



ST IVES INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER EASTER 2019



Well we are fast approaching the start of the Easter Holidays. We break up on Friday 5 April at 3.15 pm and return to school on Tuesday 23 April for the start of the Summer term.

YEAR 1 NEWS The children from Year 1 have been enjoying their visits to Steeple Woods where they have taken part in all sorts of activities and explored the woods more deeply. Thank you to parents, grandparents and carers for volunteering to help with these visits.



The children have read and compared different versions of the Little Red Riding Hood story. They wrote an apology letter from the wolf as well as planning and writing their own woodland adventure story. Work in the classroom has been combined with weekly visits to the woods. Thanks to Jo Cooper from Cubic Woods who led the den building session. The children will

have another session with Jo after Easter



The children have now completed their swimming lessons for this school year.

RECEPTION NEWS Our Reception children will start their swimming lessons after Easter. This is always a great challenge for our staff with so many children to get changed but the children soon get used to the routine!





This half term the children have really enjoyed starting their 'design and make' project. They have looked at, and taken photos of, different types of construction and identified the different shapes that they could see. They were then able to design their own construction and try to carefully select the right pieces of junk modelling to make it!



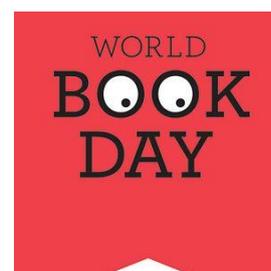
The children have also enjoyed having nature walks outside, gathering natural objects and hunting for bugs! The children designed and made their own minibeasts. On one of their walks they gathered materials to make their nature paintbrushes and the children loved using these when they made their own natural paints from spices, petals and berries! The

children also had a go at making their own playdough after smelling different herbs and plants and writing about these lovely smells. Puffin and Chough class have been learning about and exploring different days and festivals which they have celebrated together, for



example, Pancake Day, World Book Day, Holi, India (during 'Around the World Week') and Spring! They have also been celebrating all the wonderful women in our lives ahead of Mothers' Day and have been busy with more baking and crafts in the lead up to Easter.

WORLD BOOK DAY The children enjoyed celebrating World Book Day on 7 March. There were some very interesting book characters and it was lovely to see all the costumes when the children had a special assembly.





wonderful, creative stories are on display in each class if you would like to read them during open class on Thursday between 3.00 pm and 3.30 pm.

PARENT INTERVIEWS Our teaching staff have been busy last month with parent interviews. This has been well supported and it is very helpful for parents to catch up with what has been happening at school and staff to compare notes with what has been happening at home.

NURSERY This term the nursery children have been retelling the story of the Three Little Pigs and have drawn pictures of the different characters. They have also read and retold the story of 'Handa's Surprise'. They tried some of the exotic fruits and made their own fruit kebabs.



YEAR 2 The Year 2 children have loved exploring Forces and Magical Magnets this term. They carried out investigations to explore friction while testing out cars moving down slopes. They tested different materials to find out which attract or repel a magnet. In English the children have loved listening to the story of 'Augustus and his Smile', and writing their own versions. Their

The children have also been making their own pizzas and cooking them in the nursery oven, they were very tasty!



The conservatory has been turned into a Kenyan reserve and the children have been role playing

safari adventures. The weather has been gorgeous and so the children have spent lots of time outside watching the beautiful blossom tree changing day by day.

CAR PARKING As mentioned previously Cornwall Council is installing a new barrier system at Trenwith Car Park. It will be possible to park free for half an hour in the car park which will operate a ticket system. This will mean that our parking permits will no longer be required. We would like to remind everyone that the Infant and Junior School car parks are unavailable to parents to park in at the start and end of the school day. The governors made a decision some time ago that it was becoming too dangerous to allow the parking to continue. The middle area of parking between the barriers at St Ives Infant School is available for blue badge holders to park in and staff only. This is being abused by other users driving in when the barrier is lifted for a blue badge holder.

SAME EARTH Ms Tamsyn Williams is working with children, parents and carers from Cormorant and Sandpiper Class on a family learning gardening project. They have been busy clearing flower and vegetable beds and sowing seeds and planting. Thank you for all the fantastic support. At the end of the summer term vegetables and fruits are harvested and cooked for the children to eat. Any excess is sold at our Summer Fair.



MOBILE ZERO WASTE SHOP We have been contacted by Gemma and Jack of the Incredible Bulk Zero Waste shop and asked to let you know when they are in St

Ives. They sell loose dried foods and home cleaning products and customers bring their own reusable containers to fill.

They have recently started coming to St Ives selling from their van in the Brewhouse car park. They are there on the first Friday of the month from 2.30 pm until 4.00 pm and on the third Thursday of the month from 4.30 pm until 6.30 pm.

EASTER BROWNIE BITES



Ingredients

175 g butter, chopped
150 g dark chocolate
250 g light brown sugar
85 g self-raising flour
50 g cocoa powder
3 large eggs, beaten
100 g milk chocolate chips
24 mini chocolate eggs, plus extra to decorate

METHOD

1. Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Line 24 holes of a mini muffin tray with paper cases. Put the butter, dark chocolate and sugar in a pan and heat it very gently,

stirring all the time until the butter and chocolate have melted. Remove from the heat and leave to cool for a few minutes.

