



Hello everyone,

Thank you for being so patient and supportive as we work our way through these uncertain times. We are making plans for the re-opening of school for Reception Class, Year 1, Year 6 and for children of key workers, but these plans are changing daily as more government advice is released. Please be assured that we will keep you informed about any decisions that are made about this, and that any plans are based on the latest government guidelines for safety in school- for the children, staff and parents.



Please let us know (ldraycott@st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk) if you will require childcare provision for your child from June 1st as you are a key worker. This will be ongoing alongside the education being provided for the year groups specified by the government.

Your children continue to bring joy and happiness to us as we see their learning being posted online. Thank you for your continued support with the home learning- this will really benefit the children on their return to school.

Please enjoy some samples of the amazing home learning in this newsletter.

We miss you all and hope this finds all of our families continuing to be safe and well. Please stay in touch.

With very best wishes from

Mrs. Draycott,
Head of School

Stars of the Week



Week ending 8th May

Reception Class - Chelsea, for her amazing attitude to learning. She keeps going, even when it's really tricky!

Class 1 - Ori, for working hard every day and for her great phonics work.

Class 2 - Daisy, for excellent creativity in her topic work- she gave a camel lots of great adaptations so it could live in the rainforest!

Class 3 - Charlie Churcher, for super work that shows his great enthusiasm and effort. Well done Charlie.

Class 4 - Theo Hale, for being incredibly creative with his home learning.

Class 5 - Ash and Indiana, who have engaged in Showbie School with the most creative ideas.

Class 6 - Julia, for working very hard and continuing to challenge herself!

Week ending 15th May

Reception - Jackson, for super learning with Mummy and Daddy, every day.

Class 1 - Theo, for trying really hard with his writing and reading.

Class 2 - Joss, for always getting straight on with her home learning and giving everything a go!

Class 3 - Millie-Mae, for her continuous hard work and enthusiasm for learning.

Class 4 - Maisie, for great independent learning.

Class 5 - Joseph, for his creative ideas and engagement in Showbie School.

Class 6 - Aubrey, for continuing to produce an exceptionally high standard of work throughout the lockdown.

Education Library Service—useful links

The following websites have been brought to our attention and may be helpful to those parents currently home-schooling.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/news-and-features/features/2020/april/staying-home-by-sally-nicholls/>

<http://www.bl.uk/childrens-books/articles/poetry-for-children>

<https://www.hachetteschools.co.uk/hachette-schools-posts/hachetteschools-free-writing-friday/2018/04/24/cressida-cowells-free-writing-friday/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zkqmhyc>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://www.stem.org.uk/primary-science>

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/teacher-category/primary-resources/>

<https://mysteryscience.com/>

Parent Governors

The Governing Body would like to welcome two new Parent Governors onto the Board, Gareth Churcher and Dr Xiaoyu Yan. Gareth has been re-elected for a second term and has children in Years 3, 4 and 6. Xiaoya's son, Moqi is presently in Year 2.

Church Bulletin

I know many of you receive the bulletin each week by email but for those who don't you can access it by going to: www.falmouthcatholicchurch/newsletters

A poem written by an Irish Poet, Kathleen O'Meara, after a plague devastated Ireland in the late 1860's.

SOMETHING LOVELY

And people stayed home and read books
and listened and rested and exercised and made art
and played and learned new ways of being and were still
and listened more deeply
someone meditated someone prayed
someone danced someone met their own shadow
and people started thinking differently - And people healed...
And in the absence of people who lived in ignorant ways dangerous, mindless, and heartless....
The earth began to heal — And when the danger ended and people found themselves...
They grieved for the dead and they made new choices and dreamed of new visions
and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully
just as they had been healed.

Kathleen O'Meara (1869)

A Sample of the Work Children have been Doing!

