



St Piran's Day

Children celebrated St Piran's Day last week by coming to school dressed in gold and black. KSI worked in mixed age groups and took part in lots of lovely creative activities to promote our love of Cornwall and books.

With Mrs Harvey, the children made man engines (big puppets) and took part in some Cornish singing and dancing. With Mrs Olive, the children story-mapped a Cornish story and made their own Cornish coat of arms. Finally, with Mrs McPherson, the children made Cornish scones and then had a cream tea and listened to the story of St Piran.



Sport Relief

Sport Relief was a day of sports and activities to raise money for charity. On the second session year 6 were sorted into teams and played football. There were two games being played at the same time and we did this for the entire hour. For the third session we played bench ball. It was a really fun time.

By Lewis and Dylan year 6

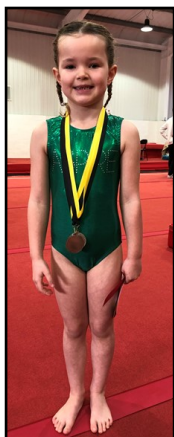
Kea School raised £160.01



Well Done Matilda and Bella

Matilda, year 4 and Bella, year 1, competed in the Cornwall Level 7 Two Piece (Floor and Vault) competition in Penryn last Sunday. They both performed a floor routine to music and a vault.

Matilda was crowned County Champion on the vault and placed second overall in the 9 year old category whilst Bella was placed second on vault, third on floor and second overall in the 7 year old category despite being one of the youngest competitors in the group.



St Pirans Day Competition

Congratulation to Tristan in Year 1 for winning the St Pirans Day teddy.



Message From Mrs Hunkin

Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus we have been taking and following regular advice from the government. Staff and pupils have been getting more efficient at enabling whole classes to wash their hands several times a day without losing too much learning time. Cleaning staff are continuing to be vigilant – in particular, paying attention to desks, chair backs, door handles and hand rails. Pupils are being reminded to sneeze or cough into a tissue and throw it away, or into the crook of their elbow rather than their hand if they don't have a tissue.

Several families are now self isolating – following this week's government advice about staying home (+ the whole family) for 14 days if you have a new continuous cough or a high temperature. We have had a fair bit of staff absence too – particularly due to illness and partly due to self isolation for health reasons. . I know that several other local schools are almost at breaking point regarding staff absence and are already having to make partial or full closures. So far, we have been able to manage staff absence by switching staff to other classes and using supply teachers from an agency. We will continue to review the situation at Kea and will keep you updated of any changes.

Mrs Bray has been signed off work with pregnancy related illness, and sadly Mrs Walker has also needed to self isolate following recent government advice. Of course, we wish these teachers all the best over the coming weeks until their babies are born. We will be happy to forward any messages to them from you.

Teachers have been working hard to put together home learning resources for the eventuality of having to close the school. Although some families have a number of electronic devices to support home learning (computers, tablets etc.), other families do not. Therefore the work we will be setting should be straight forward to manage; children can record answers in exercise books (which they have already brought home) or on paper – there won't be a need to print out worksheets. We have already placed some free learning resources for each year group on our home learning page – which will hopefully be useful for those of you with children currently at home.

I want to thank all the staff who have been working so hard, supporting each other, covering extra duties for absent staff and trying to maintain an air of calm and positivity, particularly for the children.

Thank you for all your support too.