



"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader." — Margaret Fuller

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I said last week, it really has been a busy and exciting week at Dobwalls! On Monday, the school was alive with an array of colourful socks. I led an assembly talking about bullying - what it means and comparing bullying to banter. All the children listened intently and at lunchtime, so many came along during their play time to create a brilliant paper chain hanging outside the hall with many important messages about bullying. See page 3. We talked about our school Diamond Rules and how important these are to create a safe and happy school for one and all. On Tuesday, Toasty Tuesday was a great success and we are so delighted with raising just over £66 for The Cornish Seal Sanctuary. We will do another Toasty Tuesday next half-term. Today, we are spotacular and fortunately not in a contagious way! Thank you SO much for your support; the amount of cakes was the most we have ever had. They were delicious! We'll let you know the total raised as soon as we can.

Next week, we look forward to the book fair arriving. It will be in hall Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday after school. It is cashless so please ensure you bring your phone as you will need to pay online whilst you are in the hall. Have a lovely weekend & best wishes. Mrs Pipe, Headteacher



Parking—THINK SAFETY

Unfortunately parking has become an issue again. Please park sensibly, preferably in the memorial hall or football club car parks. It really isn't far to walk and helps keep everyone safe. Please do not use the staff car park. Waiting for drivers to return to their car causes staff to be late or they have to block cars in.

Christmas Performances

Letters have been sent home regarding obtaining tickets for this year's performances. Please complete the form and return it to the school office. Your tickets will be sent home with the children. Please note that Camglaze tickets are £1 per adult to cover the hire of the caverns. Thank you

PTFA—Christmas Fayre

Reminder—The Christmas Fayre is on Monday 18th December and the PTFA would be very grateful for donations of items to add to hampers for raffle prizes as well as donations of small gifts and spare gift bags or wrapping paper. Please drop off any donations at the school office over the next week.



Book Fair

The Book Fair will be with us on 20th to 23rd November; just in time for Christmas. In support of going cashless, the best way to pay for your books is by using the online payment link at www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay and simply selecting your school from the drop down menu. Please see payment information sent home with this newsletter.



Toasty Tuesday raised £66.00 for the Cornish Seal Sanctuary—Thank you

Last week's SECRET Skills Powerful Learners

Lerryn	Lily-Mae & Kai	Tamar	Barnaby & Eseld
Fowey	Darcie & Eddie	Lynher	Mila & Oliver G
Loveny	Ella	Camel	Roxanne & Isaac
Valency	Faye & Harry		

Diary Dates

21 Nov	Governor meeting
20-22 Nov	Book Fair
24 Nov	Non-pupil day
28 Nov	Y1 hearing screening
29 Nov	Coffee morning
8 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday
13 Dec	Infant Xmas performance 2pm at school Pupil Xmas lunch
14 Dec	Infant Xmas performance 2pm at school Junior Xmas concert Camglaze Caverns 6pm
18 Dec	PTFA Xmas Fayre
19 Dec	**Children finish at 1:00pm
20 Dec- 3 Jan	CHRISTMAS BREAK
24 Jan	Governor meeting
12-16 Feb	HALF TERM
19 Feb	Non-pupil day
4 -15 Mar	Y5 & Y3 swimming lessons
4 Mar	Governor meeting
11 Mar	Photographer in school—teams/classes
29 Mar-12 Apr	EASTER BREAK
5 May	BANK HOLIDAY
8 May	Governor meeting
13-16 May	KS2 SATS week
27-31 May	HALF TERM
3 Jun	Non-pupil day
24 Jun	Governor meeting
23 Jul	Children finish at 1:00pm
24 Jul	Non-pupil days
25 Jul -3 Sep	SUMMER BREAK



Coffee morning 29th November here at school.

REMEMBER

SCHOOL CLOSED - Friday, 24th Nov - non-pupil day

Last week for after school clubs next week—except Go Active.

PE Kits

Please see our [website for uniform](#) reminders.

PE Days

Children will need to come to school dressed in their PE kit on PE days. Long hair should be tied back. Please wear their usual school jumper/ cardigan.

