

Where we 'live life in its fullness' (John 10.10) Knowing that God is our Strength and with His help we will be the best we can

# Newsletter No. 875

# 9th June 2023

### **Next Week:**

Clubs		Trip Consents		
Clubs finish on Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July		When you receive an email regarding a school trip, please give consent via the link to the google form. We are spending a lot of time chasing parents for consent for various things.		
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>
•	•	<ul> <li>Early bird class</li> <li>visits 8.40 - 9am</li> <li>Farm Committee</li> <li>Mtg 2pm</li> </ul>	Yr 6: class assembly 9am	<ul><li>Early bird class visits 8.40 – 9am</li><li>Bowling</li></ul>

### Attendance

Congratulations to **Year 6** who had the highest attendance (22-26 May). Mr O'Hara will be visiting to put some marbles in your jar!

### **Menu Changes**

On Week 3 of the menu, option 2 has changed on the Wednesday and Thursday of that week. Wk 3 Wednesday option 2: Chickpea Curry Wk 3 Thursday option 2: Macaroni Cheese

### **Summer Months**

A reminder that with this beautiful sunny weather comes the need for hats and/or sun cream for protection particularly at lunchtime and events like sports days or educational visits; a refillable water bottle for good hydration.

It has also been helpfully suggested that at this time of year, with insects such as tics prevalent in long grasses and hedgerows, to keep a close eye on arms and legs on your children. Websites such as the NHS have helpful advice for treatment of stings, bites and safe removal of tics.

### Sports Day – Wednesday 21st June

The traditional sports will start at 1.15pm - all are welcome to watch and the playground will be open at 12.50pm for parking.

We ask you to remember that the children need to stay with their house teams and that younger children who are not in school are carefully supervised and do not wander onto the track.

## **Summer Reading Challenge**

This year's theme for the Summer Reading
Challenge is Ready, Set Read!
and launches on Saturday 8th
July.

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## **OmeTV – Parent/Carer Guide**

OmeTV is an emerging social networking app for 18+ that aims to let its users connect, ideally forming new friendships or simply getting to meet interesting people from all around the world.

It's not particularly new technology, but it's remained popular amongst younger audiences. OmeTV uses video chats to randomly connect its users, much like its better-known sister app, Omegle.

Unfortunately, OmeTV still carries the same risks as its competitors. With so many users being so lightly regulated, there's real potential for some unpleasant characters to make use of the app.

This #WakeUpWednesday guide dives into <a>OmeTV</a>, highlighting the risks and giving advice.

### **Early Bird Sessions**

The class assemblies have been a great success, with children and parents enjoying the opportunity to share snippets of their learning so far this year.

A reminder that next week's 'Early Bird' sessions are a chance to pop in to the classroom and enjoy seeing more of your child's work and the learning environment.

### Friends of SRG

Summer Fair – Friday 30th June – 2.30 – 5pm

## Donations gratefully received

We would be very grateful for any 'summer' themed donations for our tombola stall. Any new/unopened items such as bubble wands, beach or garden games, swimming items, toys, a packet of sweets, a book – anything that you think would keep a child entertained during the summer holidays!

Your support is very much appreciated.

## Links to Hillside School, Uganda

Children have been enjoying teaching each other how to play Mancala, a board game from Uganda, during lunch breaks. The oversize wooden boards were kindly made by Oscar's (Yr 3) grandad and donated to school.



This has helped the children think about our twin school of Hillside in Uganda, for whom we had the cake sale on Tuesday.

Thank you again to all parents and children for the donation of cakes and money raised that will go to support the Hillside school with purchasing key educational resources like books, pencils and paper.

The school also supports some of their families with food and other necessities.

The International Schools SRG link to Hillside is a fantastic opportunity for our children to think of themselves as Global citizens and we are currently exploring how we can further maximise this special friendship ... watch this space!



#### **Awards**

Awards	
Be the Best I Can Be	James S
Dinner Hall	Elodie C
Effort	Pearl H
Excellence	Ruan H
Farm	Rebecca J
Growth Mindset	Gracie N
	Ethan B
Helpfulness	Flynn E
Maths	Tula E
Perseverance	Reggie C
Phonics	Levison C
Positive Attitude	Zenna P
	Seb H
Progress	Ted G
Quality of Writing	Melody W
	Emilia P
Reading	Austin M-L
Responsibility	Charlie O
Special Award	Freddie M
Thinking	Freddie T
Writer of the Week	Ember H
Singing	Katie P
Piano	Hector M

## The Importance and Value of Daily Reading

Hearing your child read for 5 to 10 minutes each evening, asking them a few questions and taking an interest in their reading, can really make a HUGE difference to their confidence, progress and enjoyment over time. We appreciate how busy modern life can be, but also know how doing this with your child can have such a big impact on their progress in school and also their long-term life chances. Please click on the picture below for a link to follow to the reading part of our website for more information.

