



“To read a book for the first time is to make an acquaintance with a new friend; to read it for a second time is to meet an old one.” – Chinese Proverb

Dear Parents and Carers,

The smell of toast once again filled the school for Toasty Tuesday on Tuesday. We have raised a further £70 towards The Screech Owl Sanctuary. The total now stands at £400 for the academic year.

St Piran's Day - Gool Perran Lowen!

What a 'splann' and 'bryntin' afternoon we had with the Millpool Chorale entertaining us as part of our St Piran's afternoon celebrations. Their singing was beautiful and we are very grateful for them giving up their time to come and sing to us. All our children were an excellent audience with lots of clapping, smiles and singing throughout. Thank you to around 50 parents/carers who came to join us for the Trelawney Shout at 3pm! Our singing certainly raised the roof and sounded stunning altogether.

Wow—as everyone came through the gate today! World Book Day has landed at Dobwalls. Thank you so much for all the effort and the range of costumes. Ed from Liskeard Library joined us to share the message and power of reading. The more you read, the more you learn. We want everyone to get 'lost' in a book!

Best wishes (Gorhemynadow a'n gwella).

Mrs Pipe, Headteacher



Diary Dates

9 & 10 Mar	Parent/teacher meetings
9-20 Mar	Y3 & Y5 swimming lessons
12 Mar	Y4 Wild Tribe
16 Mar	Governor meeting
19 Mar	Y4 trip to Eden Project
	Y1 trip to Plymouth Aquarium
	Y3 Wild Tribe
	Johnny Cowling evening (adults only!)
23 Mar	Photographer in school—teams/classes
25 Mar	Y5 trip to Liskeard Fire Station
26 Mar	Y2 Wild Tribe
1 Apr	EYFS trip to Hall for Cornwall
2 Apr	Y1 Wild Tribe
3-17 Apr	EASTER BREAK
30 Apr	Y5 trip to HFC
4 May	BANK HOLIDAY
11-14 May	KS2 SATS week
13 May	Governor meeting
25-29 May	HALF TERM
1 Jun	Non-pupil day
22 Jun	Governor meeting
24-26 Jun	Y6 Residential
24 Jul	Children finish at 1:30pm
27&28 Jul	Non-pupil days
29 Jul	SUMMER BREAK

Current Affairs

We know the world is in a tricky place at the moment. If children are asking you any questions regarding conflicts, UNICEF, have issued some guidance for parents and carers. [How to talk to your children about conflict and war | UNICEF Parenting](#)



Eco-Committee

Mr Jones and our eco-councillors are asking for support:-

Cash For Kids/Ink Cartridges

They are encouraging us to support Cash For Kids by collecting old/used ink cartridges. Cash For Kids is the official charity of Bauer Media, dedicated to giving disadvantaged children and young people across the UK the chance to thrive. They also provide a lifeline to many other charities, organisations and community groups, funding much-needed service and life-changing equipment. <https://cashforkids.org.uk/>

Recycling model competition

Have a rummage through the recycling, get your creative minds flowing and enter the modelling competition organised by the eco-committee. Details on P5



Online Safety Newsletter—March

This month's online safety newsletter is coming home with this newsletter. This month it focusses on the risks posed by mobile phones, YouTube safety and social media.

Toasty Tuesday—Thank you!

Another successful and yummy day—we raised a further £70 for the Owl Sanctuary.



Parent (Kar)/Teacher Meetings

Last call for bookings! Parent/Teacher meetings are scheduled for next week—9th and 10th March. Bookings will close at 8pm the day before the meetings. See P6 for instructions if needed.

After School Clubs

Please remember that there are **NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS** next week due to the parent/teacher meetings taking place.



Last week's SECRET Skills Powerful Learners

Lerryn	Sennen & Albie	Tamar	Kadance & Ella-Rae
Fowey	Bella & Phoebe	Lynher	Ella & Thomas
Loveny	Archie & Leo	Camel	Morgan & Laylah
Valency	Eddie & Hazel		

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	Y2 & Y3
Tuesday	Y5
Wednesday	Y1
Thursday	Y4
Friday	EYFS & Y6

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.