Monday	Y3
Tuesday	Y5
Wednesday	Y1/2
Thursday	EYFS/Y6
Friday	Y4

A reminder of the school PE Kit...

Black shorts/leggings/skorts with plain coloured t-shirt (team colours) or white t-shirt and plimsolls/trainers. (No team football kits, running gear or other attire should be worn for P.E. or after school clubs unless specified by the teacher in charge of that club.) During the winter, plain black leggings or jogging bottoms may be worn for outdoor games.

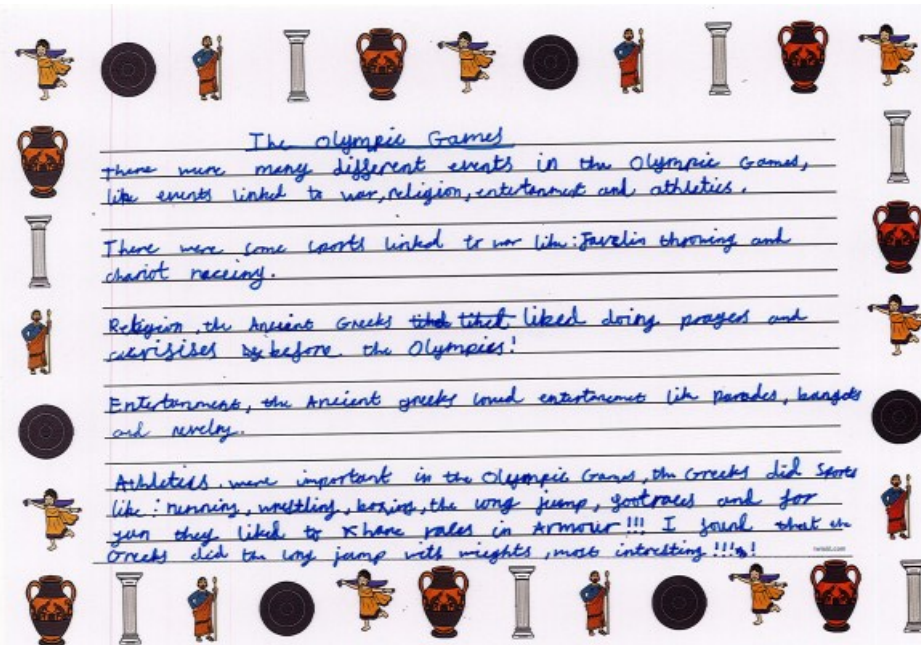


Attendance Stars

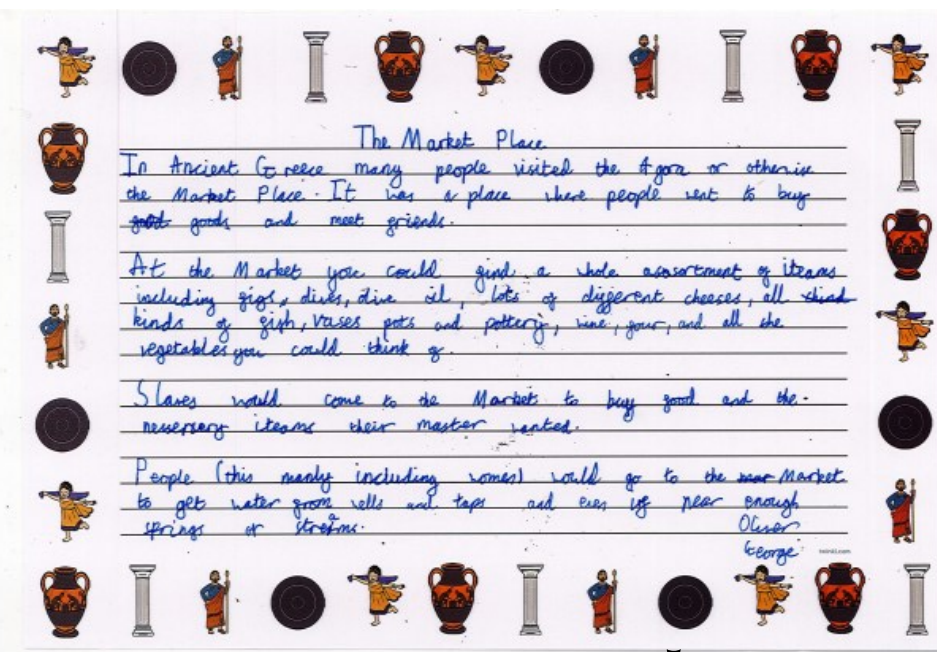
Lerryn	Fowey	Loveny	Valency	Tamar	Lynher	Camel
96%	99%	93%	92%	98%	98%	97%