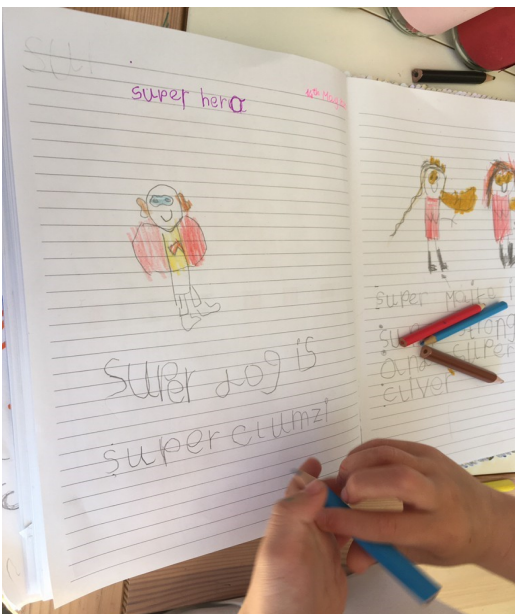
Reception Class



Last week was Caterpillar week! Harper wrote a brilliant story, like the Hungry Caterpillar, but all about Boo Boo the Bunny's week.



Sophie made a super paperchain to help her practise and remember the days of the week.



This week was all about worms - look at Daisy's super creation. She's made her very own giant pet worm!

After learning about the book 'Superworm' being super strong, Emma chose to write about her invention, 'Super Dog'. He is super clumsy!

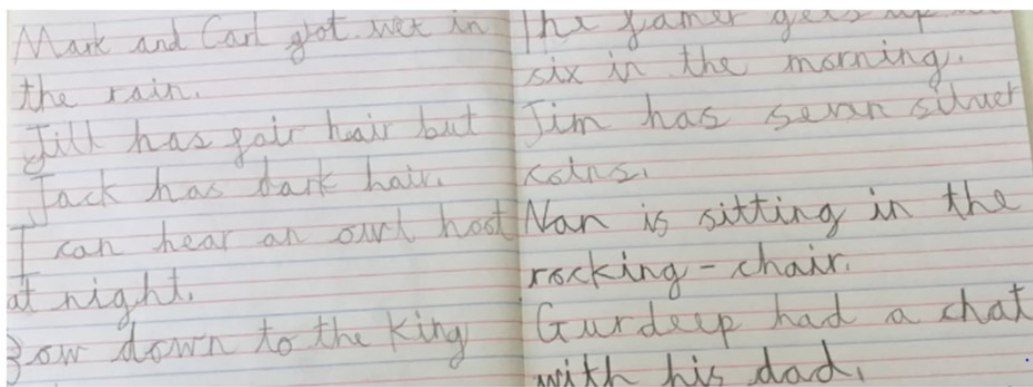
Samples of Class 1's Work



James had fun collecting sticks for his land art inspired by Andy Goldsworthy.



Bella used her imagination and thought about what her stick could be!



Look at Nadia's amazing handwriting!



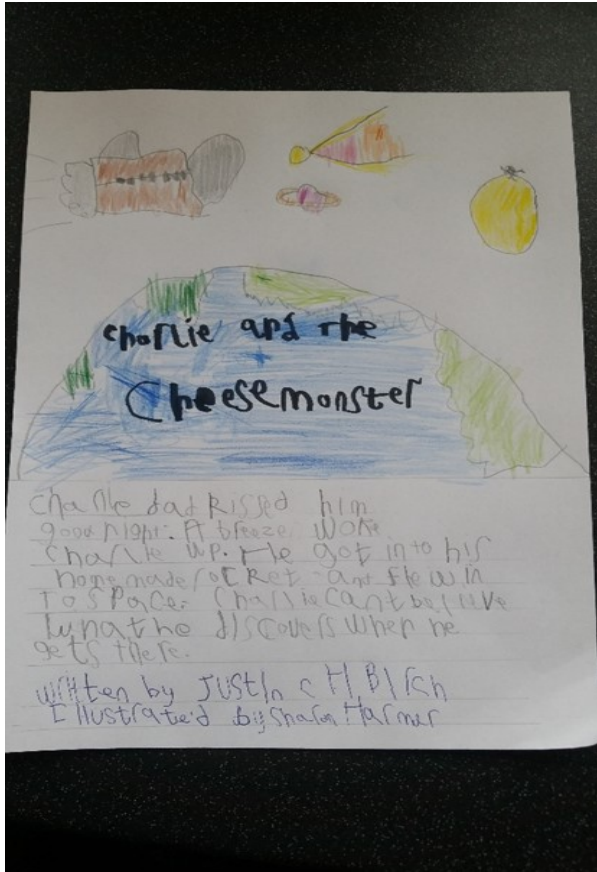
Josh creating his land art inspired by Andy Goldsworthy.



