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St Stephens Community Academy Fortnightly Family Newsletter

"Together towards a bright, positive and successful future"



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Yet again St Stephens has had a busy, eventful and productive two weeks. Every Monday during our early morning briefing we meet as a teaching team to discuss the forthcoming week and every Monday I'm excited thinking about everything we have planned. A huge thank you to all the staff for organising and managing the amazing opportunities planned and learning learnt!

Since our last newsletter the Year 6 pupils have had a fabulous residential at Camp Kernow with lots of amazing experiences and several fears overcome. See the section in this newsletter and our website to learn more. Teams of children across the school have represented us in cricket and football tournaments and the weather was kind to us on both the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Sports afternoons. A huge thank you to everyone who came to support the events and to the parents who took part in the chain tag race. Mr Bullock is still wearing his 1st sticker from the teacher's race with pride and reminding his class every day!!!

We have welcomed in a team of scientists for a whole school show and Year 5 workshop to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing and the Widows Sons Motorbike Association roared up on their motorbikes to our Area Resource Base. A huge thanks to them as they have so generously raised funds for our pupils in Class 7.

As if this wasn't enough our wonderful PTFA also planned and ran a hugely successful Summer Fayre. Further details below.

Looking ahead the calendar looks full with beach trip days and a football tournament for the year 3 and 4 pupils, Spanish days at Launceston College for the Year 6 pupils, a Key Stage 1 football match against St Catherine's Academy to name but a few things. Also a little reminder for all our current Year 5 pupils. If any of them would like to put themselves forward to be a House Team Captain for 2019-2020 they need to start planning their manifesto. Candidates will present their manifesto on Monday 8th July in the whole school assembly...so get them to practice in front of different family members and friends so they can confidently put their views across as to why the children should vote for them.

Thank you for all your continued support.

Maura Furber

Attendance

W/e 21st June 2019

CLASS F	94.7%
CLASS 1	96.1%
CLASS 2	93.8%
CLASS 3	98.6%
CLASS 4	92.8%
CLASS 5	96.7%
CLASS 6	99.2%
CLASS 7	100%

School Improvement

As a whole school, staff, governors and pupils we have been reviewing our 'school vision'. We have considered the aspirations we as a school strive to achieve and the qualities and values we prioritise as a team of learners. After much deliberation and discussions we have agreed on the following Vision Statement:

St Stephens Community Academy:

Embracing Learning; Inspiring Ambition; Celebrating Individuality.

We would love YOUR feedback.

This new Vision will replace our current one from September 2019.



**Year 6 Transition Days to Launceston College :
16th and 17th July**





Eco Club Competition

Thank you so much for all your amazing entries-what creative eco stars we have . After much consideration the judges chose the following children:

1st:Ronnie (Bird feeders)

2nd: Leo (Crazy golf game)

3rd: Szymon (Beach landscape)

Well done to everyone-all entries can be viewed in our school Reception area.



KS1 Football Tournament

A big well done to some of our Year 2 children who competed in the KS1 football festival held by Plymouth Argyle Community Trust.



Motorbike Association Donation

A huge thank you to Widows Sons Motorbike Association (WSMA), who turned up today in style, to present a cheque for the amazing sum of £1000.00 to Class 7 our Area Resource Base at St Stephens Academy in Launceston. This money will enable us to purchase resources to support the physical, sensory and social development of our pupils. Mrs Walsh the class teacher is seen here receiving the cheque from Richard and Sue Hallett, Richard Sampson, Keith Harrell and Sheila Hammick. What an amazing community we belong to – thank you WSMA your donation means so much to us here at St Stephens.



Summer Fayre

On Saturday 22nd June our wonderful **PTFA** ran a fabulously successful Summer Fayre to raise funds for enrichment activities and resources for all our pupils at St Stephens Academy. The hard work and effort that has gone into this event ,not only on the day but for many months beforehand, does not go unnoticed and so from us all at St Stephens a **HUGE THANK YOU.**

The Fayre was opened by our Town Mayor accompanied by our school

Samba band. There were a wealth of food and craft stalls, a BBQ and many activities including an inflatable football pitch from Plymouth Argyle, bouncy castle, the local police and police cadets and a raffle with generous prizes donated by the local community. All afternoon in the sunshine we had a 'Performance Stage' where many children showcased their amazing talents from poems they had written to dance and song routines. St Stephens really does have talent! A huge thank you must also go to one of our parents; Mr Steve Dodds, who took to the

stage and had us all singing along with his fabulous Elvis tribute set. Thanks also to all of you who came along and supported this event -we couldn't do it without you. The final total raised was an amazing **£1409.72** Wow what amazing opportunities the PTFA can now support in our school.



Royal Shakespeare Schools project : Romeo and Juliet

The hours of rehearsing and practising all paid off when pupils from St Stephens took part in a magical performance of Romeo and Juliet. This was held at Launceston Castle, alongside pupils from other Launceston primaries as well as

Launceston College. Some truly inspirational performances and a huge well done to everyone that took part.



SPORTS DAY

The sun shone, the pupils stamina, physical determination and co-operation were well and truly on display. From the relay races to the 200 metre and the chain tag to the egg and spoon race the children worked hard and had a wonderful sporting afternoon. Personal bests were celebrated alongside team competitive races.



Well done to Roundhouse for being the overall winners for our KS1 and KS2 Sports Days and a huge thank you to all the staff for organising and managing two excellent afternoons to showcase our amazing children.

SCIENCE WEEK

Last week we had the most amazing visit from Coppice Theatre with their Science Adventures performance and workshop. This was a celebration of our science week linked to the 50th Anniversary of the First Moon Landing.

In their top secret lab, the scientists have created the Ultimate Book of Science Stories! They searched for the fizziest, flashiest, most marvellous science adventures, using experiments to make sure only the top tales make it into the Ultimate Book!

Using specially designed interactive technology, storytelling, puppets and music, this band of mad scientists created a delightful show for all our children from Foundation to Year 6.



Year 6 Residential

What a fabulous time Year 6 had at Camp Kernow last week. This is an award winning organisation with an

innovative off-grid environmental adventure centre dedicated to reconnecting and engaging children from across the world with the natural environment and inspiring them to live more sustainably. They enjoyed many activities, including tree climbing, archery, night walks as well as collecting, preparing and cooking food. A big thank you to Ms Neale and all the staff who helped plan, coordinate and attended this fantastic residential.