The star learners this week come from Year 5. Lynher Class have been learning about the Ancient Greeks finding the answer to the question "How did the Ancient Greeks influence our lives today?" They found out how they influenced sports today through the Olympics and marathon running, as well as our parliament and court system. The children enjoyed learning about the market place, the very different lives of women, the battles as well as all the myth and legends.



Connie



Oliver G



Oliver B-G



India



Archie

Dobwalls
School is
Anti-
Bullying!



Odd Socks Day!



DOB WALLS
JUNIORS FC
SATURDAY MORNING CENTRE

Dobwalls Football Club
Every Saturday Morning
4-7 Years | 8.45am-9.45am
8-11 Years | 10am-11am

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EAST AND WEST LOOE VALLEY CATCHMENT

HELP MONITOR POLLUTION ON OUR LOCAL RIVERS

DROP-IN SESSION – COME AND FIND OUT MORE AND HAVE A GO

Saturday 25th November 2023 10 am to 3.00 pm.

The Village Green, Herodsfoot, nr Looe.

Parking available at the Church carpark (street parking in the village is very limited so please do park at the Church if you can walk down.)

Children welcome with adult supervision.



FURTHER INFORMATION

The East and West Looe Rivers discharge into the sea at Looe. Improving river water quality on this catchment improves bathing water quality. Pollution incidents can occur in our watercourses, spelling disaster for river ecology. Regular monitoring is the best way of identifying such incidents early and enabling a rapid response.

Cornwall Wildlife Trust is a member of the [Riverfly Partnership](#), a network of organisations working together to protect water quality by monitoring the presence of certain indicator insect species. They are looking to build a team of community volunteers who carry out monthly samples as part of this work in Cornwall and are very keen to hear from new volunteers. People in other parts of Cornwall have got together to form local Catchment Partnerships to coordinate this, and we are considering forming a partnership for the East and West Looe catchment if there is enough interest.

The Angler's Riverfly Monitoring Initiative (ARMI) was launched by the Riverfly Partnership in 2007 to enable anglers and other interested groups to actively monitor and protect their local rivers. It helps rivers to be monitored more widely and at greater frequency than is possible by the Environment Agency alone.

The ARMI monitoring technique involves pairs of volunteers taking 3-minute kick samples from the river bed each month, and recording the presence and abundance of eight pollution-sensitive invertebrate groups. The focus of the sampling is on 'riverflies' - mayflies, stoneflies and caddisflies. The macroinvertebrates are very sensitive to pollution and are therefore good indicators of water quality: changes in species abundance may be the first sign of a pollution problem. If invertebrate numbers drop below expected levels the Environment Agency are informed and will take action to investigate the suspected pollution incident. The Riverfly data held by each river group will also allow for long-term changes to be identified, and the regular presence of volunteers on the river will discourage potential polluters.

FREE TRAINING AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO GET INVOLVED

If you can commit to taking a monthly sample (river levels permitting of course!) you will need to attend a Riverfly training day so that you can become a Riverfly Partnership volunteer. This is important because scientific rigour of results requires that all volunteers, wherever they are in the country, follow the same method of collection and recording. The method is simple to follow and the training will give you all the information you need in an informal and interactive way, including introducing you to the importance of riverflies and guiding you on the identification of riverfly species as well as providing a practical demonstration and lots of time for you to practice. At the end of the training day you will receive a free sampling kit, enabling you to get straight out on your own sampling site(s)

Training Required? Yes - Provided by Cornwall Wildlife Trust
Equipment needed? Wellies, waders if you have them and lunch. No dirty footwear in the training room.
Driving license may be useful but not essential.