2. Meanwhile, sift the flour, cocoa and a good pinch of salt into a large bowl. Stir in the warm, melted chocolate mixture and the beaten eggs, then add half the chocolate chips and mix until just combined.
3. Divide the mixture between the cases and place a mini egg into the middle of each muffin, pushing down gently. Bake for 12 – 15 mins until cooked but still gooey in the centre – they will continue cooking a little as they cool down. Leave to cool for 10 mins in the tin before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.
4. Melt the rest of the chocolate chips in short bursts in the microwave, or in a bowl set over a pan of simmering water, stirring frequently. Leave to cool until it is quite thick, then dot a small amount on each cake and stick on some more mini eggs.

AROUND THE WORLD WEEK



INDIA Choughs and Puffins really enjoyed learning all about India last week. They found India on the map and looked at some of their lovely clothes and patterns! The children had a go at using bright and metallic colours to make their own Indian patterns on some fabric. They also drew around their hands to design henna patterns and made patterns in the playdough. On Tuesday they listened to some Indian music. They talked about the sounds they heard and noticed which instruments they liked. This was followed by the children using instruments to have a go at making some of these sounds. The children loved using junk modelling to create some of their own Indian instruments! On Wednesday the children watched some clips of Indian dancing. They all learnt some dance moves and had

a go at these themselves to some Indian music. On Thursday the classes learnt about the smells and tastes of Indian food. They talked about their own experiences of this food and made an Indian rice pudding called Kheer. They ate this together and it was really yummy! On Friday they shared all of the lovely things they had learnt about India in the 'Around the World' assembly with the rest of the school.



CHINA William in Sandpiper class was born in China and so the class decided to find out more about it. They are writing a non chronological report on China focussing on:

- Where is it?
- What is the climate like?
- What type of people live there?

- What type of animals are found there?

The children have explored writing numbers in Mandarin using paints as well as role playing the story of the Chinese New Year.



KENYA The Nursery children have been learning how to say hello in Swahili – Jambo! They have looked at animals you would find in Kenya and have learnt a song about elephants. The animals were hidden in the garden so that the children could go on their own safari. They have been getting creative by making their own Maasai tribe necklaces. The Maasai have different meanings for each colour they use which we have found really interesting. In a group time we watched a video of the Maasai tribe jumping competition and had a go ourselves!

ITALY Heron class have been learning about Italy. The children have made their own passports and found Italy on the map. Their learning has taken them to Rome and Venice. They made gladiator shields and became Michelangelo by painting under the tables to recreate the Sistine Chapel! The children have made Venetian masks and gondolas which they tested to see if they would float. They have also

been learning how to count to 10 in Italian.



AMAZON – BRAZIL Kittiwake class have looked at Brazil on a map and seen how large the Amazon rainforest is. The children have been learning interesting facts about the rainforest including which animals live there and the size of the rainforest compared to our local woods. They have made rain sticks and rainforests in a jar.



MEXICO Cormorant Class have been learning about Mexico. They made their own sombrero hats, pinatas and marracas. The children learnt about and made their own Mexican flags and found out about the Circo de Mayo

which is a very important Mexican festival held in May with many parades and celebrations.



SHILTON SOCCER Mike Shilton has organised some Soccer Camps at Hayle Football Club on Wednesday 10th and Wednesday 17th April for children between the ages of 4 and 13 years of age. These cost £10 per day and are from 9.45 am until 2.00 pm. To book please phone 07969897857 or 01736 755925 or email shiltonsoccer@btinternet.com

ALL STARS CRICKET St Ives Cricket Club are running a summer cricket club for our age children from 4.30 pm until 5.30 pm on Thursdays between June 6th and July 25th. You can register your child at allstarscricket.co.uk



LITTLE EXPLORERS The Heart of the Woods organisation will be holding a Little Explorer enchanted woodland adventure for children aged between 2 and 7 years of age on 10 April from 9.30 am – 11.30 am. Discover the magic in the enchanted woods, follow the path and search for the little people and their friends hiding in the woods. Will you find unicorns, dragons, elves or nymphs? Share a drink and campfire snack. To book visit www.heartofthewoods.org

There will also be a Teddy Bears' Picnic on 17 April from 10.00 am until 1.00 pm at a cost of £8.50 per child, don't forget to bring your Teddy and a picnic. Booking is essential for both of these days.



BEAVERS Are you aged between 5¾ and 8 years of age and looking for fun and adventure? 1st St Ives Beavers are currently recruiting for new members, boys and girls are both welcome! We meet at St Ives Scout Hut (on Ayr Field) every Wednesday evening from 6.30 pm until 7.45 pm (term time only). If you would like to join us for loads of fun, games, badge work and much more please contact Joanne Bassett at 1ststivesscouts@gmail.com or Laura Davis at lauradavis2011@hotmail.com or pop along and see us.



TENNIS St Ives Tennis Club will be running the Tennis for Kids programme this year. The first course begins on Saturday 18 May and there are only 10 places available. For more information go to <http://tennisforkids.uk/StIvesTennisClub>

SCOTT SPORTS Scott Goodchild has organised football fun days on Tuesday 9 April and Thursday 11 April at Lelant Saltings and Thursday 18 April at Ludgvan Lions from 11.00 am until 3.00 pm. Registration from 10.30 am. Cost is £10 per child and is for 5 – 14 year olds. Bring football kit, boots, packed lunch and plenty of drinks. To book contact Scott on 07763171524.