More Samples of Pupil's Work

Class 2

Molly D - Our creative challenge this week was to make a rainforest animal using food. Molly made a monkey!



Gabriel - One of our activities was to re-design the front cover of our favourite book!

Class 3

Class 3 did a lot of home cooking last week using rations and World War 2 recipes. Here is an example of Georgia's Lemon Cookies. Apparently they were very tasty too!



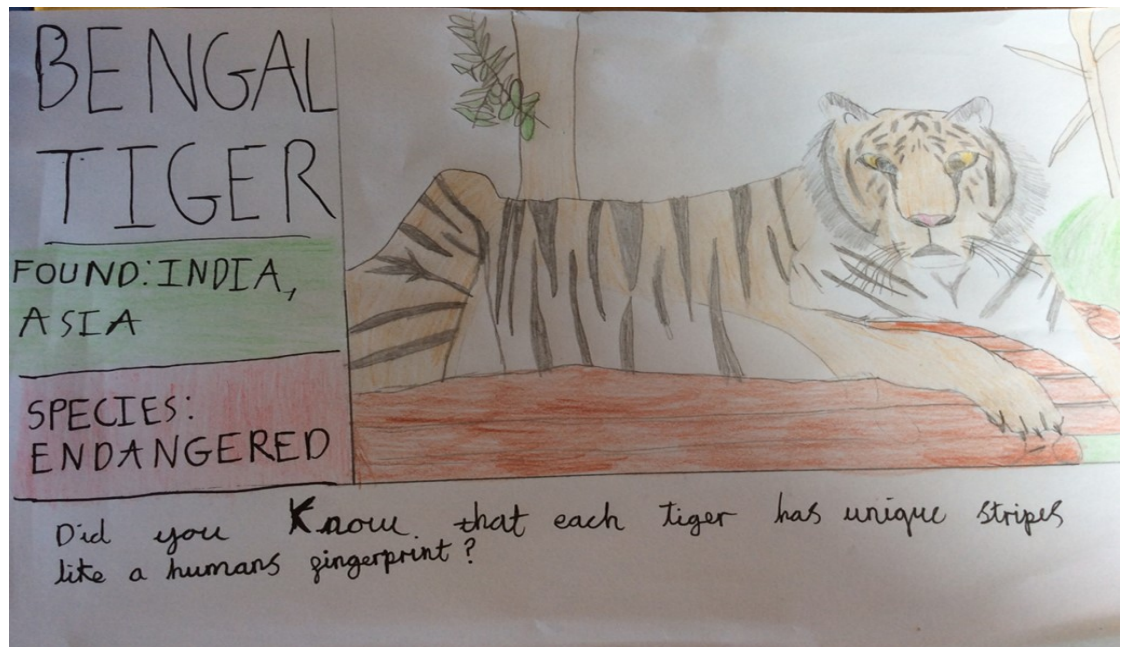
More From Class 3



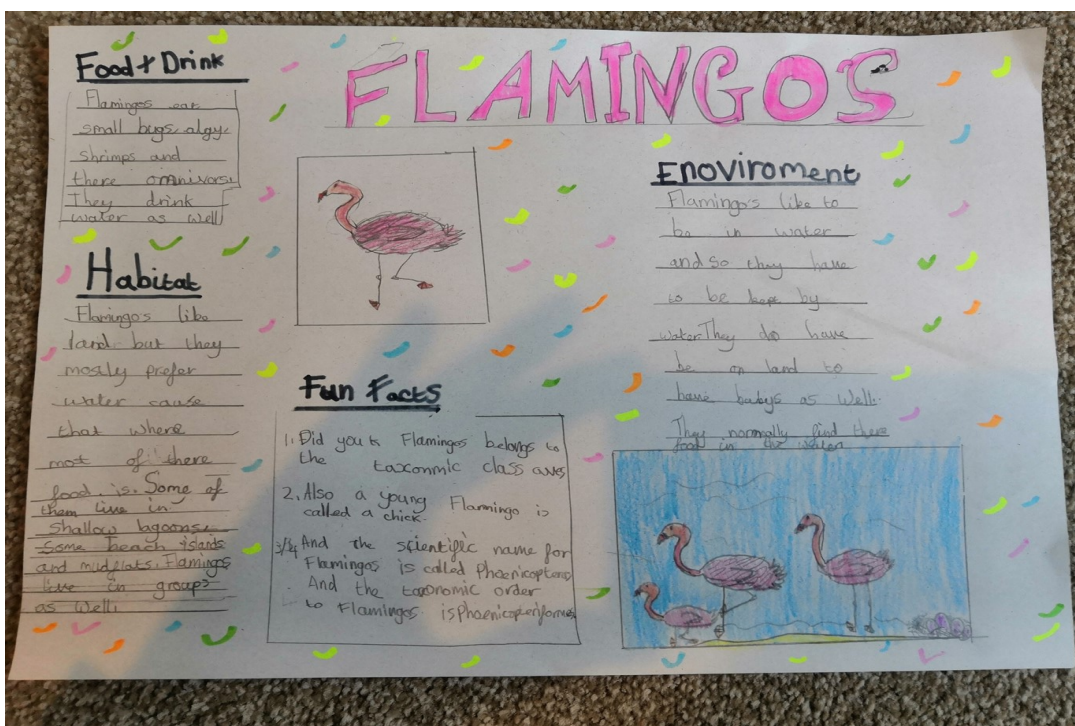
Here is Isla's Anderson shelter. Class 3 could draw or make their own Anderson shelter based on the facts they had learned. Camouflage was very important and you can see from Isla's she has done this very well.

Class 4 have been designing signposts for Newquay Zoo.

