



OTTERHAM OBSERVER

THE SECOND HALF OF THE SPRING TERM ALWAYS SEEMS TO BRING AN INCREASE IN ACTIVITY AS THE WEATHER HOPEFULLY ALLOWS FOR GETTING OUT AND ABOUT. THIS EDITION IS PACKED FULL OF MEMORIES OF THE KEY EVENTS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE DURING THE END OF FEBRUARY AND MARCH!

OTTERHAM CHOIR AT MUSIC FOR YOUTH CONCERT

Thirteen children from our primary school appeared at Truro Methodist Church on 8th March to sing in the 2019 Music For Youth Concert. Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious and Hall of Fame were the songs of choice. This year over 40,000 children in 50 different locations took part in the world's largest music festival and Otterham Primary School choir certainly didn't let themselves down—they sang beautifully! It was a pleasure to accompany children and parents to Piero's Italian restaurant afterwards for a well deserved treat.



WE HOPE YOU HAVE A LOVELY EASTER BREAK . WE SHALL BE WELCOMING CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 23RD APRIL 2019.

ANNUAL WARBSTOW RUN

More than a third of the school committed to making the effort to run the Warbstow course this year, representing the school brilliantly. Two miles for KS2 and 1 mile for KS1 may not sound far but I'm quite sure that in muddy, undulating ground it feels a lot further! Congratulations to Lucy Turner for achieving 2nd place in the KS1 race. We are extremely proud of all children who show commitment to the events we take part in so well done one and all.



LIVING LIKE A SAXON AT WILDWOOD ESCOT

Class 1 immersed themselves in history during their visit to Wildwood Escot, experiencing first hand what it would have been like to live in a Saxon village. Shaping jewellery in the forge, making pennies, bread making, foraging, milling, woodwork, dressing up and forge working kept everyone busy whilst we explored various dwellings and dodged the rain.



The maze got our legs moving as we desperately tried to navigate our way to the platform in the centre and learning about the resident wolf pack whilst watching their behaviours was certainly enthralling. A very worthwhile experience!

TESCO FOODSHARE—AS A RESULT OF OUR ONGOING PARTNERSHIP WITH TESCO FOODSHARE WE RECEIVE DONATIONS ON A MONDAY EVENING WHICH ARE THEN USED TO SUBSIDISE BREAKFAST CLUB AND PROVIDE FOR COOKERY CLUB. PRODUCE WE ARE UNABLE TO USE CAN BE FOUND ON A TUESDAY MORNING EITHER IN THE HALL OR ON THE MARKET STALL. PLEASE HELP YOURSELVES, IT IS FOR THE WHOLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY. MANY THANKS TO BECKY CULVER FOR COORDINATING THIS PROJECT AND COLLECTING THE FOOD ON A WEEKLY BASIS.

PLEASE HELP

Any donations of clean take-away cartons for Cookery Club would be much appreciated. Please hand to Becky or leave in the office with Kerry.

RED NOSE DAY

A MASSIVE £278 WAS RAISED THROUGH THE SALE OF NOSES, WEARING SOMETHING RED AND EATING COPIOUS AMOUNTS OF CAKE! WELL DONE EVERYONE AND THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE EVENT. SPECIAL THANKS TO MRS MAY FOR MAKING IT HAPPEN—YOU'RE A STAR!

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

We hope that you are always treated fairly and feel able to come into school to discuss issues. We are open to reviewing our equality policies. What does this mean? We aim, in everything we do, to treat all members of our school community fairly in all respects—gender, race, age, sexual orientation, disability and religious belief. If you feel that you are being treated less than fairly it is hoped that you feel able to discuss the matter with any member of staff here at school, or if you would prefer to discuss it with a parent governor, please do so. The parent governors here at school are Rachel Quinn, and Sarah Northcott. .

