

KEA NEWS 31 October 2019

A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN AND MAKE FRIENDS

'Open Afternoon - The Great Exhibition'

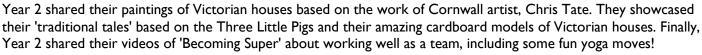
Foundation Stage

Foundation enjoyed showing the parents all the sounds we have learnt so far in Read Write Inc and demonstrating how we use our Fred Fingers to sound out and blend words. The children then showed parents around the classroom, especially sharing their learning about magnets and demonstrating how to make a leaf rubbings.



Year I invited the parents to their Houses and Homes Museum. There was a presentation displaying a virtual tour of Lanhydrock House using iMovie. The film shows lovely photographs of children at Lanhydrock whilst their model houses displayed of their learning back at

school. Whilst parents perused the displays, the children talked about how Victorian houses are very different to their homes today.





Year 3 demonstrated to parents how a Victorian School would have looked and displayed their historical detective work of what Kea School would have looked like when it was first built in 1879.

Year 4 shared their learning of the chronology of Victorian Era, how Victorian life was different for rich and poor families, the influence of Barnardo and Lord Shaftesbury and the changes in agriculture after the Industrial Revolution.

Year 5 learnt about famous inventions and their inventors. They entertained their parents with a 'Who am I? and What am I?' quiz using cryptic cues. Year 6 discussed their Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) detailing the Importance of the British Empire and the various benefits of the Industrial Revolution.

The afternoon was well attended and showed high quality examples of the work being learnt across the school.

Parents, the showcase was a huge success and the children enjoyed sharing their work with you. The children looked wonderful in their Victorian costumes!

Thank you all for your continued support.





Homework - Rotary Young Writer Competition

The Task: this year the Rotary Club would like children who are aged 7-10 or 11-13 to produce a written or typed story in prose entitled, 'Connections'. The entry could be fiction or non fiction, story or a poem, as long as the piece relates to the theme and are to be submitted on A4 paper of up to 500 words. If your child would like to enter, please bring your entry into school by Friday 31 January 2020. You will also need to complete an entry form which is available from the school office. We look forward to reading your exciting writing. For more information visit www.boscawenrotary.club

School Council Bulletin

During School Council meetings we have been talking about fundraising activities and expectations throughout the year. We also have been looking at events such as, Children in Need, Toilet Twinning, Sports Relief, Christmas Jumper Day and many more!

After school on Friday 15 November we will be holding a healthy bake sale to help Children in Need.

We will keep you posted with future events such as Sports Relief.

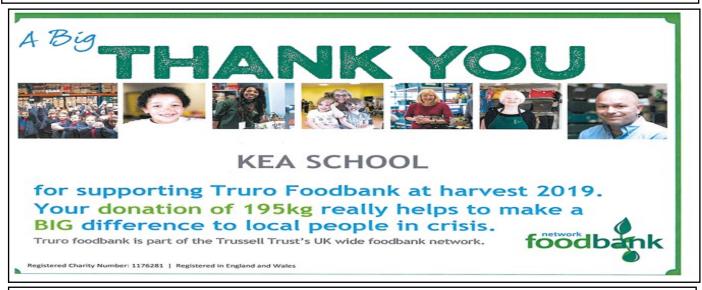


A Thank you from Truro Foodbank

Thank you so much for your kind and generous donation to Truro Foodbank. Your donated food is very gratefully received at this time.

Best Wishes Truro Foodbank





Private Tuition

We are aware that some parents employ private tutors to support their children out of school. Please ensure that you carry out the relevant safeguarding and qualification checks to ensure that your child is safe and is being taught by someone with appropriate expertise.



Year 3 and 4 Swimming Update Autumn Term I



We cannot wait to get back in the pool after half term, but here is what we learnt last term. For all groups, our experienced swim teachers are using floatation aids to support whole-part-whole methods.

Lou's group: Focussed on building their confidence in the water. This is a crucial part of any swimmers development because it will pave the way for their enjoyment, as well as developing their skills. Mrs Bushell has been helping with this group by working with the children, for example supporting children to put their faces in the water. Meanwhile Lou has been encouraging those ready to turning from side to side. This progressed to bubble blowing with everyone feeling confident to have their faces in the water. Terrific! The children's confidence has grown so much that the swimmers have been floating on their backs and Lou has even introduced some arms (with floats for support).

