



## Youth Speaks



On the 23 of January, three year six pupils were in a competition known as youth speaks. Kea School has entered yearly and tried to do their very best although our last win was in 2014! 6 years later in 2020 Isobel, Romilly and Tegan won youth speaks!

Their topic was Wildlife Gardening, which won them first place. Tegan was the main speaker, Romilly, the Chair and Isobel, the vote of thanks. They performed in Polwhele School. Before they began Romilly picked a number which determined which order the schools went in, Romilly picked 5<sup>th</sup> which was the last school.

All year six pupils were set to write a persuasive text for homework, which they could use to audition for the roles of youth speaks representatives for Kea school. A class vote called 7 forward to audition again

in front of Mrs Hunkin. This team was pulled together and have won the competition, and are now going through to the next round in Penzance on the 25 of February. By Tegan, Romilly and Isobel.

## The Big Read



On the morning of Friday 31 January the whole school celebrated a love of reading! The whole morning was dedicated to reading fiction, non fiction, poetry, magazines and all kinds of literature.



We began with a whole school assembly reflecting on why we enjoy books and how we benefit from a rich reading environment. We then listened to the story of "The Man Engine" by Will Coleman. Years 4, 5 and 6 were treated to a session with new children's author and Kea School parent, Scott Jones. Scott read a chapter from his new book, "The Secret of the Dark Wood", which captivated the children and the adults. All the children took part in various reading activities in their classes, such as: creating alternative book covers, shared reading sessions with other classes, writing book reviews and recommendations for the school library, compiling their top 10 favourite books, "hot seating" well known story characters, unwrapping their next class story book in a game of pass the parcel and finally snuggling up for a cosy storytime.

It was a wonderful morning, enjoyed by pupils and staff alike.

We loved all the wonderful "Shelfies"! Thank you for your creative contributions. These will be displayed in classrooms and the school library.

Many thanks to Scott Jones who gave up his time, free of charge, to read to the children and answer so many of their questions.



### Year 3 and 4 Swimming Update

**Lou's group** have been practising front crawl with turns (rolling) on to their backs part way through. They have all identified the stroke they need to work on and had some 1:1 support with that. Weekly focus remains to be gaining confidence to collect things from under water.

**Paul's group** have been focusing on breast stroke and backstroke, ensuring their legs and arms are working simultaneously. They have been increasing their distances and jumping in safely. (This is part of the personal survival training).

**Paul's Y4 group** spent the first week ensuring their front crawl and breast stroke was coordinated and powerful enough to retry swimming lengths. The second week they swam 25m lengths of front crawl. This group have been rehearsing a variety of safe entries into the deeper water as part of their personal survival training.

**Susie's Y3 group** have been focused on their breast stroke legs, ensuring that their knees are turning out equally and making the most of their glides. They have also been getting used to swimming lengths (front crawl and backstroke). Whilst swimming in deeper water they have been treading water as part of their personal survival training.

**Susie's Y4 group** focused on their breast stroke legs which included some time on their backs to ensure their knees were turning out symmetrically. Those who were consistent and powerful with these drills completed some pre-competition drills, to give them an opportunity to boost their stamina for swimming lengths. The whole group rehearsed their personal survival skill to tread water and the duration they can last is increasing. Well done!

Y3 Star Swimmers: Taylor, Poppy T, Frankie, Lewis, Eboni

Y4 Star Swimmers: Zihara, Amelie, Max W, Mia-Rose, Imogen

Thank you for your continued support. Most children are coming in with their coats so they are warm leaving the pool.

Best wishes, Katie Bray

### A visit from India

On Wednesday 22 January 2020 year 6 and year 2 had a visit from a girl called Tani (aged 9) who came from India. She came into our school to talk to us about her lifestyle.

We were surprised about their lifestyle; instead of doing P.E. they did roller skating or swimming. There were also some things we did the same, like English and languages but the languages they learnt were different to ours. They also do not call the years at school years, they called them grades. Their school years go up to year 10 it begins at nursery, it is also all in one school.

At home they are not on their screens like we are they play lots of games (tag like us) and enjoyed playing outside. They live with their Mum, Dad and grandparents.

Thank you Tani we learnt a lot about you and your country.

By Maddie and Jessica (Y6)





## Micro-bit Workshop

On the 28 and 29 January 2020 Mr Bert and Miss Yui came to give us a workshop on how to use micro-bits. We worked in partners to make these chips called micro-bits light up with LED to make animations, write our names, say hello, and write other things. We also had to program the microbits using the website below and a micro-it. You had to use the different icons to program what you micro-bit. You can also tip the micro-bits to make them play a tune, we played Mary had a little lamb on our micro-bits by tilting them up, down, left and right. You could also use the two buttons A+B to play a different note or tune, we played hot cross buns using this technique. You can also use both buttons at the same time to make a different tune so there are three different combinations that you can use. The website we used to program the micro-bit was [www.MicrosoftMakeCode](http://www.MicrosoftMakeCode) you don't have to have a micro-bit to use the site and it's free but you won't be able to download onto the chip. If you would like to get a micro-bit you can get them from Amazon or electronic shops prices vary from £15 to £18. We would like to thank Mr Bert and Miss Yui again. Y6 really enjoyed it!



## Spring Term Dates

### February

Thurs 13 School Disco  
5 pm - 5.45 pm YF, I, 2  
6 pm - 7.00 pm Y3-6  
Fri 14 Break up for Half Term  
Mon 17-Fri 21 Half Term

Fri 14 KSF Tuck Shop (after school)  
Mon 24 Children return to school  
Thurs 27 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm - School Council Meeting

### March

Tues 3 8.00 am Governor Resources and Safeguarding Committee  
Thurs 5 World Book & St Piran's Day - more info to follow  
Fri 13 Kea School Friends- non uniform day, bring in a chocolate treat for the Easter bingo  
Mon 16 - Fri 20 Parent Teacher Consultations this week  
Tues 17 School Choir at Truro Music Festival  
Wed 18 9.10 am Governor Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting  
Fri 20 PM Kea School Friends Easter Bingo - more information to follow  
Mon 23 Full Governor Body Meeting  
Thurs 26 Last Year 3 & 4 Swimming  
Thurs 26 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm School Council Meeting  
Fri 27 Break up for Easter  
Fri 27 KSF Tuck Shop (after school)

Carnon Downs Gets Crafty!

# FAMILY CRAFT MORNING

TUESDAY

18 FEBRUARY

10.30 - 12.30

£1 per child

Carnon Downs Village Hall

Come and join us this half-term for our third community craft morning.  
There will be tea, coffee, biscuits and craft activities with a Valentine's Day theme for all the family to enjoy.  
Free parking. All welcome.