CLASS 2 GET A FEEL FOR LIVING LIKE A CAVE DWELLER DURING THE STONE AGE



Class 2 enjoyed a variety of experiences at Carnglaze Caverns whilst they explored what life would have been like to be alive during the Stone Age when many humans lived in caves. Considering where tools came from and what they would be used for, what food could be foraged locally, how to identify if animals inhabited the cave and using natural materials to produce cave paintings were just some of the activities enjoyed by the children. We also got a real feel for what it would have been like living within an environment maintained at a constant 10 degrees and just how cold the stones felt when sitting down without an animal skin for comfort!

BARRY THE BAT RESCUED, REHABILITATED AND RELEASED

The bat was spotted by eagle eyed children, clinging to the mosaic, on their arrival to school. After contacting Philip at Bat Conservation, it was arranged for Barry to be transported by Mrs Humber for a bat exchange meeting at Tesco car park in Launceston. Barry was rehabilitated by Philip for a couple of weeks before being returned via Tesco car park, for a release here in school. Philip informed us that Barry was in fact a female, Long Eared Bat.



MUSIC TRANSITION DAY AT SJS



After three sessions working with Mrs Bridle here at school, Class 1 then spent a day at SJS with other local primary schools for a day designed to help with their eventual transition to the 'Big School'. Taking part in a variety of instrumental workshops, hanging out with the 'Big People' at lunchtime and watching older children and their peers perform in the afternoon, the day certainly delivered what it set out to do.

It was also lovely to have a quick catch up with so many ex pupils who found staff members and Class 1 pupils at lunchtime.

SJS Cluster Netball Tournament

Despite not having much time to gel as a team, our netballers showed excellent determination and participation in the tournament held at SJS on Tuesday 26th March. Congratulations to Zeph and Katie who stood out during the afternoon.



Y10 PUPILS FROM BUDEHAVEN DELIVER

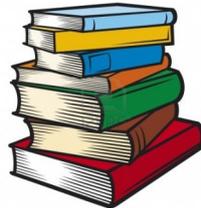
SCIENCE LESSON TO CLASS 1

Class 1 children had the benefit of a Science Outreach Programme delivered by 4 Y10 pupils from Budehaven, under the watchful eye of their teacher Mr Grieg. Dissecting owl pellets and analysing their contents was a fascinating activity, providing evidence of diet which linked beautifully with the other activity of looking at food chains and webs.



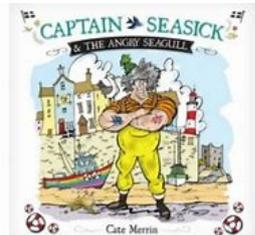
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

£285.80 WORTH OF BOOKS HAVE BEEN SOLD .
HAPPY READING OVER EASTER!



WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATIONS WITH LOCAL AUTHOR

Rather than focussing on the costumes, we decided to keep it simple this year and make it more about the book. It was a pleasure to welcome Cate Merrin, local author of the Captain Seasick Series, to Otterham to enthral the school with her telling of Captain Seasick and the Angry Seagull. Delivering humour with an environmental message, it is no surprise the book was enjoyed by all.



German Exchange Student



In connection with Callywith College, it was a pleasure to welcome Serainna, a German exchange student from near Frankfurt, to our school for a week during March.

SJS FEEDER SCHOOLS SWIMMING GALA

A squad of 16 children represented the school superbly at the Swimming Gala held at Camelford Leisure Centre on Tuesday 26th March. Demonstrating speed and technique in Front Crawl, Breast Stroke, Back Stroke and Butterfly, children from Y3 upwards swam in races for Y5 and Y6 children, holding their own in the competition. Otterham were pipped at the post for second place and certainly did them-



.OTTERHAM OUTBACKERS SHINE AT FUNDRAISING QUIZ

A special mention to our staff members who entered a team in the SJS's annual Y11 Prom Fundraising quiz held at Tintagel Brewery on Friday 29th March. Mr and Mrs Osborne, Mr and Mrs Blackburn and Miss Parker did us proud, coming 1st out of 21 teams. Well done!