



VE Day

I hope you were able to celebrate this historic occasion in some appropriate manner. I know through google classroom, many children had the opportunity to find out more about the importance of the day and how it was celebrated.

Some of the work submitted is published today.

Google Classroom

We are so pleased with the engagement and interaction of children through this platform. Even if your child is completing other activities, please get them to log on and interact with peers and teachers in their class based room. If you have any difficulties, please speak to Izzy through the homelearning@sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk email address. We can still loan chrome books should this become an issue. Izzy has sorted out the accelerated reader glitch and this can now be accessed on the chrome books you have borrowed. If you come across any restrictions that prevent your child accessing things, do let us know.

So what next...

In light of the announcement made last night, we will be holding discussions and will make sure that we are in a position to inform you how we plan to open the school to reception, year one and year six in our newsletter next week.

Online Safety

Please frequently check your parental settings and remind children daily of internet safety, not only for the children but for parents too.

<https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/News/NewsArticle.aspx?id=57053af8-a722-47ca-8299-eb311d48a740>

Building and future preparation updates

- We know that things will be very different in school for quite some time and handwashing will remain important.
- We will be having a hand washing trough with four taps installed on the slope next week, which will be a useful addition in the future as well.
- We are also having a camera installed, so the area outside the outside toilets can be seen and monitored.
- We are beginning to think of adjustments that will be made to ensure our pupils and staff are safe when a return to school is possible.
- At present we are working out a one way system to ensure the corridors are not congested.
- We will also be using our meet and greet approach to reduce foot fall and will be working out how a staggered end-time could help this happen at the end of the normal school day.
- We are looking at available school spaces for teaching and how distancing can be better practised.
- We are fortunate to have amazing grounds with additional outside teaching spaces and these will be utilised as much as possible.
- We have purchased more chrome books so that the good learning that has been developed off site, can continue in school on return.

How we are supporting children at SRG

It was only when I reflected on what we were doing to reach out to our children during this difficult time, that I realised the wide range of things that have started and seem to be appreciated. All children are unique and family situations can also vary greatly. Some children will need more support than others, but we hope you are getting everything you need. If there is anything else we can do please let us know and we will try to make it happen.

At present:

- 1) School is open for children of key workers and vulnerable children who may need specific support for a range of reasons. Staff are on a rota and support the learning that has been set on google classroom. Children in school are taking responsibility for the growing areas and the animals on the farm. During this time some one to one work can also be done to support mental well being if needed. Children from St Mellion and St Dominic are on our site with their staff and this is also going well. Social distancing is taught and hand washing a frequent occurrence.
- 2) Teachers plan a weekly timetable based on the learning that would have been delivered at school. This is all uploaded onto google classroom. They prepare a variety of work including preparing their own videos and audio presentations. Sometimes they signpost to one of the other platforms we use, such as purple mash and education city etc. Work submitted during the day can be commented upon and the use of private message comments to reflect self reflection is encouraged. Teaching assistants and our student teachers are also interacting and encouraging the children through challenges and feedback. The class teams keep in regular contact.
- 3) Children are being encouraged to do an independent project developing an area of interest to them.
- 4) We receive packed lunches into school each day and deliver where there may be a need in all three school communities. If you would appreciate receiving some, please let me know. It is a difficult time for all and we would not want anybody to go without when we have the capacity to help.
- 5) Chrome books and school resources have been lent out to meet children's learning needs while off site. Additional books have been collected or delivered when requested, or the need being highlighted.
- 6) Resource packs to meet individual needs have been put together and distributed - we have more paper based activities for anybody who needs them. Please discuss with the class teacher.
- 7) Teachers ring children each week and speak to parents and the child, so that any queries can be answered or concerns shared as well as learning celebrated
- 8) Any child who received THRIVE/TIS gets additional contact from Susan Green or Nic Jones. Zoom meetings have just begun to support this. At other times they communicate through letters or phone calls as well.
- 9) Children on the SEN register are also monitored by Nic Jones and she makes additional contact with them as appropriate.
- 10) We liaise with outside agencies and sign post families experiencing difficulties to services that are currently available, and give any support we can as well.
- 11) All actions are recorded so we can coordinate any approach and make sure that children get the support that is needed. However please make us aware of changes in your circumstances or problems as they arise, because unless you do we cannot help. We want to make a difference and so do let us know if we can help.
- 12) Staff are undertaking a variety of courses that will help them when we do return, many are related to safeguarding, health and safety and mental health.
- 13) We are trying to make sure lines of communication are kept open through our weekly newsletter, which now includes awards to celebrate and recognise learning, updates on the website and interactions on google classroom. All emails are responded to and all email addresses are available on the school closure tab but we will also re-list on this newsletter as a reminder.
- 14) We are making sure we sign post everyone to the latest guidance and new resources as they become available.
- 15) We are trying to think ahead so that whenever we do return, we have made sure that our building and systems are ready to make it work for our community,

Having read the above, if we can help you further now you have a better knowledge and insight in work behind the scenes, please contact us.

