

# February 2023 Newsletter 8



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know we had our OFSTED inspection last week. The outcome from the inspection will be released as soon as the report has been written by the lead inspector. This will be a few weeks. Thank you to all of our parents who came to talk to the team inspectors with such positivity.

The building of the sensory garden is in full swing and springing to life in front of our very eyes. We would like to say a huge thank you to Natasha Ross and Kelly Laloe and all of those from Pendennis Shipyard as well as CORMAC (planting) for giving it their all. This area is going to make a huge difference to the school and our pupils, especially after such a delay in getting it off the ground during the COVID interruptions. We can't wait until we can have a grand opening and invite so many of our community members in who has made this possible.

I haven't had a catering update yet from the central team at Plymouth CAST, but as soon as I do I will share with you the vision for the service. It is really lovely to see the children tucking into the meals every day; there is plenty of fresh fruit, salad bar and lots of fresh vegetables. The school office will let you know if there is a menu change on the day of change.

There are lots of events coming up on our calendar as well as: **CPD for teachers on the 20th of February– CLOSED to pupils, Teacher proposed strike day 2nd of March; Parents meetings on the 7th and 8th of March and possibly further Teacher strike days on the 15th and 16th of March.**

As always, thank you for your continued support, have a lovely half term and see you all on the 21st of February. Mrs McDonald and the team at St Mary's

## FEBRUARY

Mon 13th-17th HALF TERM

Fri 17th Go-Active Holiday Club

Monday 20th INSET for teachers (closed to pupils)

Tue 21st Shrove Tuesday

Weds 22nd Ash Wednesday

Tues 28th Y4 Eden Project

## MARCH

2nd Possible Strike Day

Tues 7th– Weds 8th Parents Meetings

Fri 10th March Cross Country

Fri 17th Red Nose Day

Fri 17th Football Festival

Mon 20th-Fri 31st Sustrans Big Walk & Wheel

Term dates for 2022-23 & 2023-24 are on our webpage

[http://www.st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk/web/term\\_dates/298666](http://www.st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk/web/term_dates/298666)



## Special Educational Needs Support

Every Thursday from 2.15-3.15 Mrs Titheridge is holding her SENCO sessions.

Parents are welcome to discuss accessing SEN support and Mrs Titheridge will be happy to answer any of your SEN questions.

To book please contact Mrs Titheridge at:-

[senco@st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:senco@st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk)

or call 01326 314540.



We've registered for Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2023!

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel inspires pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in our neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit our world.

On each day of the challenge, schools compete to see who can get the highest percentage of pupils walking, using a wheelchair, scooting or cycling to school. Our school's best five days will determine our final position.

How many active journeys will St Mary's pupils make?



We would like to congratulate Georgia and Arabella for being awarded a place at Truro school. we are so proud of both of them for their hard work and wish them every success in the future.



10 year 6s participated in the Rotary Club's Youth Speaks competition last week.

We competed against 5 other local schools and both teams represented the school brilliantly with two outstanding speeches on the 'Participation of Women in Sports' and 'The Cost of Living Crisis'.

Well done to Catherine, Millie-Mae and Zoe and Grace, Lily and Izabella and a special thanks to Evie, Danny, Sienna and Alix.



Y5 Had a great day  
helping to plant  
native trees at  
Pendennis Headland!





# Reading to our Pets

You can find magic  
wherever you look.  
Sit back and relax,  
all you need is a book.  
Dr. Seuss



We have had some fabulous pictures shared of you reading to your pets! Here is what our display is looking like so far, but we would like to flow the wall with these heart-warming pictures so please continue to share these with us!

Thanks!

The Librarians

## SWIM WILD ACADEMY FEB HALF TERM SWIMMING LESSONS FOR KIDS 5+



PENDENNIS LODGE, FALMOUTH  
13TH-17TH FEB  
[HTTPS://SWIMWILDCORNWALL.CO.UK/BOOK-NOW/](https://swimwildcornwall.co.uk/book-now/)

### St. Piran Art Competition

As we celebrate our patron saint we are once again holding a children's Art Competition. This year the theme is St. Piran himself. The children can think about his expression, his size, his clothes, his shoes, etc. Their entry needs to be on A4 paper and can be in any medium – paint, collage, wax crayons, felt tips, black and white sketch.

On the back of their entry they need to put their name, age and contact details so that their entry can be returned to them. However, it will be possible to pick up their entries from Falmouth Library on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> March.

Please take your entries to the Falmouth Library by Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> February, where local marine artist – Jamie Medlin – will judge the entries.

All entries will be displayed in the foyer of Falmouth Library from Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February until Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> March.

Thank you from Falmouth's St. Piran's Day Committee





Well done to the athletes from Year 4 and 6. They all competed really well at the Falmouth Schools indoor athletics event. The children participated in lots of events including, sprint, relays, javelin, long distance and triple jump.

Well done,!

Mr Buckingham and Mrs Tuffery



**We had a wonderful Numbers Day last week!**  
**Thank you for your donations to the NSPCC!**







## MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

We've had a great start to our  
Mental Health Week

With our Wellbeing Day  
on Monday!

We enjoyed Wellbeing Sports  
with Plymouth Argyle,  
Reading to pets in the Library,  
Shape poetry ,Buddy Reading  
and art!

A special thanks to Danny's Mum for bring-  
ing  
in the wonderful Jessie Jay and so

