reviews based on their class novel, 'Vi Spy Licence to Chill' and have sent them to the author, Maz Evans. They were extremely pleased to have the author respond to the comments they had made in their reviews.


Vi Spy book Reviews ♡

Plot Summary ♡

Vi Spy is an Action Story with a grogment of fantasy. It is about a Year 6 girl who wants to be a spy and is trying to get a device called the Neurotrol that Umbra has stolen.

VI SPY

Licence to Chill written by... MAZ EVans

What I Enjoyed ♡

What I enjoyed about Vi Spy was that there was some shocking Plot twists. I also enjoyed the fact that it wasn't just about boys and the spy was a girl. My favourite part was when they were at the power station.

Genre ♡

Action and fantasy.

Read this if you liked ♡

Read this if you liked Mission impossible.





At the other end of the school, EYFS had a wonderful trip out to the Wallis's farm. Mr Wallis showed them the maize field and explained it would grow 3 metres high! Next they walked to the barn to visit the calves and joined in with their feeding by putting corn on top of the silage. The children were then tasked with shaking out the straw to prepare the calves' bed. All the children enjoyed their morning visit and produced some fantastic writing on their return to school.



May I take this opportunity to wish you all an enjoyable half term holiday. Take care and stay safe.



Kind regards
Donna

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