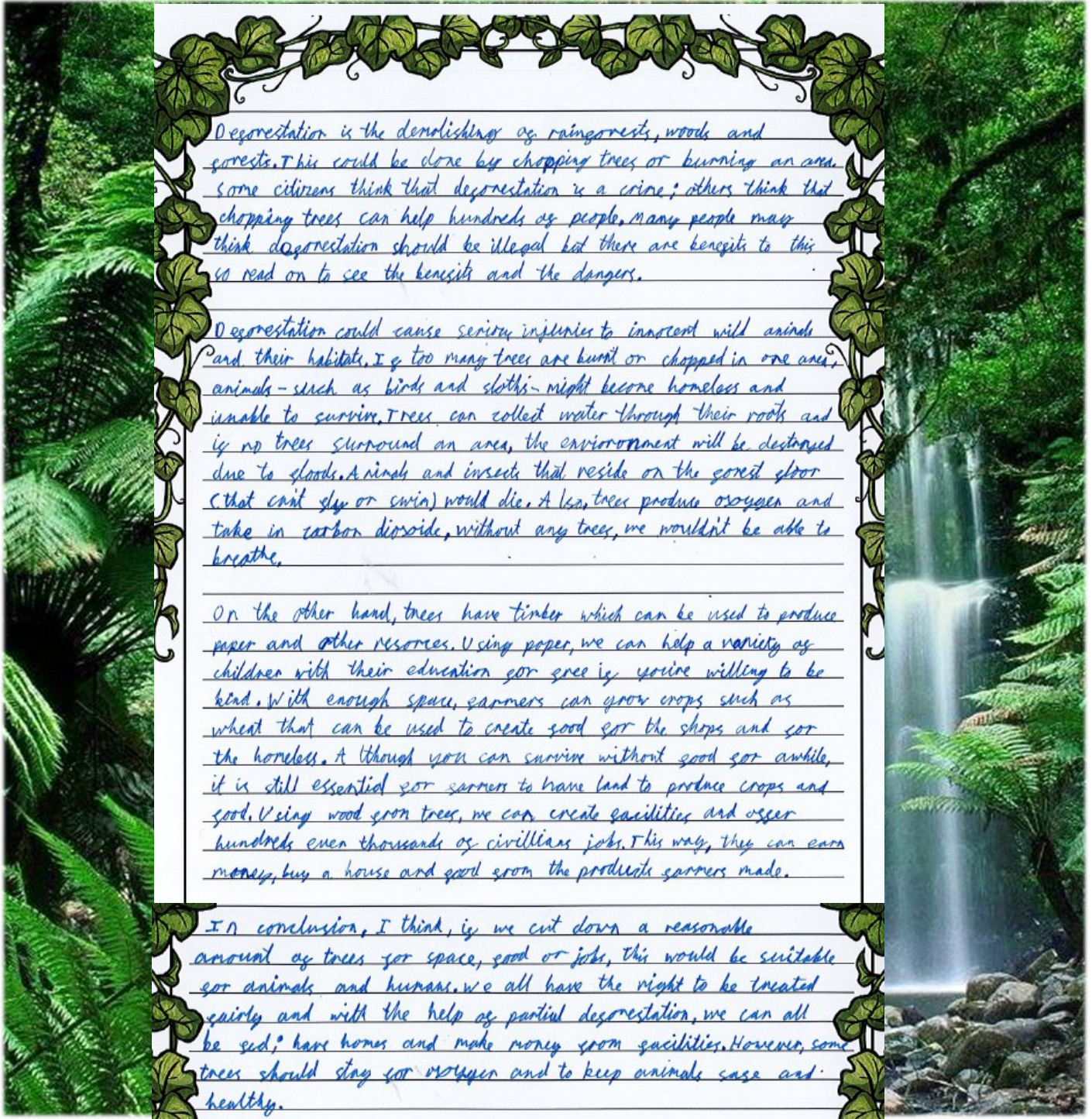
Attendance Stars

Lerryn	Fowey	Loveny	Valency	Tamar	Lynher	Camel
98%	96%	96%	99%	100%	96%	98%



Star Learners this week are from Y6. This term in Geography, Camel class have been looking at rainforests and their impact on humans. They used their learning to create a balanced argument about the deforestation of rainforests around the globe. The children had to think carefully about the point of view of both sides of the hotly contested argument to come to a conclusion for themselves.

Mina has created a wonderful piece of writing drawing on her knowledge and understanding making sure to use her SECRET skill of staying balanced and fair. A well presented argument, Mina—amazing!



Deforestation is the demolishing of rainforests, woods and forests. This could be done by chopping trees or burning an area. Some citizens think that deforestation is a crime; others think that chopping trees can help hundreds of people. Many people may think deforestation should be illegal but there are benefits to this so read on to see the benefits and the dangers.