Faye's Y3 group: They started by ensuring everyone was confident in the shallow end of the big pool. This was nurtured with structured skills specifically designed to target breath holding and then worked on their rotations from their front to their backs, with faces in the water. This allowed them to develop more consistent breathing intervals for their front crawl and back crawl. It appears a short summary, but getting breathing intervals right is fundamental to the other aspects of their strokes.

Faye's Y4 group: Having swum last year, this group recapped all three strokes and from this assessment Faye has focussed on the backstroke that requires some revision of buoyancy. Using flotation devices, she has focussed on reintroducing arms one by one to refine the swimmers techniques. They have transformed from 'splashy-sploshers' to more streamlined swimmers. This has improved week on week. Well done! Using a float to break down the skills means the children can focus on how each arm feels when it exits, but also as it enters the water. These skills have been further developed to incorporate some more advanced safety practice of rotating from front to back and vice versa.

Trish's Y3 group: The focus has been introducing to most and refining for some backstroke: body position, tummies up high and legs working to drive stroke forward (not just kicking about). The longer goals are to ensure lateral breathing in front crawl and the flexion of ankles during breastroke. They have also learnt some key skills for how to enter at the deep end. They will be developing stamina alongside these skills so children can increase how far they can swim before needing to rest.

Trish's Y4 group: Like the other Y4 group, this group swam last year so the assessment allowed Trish to identify which stroke required more practise. This proved to be breastroke and the need to slow the stroke down allowing for the glide to propel them forward. Alongside these technical aspects of enhancing their strokes, Trish has also ensured that each session has a stamina aspect to it, encouraging swimmers to maintain disciplined technique even when muscles start to fatigue. The group have also been introduced to some personal survival including jumping in without their faces going below the surface on entry. It is harder than it seems. This will take some time to perfect, but the swimmers seem willing to practise - I wonder why!?

Star swimmers so far - Y3: Lewis, Finlay, Sayan, Dudley, Beatrice, Eboni, Jude, Leon, Rudy, Riley Y4: Aeyrn, Zihara, Oscar, Rhys, Riley, Marcelo.

Thank you for your continued support. Katie Bray (Year 4 Teacher)

Message from Kea School Friends

We would be very grateful of any raffle/tombola prizes for our Christmas Fayre which is taking place on Friday 13 December. Please email keaschoolfriends@outlook.com

Many thanks Kea School Friends





Autumn Term Dates

October

Thurs 31 Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Thurs 31 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm School Council Meeting Thurs 31 Year 6 Secondary School Application Deadline



November

Fri I 8.30 am Individual and Family Photos

Tues 5 I I.00 am Parental Viewings for September 2020 intake

Fri 15 Non Uniform for Children in Need

Tues 19 8.00 am Resources and Safeguarding Governor Committee Meeting

Wed 20 2.00 pm Parental Viewings for September 2020 intake

W/C Mon 25 Parent Teacher Consultations all year groups

Mon 25 - Fri 29 KSF Wrapping room on all week - children can purchase and wrap a gift for family

more information to follow

Wed 27 9.10 am Teaching and Learning Governor Committee Meeting

Thurs 28 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm School Council Meeting
Fri 29 9.10 am KS1 Christmas Tree Assembly
Fri 29 2.45 pm KS2 Christmas Tree Assembly

Fri 29 7.30 pm School Choir signing at Truro Cathedral

December

Mon 2 Year I and 2 Visit to Kea Church - more details to follow Tues 3 9.30 am Parental Viewings for September 2020 intake

Wed 4 Year F and Year 3 Visit to Kea Church - more details to follow

Fri 6 KSF Non Uniform Day - donation for the Christmas Fayre (confectionary,

gift etc)

Mon 9 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm Full Governing Body Meeting Tues 10 2.00 pm Parent Viewings for September 2020 intake

Wed 11
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Year 3 and 4 Last Swimming Session
Fri 13
9.30 am Infant Christmas Nativity
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3.00 pm Kea School Christmas Fayre

Mon 16 AM Junior Nativity Rehearsal at Kea Church - more information to follow

Mon 16 I.00 pm Infant Christmas Party - more information to follow

Tues 17 Kea School Christmas Lunch

Wed 18 6.00 pm Junior Nativity at Kea Church

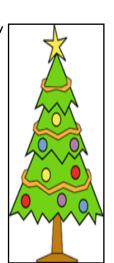
Thurs 19 I.00 pm Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party—more information to follow Fri 20 I.00 pm Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party - more information to follow

Fri 20 Break up for Christmas Mon 23 - Fri 3 Jan Christmas Holiday

<u>January</u>

Mon 6 INSET Day - closed to children

Tues 7 Start of Term - children back to school



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