

We have made it to the half-way point in the school year and what a year it has been so far!

This week has seen our celebration assembly take place in its first Wednesday slot, Year 5 and 6 take part in a World War II topic day and the arrival on some new play equipment. We have started to make plans to bring our forest schools area back to it's former glory and hope to share that with you soon. Our Year 5 children have also had their first ukelele lesson!

#### Get Reading!

In partnership with Andrea from Usborne books, we have set a **read-a-thon for half term** to get the children reading and motivate them over the break. Each child will return home with an envelope; inside there is a sponsor form and reading record sheet. Every child taking part will earn a certificate and there will be a winning read from each class with a special reward! Any money raised from the sponsorship will be used to buy books from a long list compiled by the children!

#### Safety

We have had a few reports from the community about our children's safety on bikes and riding out from a pavement straight into the road. This has resulted in two near-misses this week alone. Our Year 5 and 6 children have completed Bikeability so we have reminded them of the road safety rules. The half term is also a great opportunity to get out in the fresh air and practice road safety together.

#### Uniform

A polite reminder that the children should only be wearing PE kits on their PE days. The other days, they should be in their full school uniform including black school shoes. Thank you.

### Parents Evening

Meetings will take place on Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th March. We will share a google form booking link during the week of 20th February to give you time to book in.

We hope you have a wonderful half term and manage to spend some time together. Best wishes, Mrs Read

### Attendance

	Pebbles	Shells	Starfish	Footprints	Waves	Surfers	All
This week	96%	92%	84%	93%	87%	97%	92%
This term	91%	93%	95%	94%	93%	93%	93%

Attendance letters have been sent out today to all families. These will show you your child's attendance rate so far this academic year. We are not able to grant requests

for absence for anything other than exceptional circumstances and we do have to take attendance rates into account in this process.

Ultimately, we know that absence not only affects academic learning but also has a big impact on friendships and can lead to them feeling more isolated. Setting good attendance early on also helps children in their adult life as it can help them to secure and keep a job.



## Playtime Fun!

This week saw the arrival of some giant Lego and key stage two have been enjoying working as a team on construction designs.

### Community News



In assembly this week, Glyn and Toby shared all about Sea Cadets that has been running at Culdrose Sports Pavillion. It is open to all children from 9—12 years old and runs on a Tuesday night from 6.30—8pm.

Falmouthpenryn.seacadets@gmail.com https://www.sea-cadets.org/falmouth

### School Council News

This week, we've got lots of news! I.) We have had to update our progress board as we have finished two of our projects: ordering Usborne books and writing letters to local businesses. 2.) We are starting to create our School Council HQ! from Glyn Marsh-Jones

## Pupil News

On Thursday, Year 5 and 6 took part in a world War II experience day to explore aspects of their history learning. They cooked carrot cookies (a rationing recipe), looked at artefacts from the War and also made Anderson shelters. This sort of experience is in no way about glorifying war but about empathising with the life experiences of those who lived through a time period that led to us having the liberties we enjoy today. So much of learning in History is about learning from the mistakes of the past so we don't continue to make them in the future. We related these to our identify as British citizens and the British Values we share.

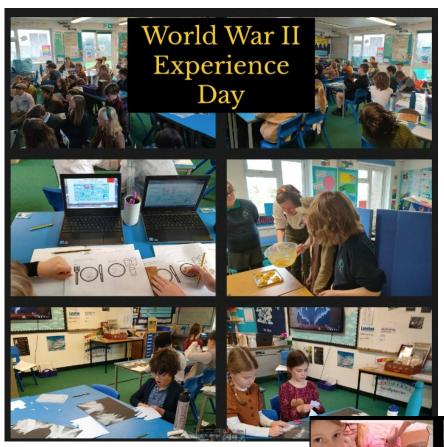




## Pupil News

A message from the children:

On our experience day, we had the opportunity to take part in different activities that immersed us into the life of a WWII child. We also had the opportunity to apply all of our learning about the Second World War from throughout the half term.





# Community Support



# Diary Dates

Monday 13th to Friday 17th Half Term

Tuesday 21st February Year 2 Swimming

Tuesday 28th February Year 2 Swimming

Tuesday 28th February KS2 Cross Country—Peninsula Qualifier, Mullion

Thursday 2nd March NEU Teacher Strike

Monday 6th March Year 3/4 Football League Match at Helston

Tuesday 7th March Year 2 Swimming

Tuesday 7th March Year 4/5/6 Netball High 5 League at Mullion School

Saturday 11th March Coose Trannack Cross Country Race

Tuesday 14th March Year 2 Swimming

Tuesday 14th March Year 4/5/6 Netball High 5 League at Mullion School

Wednesday 15th March NEU Teacher Strike

Thursday 16th March NEU Teacher Strike

Monday 20th March KS2 Cross Country—Peninsula Final, Helston

Tuesday 21st March Final Year 2 Swimming

Tuesday 21st March Year 4/5/6 Netball High 5 League at Mullion School

Wednesday 22nd March Grandparents Lunch

Friday 31st March Last Day of Term—Easter Holidays

Monday 17th April Return to School for Summer Term