AWARDS

Reception

Monty B	Keeping fit and healthy
Holly F	Inventive learning
Evelyn G	Nature detective
Oscar L	Learning new skills
Bethany N	Maths superstar
Imogen P	Spelling Bee

Year 1

Max B	Learner of the week
Edmund F	Commitment and Perseverance
Ethan J	Inventive learning
Tilly K	Super engagement
William S	Be the best you can
Mawgan T	Mathletics

Year 2

Kensa A	Embracing learning challenges
Bonnie B	Excellence in writing and presentation
Monty F	Fantastic sensory learning
Archie H	Summer project creativity
Rafferty J	Amazing vocabulary and descriptive skills in story writing
Millie S	Super learning motivation
Poppy T	Super learning motivation

Year 3

Aaron B	Science
Penny B	Role model to others
William B	Spelling
Ben C	Superb focus on reading
Ruby C	Project work
Rebecca J	Enthusiasm
Ryan J	Growth Mindset
Seren W	Fantastic Maths

Year 4

Ewan G	Improved engagement with home learning
JJ H	Thoughtful responses to his 'all about me' work and a fab lockdown poem
Nathaniel K	Fantastic effort on Mathletics
Gracie O	Brilliant 'all about me' piece of writing
Erin R	Fantastic home learning all week
Mia S	Brilliant 'all about me' piece of writing
Isla SH	Super science
Bea T	Phenomenal effort on Mathletics and Spellodrome
Seb Y	Working hard all week and completing work to a high standard

Year 5

Isaac H	Great work in Humanities
Jasper K	Well planned written work
Joseph O	Great practical work
Eddie T	Constant work on google classroom

Year 6

Hazel B	Poetry
George G	History - for his VE day broadcast
Alfie G	Poetry
Charlie G	Poetry
Mackenzie P	Effort
Tom R	Amazing drugs information
Seren W	Reading

VE Day Poems

Year 6 have been working on Google Classroom to create some haikus with multiple verses. The lines follow the same 5/7/5 syllable pattern. Some amazing pieces were produced using some material from the history lesson. Here's a small taster!

My Victory in Europe Haiku - by Seren

Dancing in circles
Singing songs of joyous praise
Together once more

Bonfires glow red
Fireworks spread colours wide
Reds, greens, blues, yellows

Tables with food on
Children stealing sweets and treats
But rations go on...

Sadness still spreads
Families have lost loved ones
It won't be the same

People quiet down
Prime minister gives his speech
Cheers spread

V.E. Day - by Alice P

Orange finds the night,
Crackling, crackling, so they do,
Heard not over cheers.

Atmosphere, happy,
Hands are shook vigorously,
Bangs of fireworks.

Celebrate, we do,
After months of fighting strong,
On this special day.

VE Day - by Charlie G

Bunting flying high.
People laughing in the street
Music playing loud

Rejoicing, dancing
Winston Churchill victory
Celebration, joy

Cheering, singing, hope.
Jubilation bonfires burn.
Victorious day

VE Day - by Mackenzie P

May day, May the eighth
Freedom finally here
Bonfires blazing

Walking from my door
A day awaited upon
Feasts at the ready

A breath of fresh air
To all who were locked away
For a long six years

Public gatherings
But don't forget the bravest
Those who risked themselves

Clear skies around
The wonderful sight of spring
Six years forgotten

A day to cherish
For the rest of my life time
And all times to come

VE Day Haiku - by Ollie C

War is over now
Celebrate the special day
Go out and party

Make a scrumptious cake
The Germans have surrendered
Put up the bunting

Parties will be held
Singing, dancing, playing games
People now can laugh

Peace has come at last
Fear is a thing of the past
What a special day!

Light the bonfires
Fireworks fill the night sky
No more black outs here

Travel to London
Cheer for the king as he waves
Let's all celebrate

Streets filled, voices heard
Parties all over England
VE Day is here

VE Day - by Ed P

Victory is ours!
Flames are dancing merrily
Licking the night sky

Flags wave joyously
Billowing in the soft breeze
Voices raised, shouting

As their souls rejoice,
People dancing everywhere
Streets are filled with joy

Freedom! They thunder
Hands are shook, laughter bellows
Thunderstorms of life

Huge celebrations
We have on the eighth of May
It's called VE Day

Accelerated Reader

1 - 7 May 2020

Hello all, Cat here again.

I have been spending some time looking through all your AR quizzes and I have spotted some great quiz results, so well done to everyone who has been able to quiz so far. If you haven't been able to quiz yet, don't worry, books will always be there with a story or interesting fact whenever you have the time to turn the pages.

*** This week's book suggestion is... can you read a book containing an adventure? ***

This week I would like to give A.R. Reading recognition to;

Gracie N, Charlie O'K, Harris S, Joshua P, Libby P, Alfie B, Axel B, Oliver S, Ruby W and George G.

Word Count whole class results: Year to Date

1st	Year 6	28,882,247
2nd	Year 5	16,904,904
3rd	Year 4	15,780,671
4th	Year 3	9,796,377
5th	Year 2	1,902,729

Whole School word count this year to date:

Total Words: 73,804,834

Books Read: 8,071

Enjoy your reading adventures wherever they may take you, Cat.

Sunflower update

The sunflowers now have bean canes to help they grow tall and straight. They are continuing to grow very well!



This is a blessing from the churches together and is lovely

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=share&v=PUtll3mNj5U&fbclid=IwAR1OUBPeSFKwgLe0XEqrGNCCc1qaz1A1afrh1KwiYVqrf2Nu1IZMEmNcPaYQ>

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