Tigers by Felix

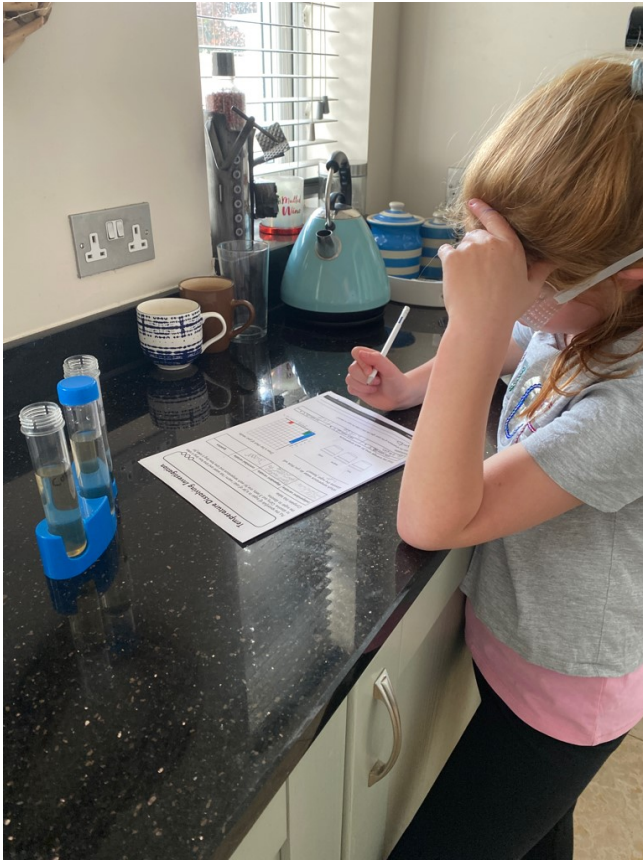


Flamingos by Jasmine

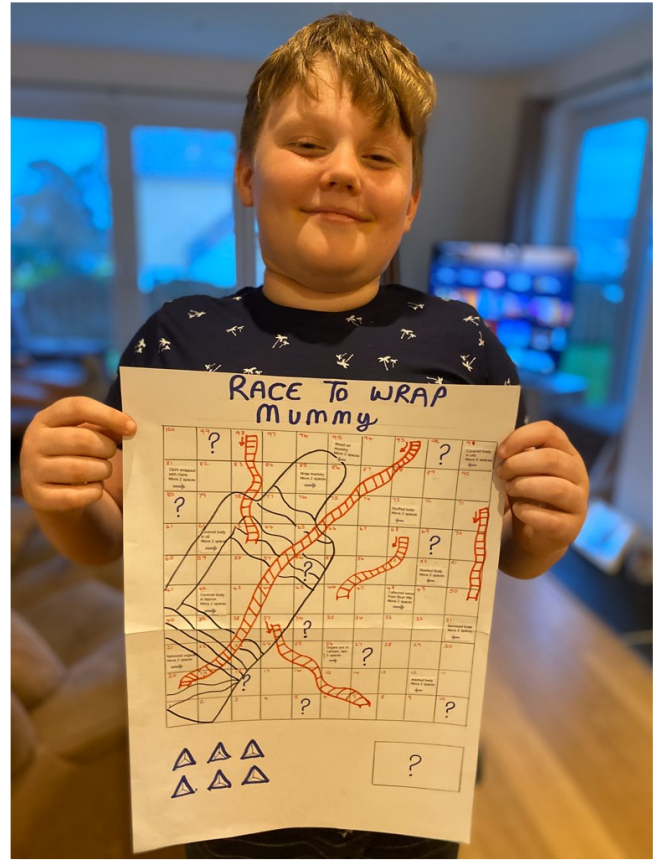


Yet More Samples of Pupil's Good Work—Classes 5 and 6

Class 5 have been finding out about mummification and the Ancient Egyptian afterlife



Megan the scientist!



Aden's mummification game!

Class 6

Healthy living
How to stay fit and healthy
By Seamus

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Our Bodies

The human body is an incredible thing, but they need to be looked after. This involves getting fresh air daily, doing plenty of exercise, having a balanced diet and getting enough sleep. In this presentation, I will be showing you how to achieve this every day. Read on to find out more about our bodies.

The heart's components

Some people believe that the heart is found on the left side of our body. This is a common and understandable mistake as the left side of the heart is more muscular and therefore feels as if it is on that side. The heart is made out of four chambers: the left atrium, the right atrium, the left ventricle, and the right ventricle.

The Body's functions

Everyone knows that the heart plays an important role in why we stay fit and healthy. It pumps blood around the body and provides it with oxygen and nutrients. However, it's not just the heart that keeps us up and running. For example, the digestive system is there to break down the food we eat into nutrients that our body can use. The respiratory system is there to take in oxygen from the air and push it into the blood. This is what allows us to move and breathe. It's essential to burn up energy and create energy.

Healthy Eating

Having a balanced diet

It is essential to make sure that we give our bodies the nutrition that they need. To do this we need to have a balanced diet. A balanced diet means having a mixture of different foods, ranging from protein and carbohydrates, to fruit and vegetables. By consuming right foods, you are allowing your body to exercise and stay fit as it is foods that give us energy. However, if you eat too much of a certain food or don't have a balanced diet, it could lead to an excess of energy, meaning obesity or unhealthiness.

Seamus's healthy living work!