Deforestation could cause serious injuries to innocent wild animals and their habitats. If too many trees are burnt or chopped in one area, animals—such as birds and sloths—might become homeless and unable to survive. Trees can collect water through their roots and if no trees surround an area, the environment will be destroyed due to floods. Animals and insects that reside on the forest floor (that can't fly or swim) would die. Also, trees produce oxygen and take in carbon dioxide, without any trees, we wouldn't be able to breathe.

On the other hand, trees have timber which can be used to produce paper and other resources. Using paper, we can help a variety of children with their education for free if you're willing to be kind. With enough space, farmers can grow crops such as wheat that can be used to create food for the shops and for the homeless. Although you can survive without food for awhile, it is still essential for farmers to have land to produce crops and food. Using wood from trees, we can create facilities and offer hundreds even thousands of civilian jobs. This way, they can earn money, buy a house and food from the products farmers made.

In conclusion, I think, if we cut down a reasonable amount of trees for space, food or jobs, this would be suitable for animals and humans. We all have the right to be treated fairly and with the help of partial deforestation, we can all be fed, have homes and make money from facilities. However, some trees should stay for oxygen and to keep animals safe and healthy.

Dobwalls School Recommends



In the Darkling Woods

By Emma Carroll

Recommended

By Savannah Y5



It's such a good book. It's an adventure, a wonderful story about Alice, who gets sent to her grandmother's house. There's a dark woods, faerie magic and modern history. How exciting! I'd recommend it to year 3 and above. I'm looking forward to reading more from this author."



Florence Tuite and Darcie Warwick represented their dance school event at the Motion House Championships in Taunton on 28th February.

Both girls performed exceptionally well and demonstrated incredible dedication, teamwork and talent throughout the competition. Together, as part of the Eclipse contemporary team, they achieved an outstanding 2nd place. Individually, Florence placed 2nd in her contemporary solo, while Darcie achieved 4th place in her contemporary solo category.

Florence also competed in a jazz solo and was awarded 2nd place. Darcie competed as part of the Dynamix commercial team, where they secured 1st place.

In the commercial solo category, both girls competed against each other, with Darcie taking 1st place and Florence proudly achieving 2nd place as runner-up.

We could not be prouder of their hard work, commitment and sportsmanship. They were honoured to compete for LJT Dance and Fitness Company.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Here at Dobwalls Primary School we recognise that there are occasions when it is appropriate to authorise an absence, such as when a pupil is genuinely too ill to attend school.

However, the Government does not support parents taking children out of school unless the school agrees this is appropriate under 'exceptional circumstances'. Any request for leave should be made in writing to the Headteacher using the school's 'Leave of Absence Exceptional Circumstances' request form.

If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days.

If your child is further absent from school without authorisation within any 3-year period, you will be committing a further offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices for a second offence are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £160, payable within 28 days.

Importantly, fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action such as a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may also result in legal action. If you are prosecuted and attend court because your child has not been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

Absence not authorised by the school may also result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Again, Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

Money raised from fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government.

'Parent' as set out in Section 576 of the Education Act 1996, defines parent to include: natural parents, whether they are married or not; any person or body who has parental responsibility for a child (as defined by the Children Act 1989) and; any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child. Having care of a child means a person with whom a child lives and who looks after a child, irrespective of what their relationship is with said child.

Dobwalls Primary School

Eco-Committee Competition

Prizes kindly donated by Biffa!

RECYCLING MODEL COMPETITION



VEHICLE & ANIMALS CALL FOR ENTRIES



Please bring into school on the morning of **Friday 27th March**. Materials must be 90% or more from household recycling and models should be no bigger than a children's backpack. Please add your name!



We are Rights Respecting School
This links to ...**Article 29** – Education must develop every child's respect for the environment.



MHST Wild Wellbeing

MHST, in collaboration with Natural England, Cornwall Wildlife Trust and National Trust, would like you to join us on a FREE Wild Wellbeing session in Cornwall.

This is for parents and children aged 5-12 in Cornwall to help understand and support emotional and mental wellbeing.
Please book EACH child on to a session

Each session will last approx. 2 hours

Locations and dates:

- 07 April - Golitha Falls
- 07 April - The Gardeners House, Penzance
- 14 & 15 April - Penrose Estate
- 16 April - St Ives Community Orchard

More sites and dates may be added so keep checking!

All sessions will begin at 10am. Please wear weather appropriate clothing!