Thank you for your support.

At Sir Robert Geffery's we recognise the importance of Reading for success at school and in later life. We work hard to support children's learning of reading in a wide variety of ways and at the same time develop each child's love of reading.

The following documents outline our approach. Please do get in touch if you have any questions.



https://www.sir-robertgefferys.cornwall.sch.uk/our-curriculum/theimportance-of-reading/

## **Sports News**

## Penalty heart-break for both SRG hockey teams

Yesterday we took two teams to Marjon's hockey tournament in Plymouth. Our teams; 'The Dragons' and 'The Salamanders' played in two separate groups. In truth, The Salamanders were placed in a very tough group. They lost their opening group game 2:0 and followed this up with a 0:0 game and then two narrow 2:0 defeats before a comfortable 3-0 win against one of the Horrabridge teams. Our final two group games resulted in a 4:0 defeat and a credible 0:0 draw against a strong team from South Brent. Goal scorers were Bodhi 2 and Oliver 1. The Salamanders finished their group games in 5th place in their group.

The Dragons came out of the blocks in their group games chalking up 5 consecutive wins without conceding a goal winning 7:0, 5:0, 2:0, 4:0 and 4:0. Their final two group games were against tough opponents and both ended in 1:1 draws; including William scoring a final second equaliser in our last group game to maintain their unbeaten run through their group games. Goal scorers were; Dougie 1, Arthur 7, Olivia 6, William 6, Aaron 1, Bodhi 2 and Ruby 1. They completed their group games, finishing in second place in their group.

The afternoon games were in a knock-out format with the Salamanders going through to play in the plate competition. They found their feet and their shooting boots recording a magnificent 6:0 win with goals from Ava 1, Oliver 2 and Ethan 3. They progressed into the quarter finals where they were matched against Bickleigh Down.

Despite completely dominating the game, they couldn't get past a dogged defence and the game ended 0:0 and went to penalties. Unfortunately, the pressure got to us and we failed to hit the target with any of our three penalties, losing 1:0 on penalties.

The Dragons, thanks to their excellent morning results, had qualified for the cup competition and gone straight through to the quarter finals too. They were matched with Holy Cross school who had one incredibly skilful player who singlehandedly put his team 2:0 up within the first 5 minutes of the game. With time running out, we finally started to assert ourselves on our opponents and were handed a lifeline in the final minute of the game when William scored to make it 1:2. With our tails up Bodhi fed Dougie who scored an incredible equaliser with what must have been the last touch of the game to force the game into a penalty shoot-out. History repeated itself and we failed to score either of our first two penalties meaning we'd been beaten 2:0 in the penalty shoot-out and our tournament was over.

I'd like to thank Mr Yeoman and Maddie who supported the teams so well during the day and Miss Palmer who joined us for the afternoon. But most importantly the children who were an absolute credit to our school and a joy to be around. The teams consisted of; Ava J, Merryn H, Gracie N, Pippa I, Penny B, Ruby C, Olivia B, Alice G, Katy B, William B, Arthur B, Dougie B, Aaron B, Oliver M, Bodhi W, Ethan F & Ashton B.

### Free events at Saltash Library

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June Cornwall Beekeepers
Association – presentation and craft activities
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June Animal Encounters
Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July Toy Swap

### Speech Day – Save the Date

More info will follow later, but parents can arrive from 8.40am for an approximate 9am start

## Atlantic Challenge - Team GB

One of our former pupils, Rachael Stanton, has been given the opportunity to be part of the GB crew for the Atlantic Challenge, to be held in America in July 2024.

For more information or if you'd like to donate to her fundraising appeal, follow this link: https://gofund.me/d78dc1c0

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY			
Fri 16 Jun	8.40-9am Earlybird visit NEW		
Mon 19 Jun	Yr 2: Cricket		
Tue 20 Jun	Yr R: Class assembly 9am NEW		
Wed 21 Jun	Sports Day		
Thu 22 Jun	Yr 5: Cricket		
	Yr 6: Duchy College		
26-30Jun	Yr 6: Enterprise week		
	Booster swimming lessons		
Wed 28 Jun	5.15pm Summer Concert		
	Yr 6: Girls Cricket		
Fri 30 Jun	Friends – Summer Fair 2.30pm		
Tue 4 Jul	Cake Sale		
	Yr 6: Boys Cricket		
Tue 11 Jul	Yr 4: Playhouse		
Fri 14 Jul	Speech Day		
Fri 21 Jul	Pre-School - 4.30pm close		
Mon 24 Jul	Inset Day		
Tue 25 Jul	Inset Day		
Wed 26 Jul	Summer Holidays		