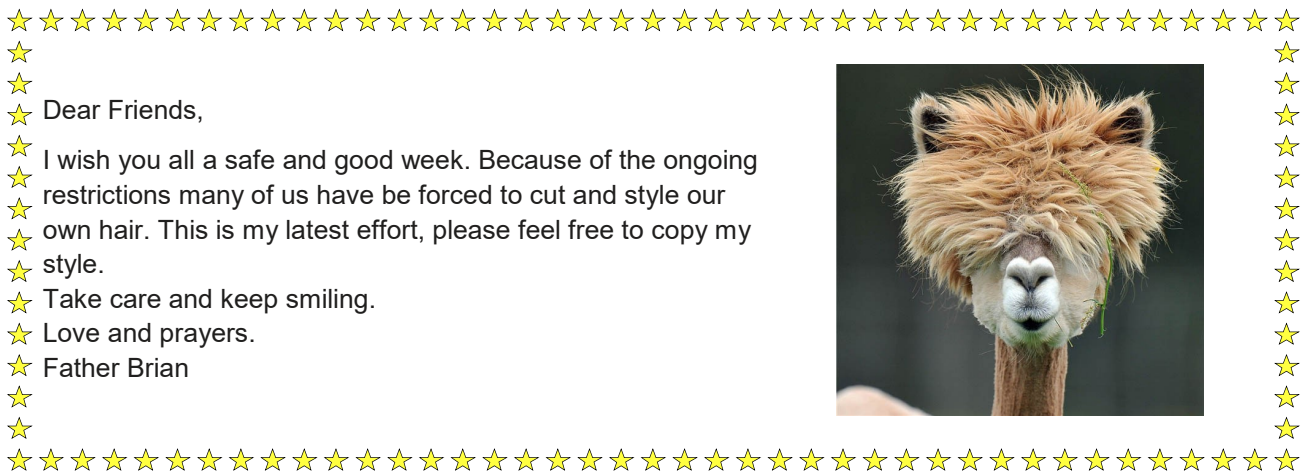
More From Class 6



Josh's Parthenon work!



Jasmine' Greek Architecture work!



Dear Friends,

I wish you all a safe and good week. Because of the ongoing restrictions many of us have been forced to cut and style our own hair. This is my latest effort, please feel free to copy my style.

Take care and keep smiling.

Love and prayers.

Father Brian



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I hope you are all taking care and are well. Those of us of a certain age will be very familiar with the names of Morcombe and Wise. Eric Morcombe and Ernie Wise were a comic double act, who were hugely popular in the 1960's and 70's. Their Christmas show on TV would attract over 20 million viewers. It is fair to say that Morcombe and Wise in their day were regarded as national treasures. The theme song of Morcombe and Wise, which was sung at the end of their TV shows was called 'Bring Me Sunshine'. The song contained these lyrics:

"Bring me sunshine, in your smile,
Bring me laughter, all the while,
In this world where we live, there should be more happiness,
so much joy you can give, to each brand new bright tomorrow"

As Christians, as followers of Jesus we are called to be bringers of sunshine, we are called to be messengers of joy. For we believe in Jesus Christ and the Good News of His saving Gospel. The Good News of love, mercy and compassion is able to bring sunshine, joy and hope to even the darkest of days. I thank God for all who try to bring sunshine, hope and love to others in this difficult and challenging time. The evil of the coronavirus has brought me to my knees. However, I am not on my knees through despair or defeat. No, I am on my knees in prayer, thanking God for the bringers of sunshine, hope and love. Thanking God for those who have thought of others in this dark time and have been the sharers of God's love, care and compassion.

A telephone call, an email, an offer to shop for the housebound, a chat with another outside at a safe distance can bring sunshine to someone who is having a dark and difficult day.

I always believed that the celebration of the Mass was the glue, the cement that keeps us together, that unites us as a parish community. However, we have not celebrated Mass together for more than 7 weeks and yet from my experience the parish is as close, united and together as it has ever been.

Please don't get me wrong, I love the Mass it inspires me and is the source of my identity as a priest. The Mass will also remain the source and summit of our Catholic faith. But the love, power and the presence of Jesus is not just confined to the celebration of the Mass. The true presence of Jesus, through our baptism, lives in all of us. And it is this presence that continues to unite us as a parish and as a church while we are unable to come together to celebrate the Mass.

The lockdown has challenged us to find a new way of being a parish and being a Christian community. It gives me great joy that we have risen to that challenge. The telephone, email, text, Facetime and many other means have become an important part of our sharing the love of Jesus and has helped us to bring sunshine into the lives of others.

At the moment the doors of our churches remain closed but our hearts are open to welcome the presence of Jesus into our lives and we do our best, in various ways, to share our Lord with others.

Someone once said, "We will never change the world by going to church. We will only change the world by being the Church." The coronavirus has shown that we, the people of God, are the living and breathing stones of the Church, bringing sunshine, hope and love to others through the real presence of Jesus that lives in the hearts of all the baptised.

May God bless you and keep you safe.
Father Brian