To request a place, complete the online form
<https://forms.office.com/e/CdbKBnMHOq>



Scan to sign up

Please be aware that spaces are limited and assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. If you cannot attend after being allocated a place, inform us so we can give your spot to someone else.

Follow us on Facebook for updates and upcoming events:
Cornwall Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

Registration on our system is a prerequisite for booking appointments. If you have not yet registered on our system, please contact the school office for more information. Please ensure your email address is correct.

Your Details

Title: First Name: Surname:

Email: Confirm Email:

Student's Details

First Name: Surname: Date Of Birth:

Step 1: Login

Fill out the details on the page then click the *Log In* button. A confirmation of your appointments will be sent to the email address you provide.

September Parents Evening

This is to allow parents and teachers to discuss progress and will take place on 13th and 14th September. Note that on the 13th there will be sessions available both in-person and via video call.

Click a date to continue

Monday, 13th September
In-person & video call
[Open for bookings](#)

Tuesday, 14th September
In-person
[Open for bookings](#)

[I'm unable to attend](#)

Step 2: Select Parents' Evening

Click on the date you wish to book. Unable to make all of the dates listed? Click *I'm unable to attend*.

Choose Booking Mode

Select how you'd like to book your appointments using the option below, and then hit Next.

Automatic
Automatically book the best possible times based on your availability

Manual
Choose the time you would like to see each teacher

Step 3: Select Booking Mode

Choose *Automatic* if you'd like the system to suggest the shortest possible appointment schedule based on the times you're available to attend. To pick the times to book with each teacher, choose *Manual*. Then press *Next*. We recommend choosing the automatic booking mode when browsing on a mobile device.

Choose Teachers

Set the earliest and latest times you can attend, select which teachers you'd like to see, and then press the button to continue.

Choose earliest and latest times

14:00 14:30 15:00 15:30 16:00 17:00

Your availability: 14:00 - 17:00

Step 4: Select Availability

Drag the sliders at the top of the screen to indicate the earliest and latest you can attend.

Choose Teachers

If there is a teacher you do not wish to see, please untick them before you continue.

Ben Abbot

Mr J Brown
SENCO

Mrs A Wheeler
Class 11A

Step 5: Choose Teachers

Select the teachers you'd like to book appointments with. A green tick indicates they're selected. To de-select, click on their name.

Confirm Appointment Times

The following appointments have been reserved for two minutes. If you're happy with them, please choose the Accept button at the bottom.

Teacher	Student	Subject	Room
17:10 Mr J Brown	Ben	English	E6
17:25 Mrs A Wheeler	Ben	Mathematics	M2
17:45 Dr R McManus	Andrew	French	L4

Step 6: Book Appointments (Automatic)

If you chose the automatic booking mode, you'll see provisional appointments which are held for 2 minutes. To keep them, choose *Accept* at the bottom left.

If it wasn't possible to book every selected teacher during the times you are able to attend, you can either adjust the teachers you wish to meet with and try again, or switch to manual booking mode.

Teacher	Student	Subject	Room
10:30 Mr J Brown SENCO (A2)	Ben	English	E6
10:30 Miss B Patel Class 10E (H5)	Andrew	Mathematics	M2
10:30 Mrs A Wheeler Class 11A (L1)	Ben	Mathematics	M2
16:50 Mr J Brown	Ben	English	E6
16:50 Mrs A Wheeler	Ben	Mathematics	M2
17:00 Mr J Brown	Ben	English	E6
17:00 Mrs A Wheeler	Ben	Mathematics	M2

Step 7: Book Appointments

Click any of the green cells to make an appointment. Blue cells signify where you already have an appointment. Grey cells are unavailable. To change an appointment, delete the original by hovering over the blue box and clicking *Delete*. Then choose an alternate time. Once you're finished booking all appointments, at the top of the page in the alert box, press *click here* to finish the booking process.

September Parents Evening
Appointments from 14:00 to 17:00

Print Amend Bookings Subscribe to Calendar

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Teacher	Student	Subject
16:10 Mr Mark Lubbock	Jason Aaron	English
16:30 Mrs B Patel	Jason Aaron	Religious Education

September Parents Evening
2 appointments from 16:30 to 16:45

Monday, 13th September
In-person call

September Parents Evening
2 appointments from 15:00 to 15:45

Monday, 13th September
In-person

Step 8: Finished

All your bookings now appear on the *My Bookings* page. An email confirmation has been sent and you can also print appointments by pressing *Print*. Click *Subscribe to Calendar* to add these and any future bookings to your calendar.

To change your appointments, click on *Amend Bookings*.