



An Daras Trust
Igniting Curiosity Growing Capabilities

St Stephens Community Academy Fortnightly Family Newsletter



“ Embracing Learning; Inspiring Ambition; ”

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The idea of slowing down towards the end of term is certainly not something that you will find at St Stephens!!! This latest newsletter shows the amazing opportunities we offer as part of our enrichment and daily teaching and learning.

From sports days to trips on Launceston Steam Railway , drama workshops from ‘West End in Schools’ to Spanish days @ Launceston College. What a lot happens in a day! I hope you enjoy reading all about this in the newsletter and on our website [Welcome to St Stephens Community Academy \(ststephenscornwall.co.uk\)](https://www.ststephenscornwall.co.uk) .

We are also very excited to have started a school Facebook page– log in and search **Team SSCA**. Please check it out , like and share with family and friends. This will be another fantastic way to share latest news and information. We all know children often come home and say they have been doing nothing at school ...now you know that’s certainly not true!

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the sports days and lovely that you could meet some of our school governors –I know due to CV19 our new governors haven’t been able to attend school events as usual. I’d also like to let you know that our class pupil surveys have been collated and you can now see these on the class information pages –“Pupil Survey 2022”. Our Pupils’ voice is very important to us and as a UNICEF rights school their views and opinions are heard and respected.

Reminder to check lost property –we have a huge amount of unnamed items that we will put on the playground walls daily until the end of term.

Have a relaxing weekend and get ready for the last two weeks of the summer term.

Maura Furber

School Improvement

We all know that our children are SO MUCH MORE than a statistic or grade –it goes without saying. At St Stephens we celebrate the whole child and all their capabilities whether those be academic, sporting, creative, musical, social , leadership , problem solver etc.

That said we would like to celebrate our end of year 6 Standardised Assessment Test (SAT’s) outcomes with the whole school community because they are the result of confidence, resilience, targeted support, communication, planning, determination and commitment by the whole ‘Team’ that our pupils will shine and achieve the very best that they can. Despite lockdowns and CV19 isolations our year 6 cohort have achieved results in Reading, Writing, Grammar, Spelling, Maths and Science **in line with the National outcomes and in some key areas (Maths) they are higher.**

We are immensely proud of each and every one of them and I would like to thank all the amazing staff for their hard work and tireless advocacy for our amazing pupils. Thank you.



Pre-School Storytime with Launceston Library

We are very lucky to have a visit every Tuesday from the Launceston Library. This week the children heard the story of 'Arlo the Lion who couldn't sleep'. The children enjoyed sharing a book, paid attention and responded to the pictures and words.

After listening to the story the children were invited to create a lion mask using one-handed tools and equipment, sticking and making snips in paper with scissors. They showed us they could draw with increasing complexity and detail, such as representing a face with a circle and including details.

We think they look 'roarsome'!



Outside Learning –Life skills in Action

We had the most amazing day at the Woodland Skills Centre. We were picked up by a great big coach and had lots of fun noticing places out of the window. During the day Clare taught us how to light fires safely, cook popcorn, toast marshmallows, whittle, and look after the vegetables and plants growing. We made a story stick, a woodland medallion and some printing with plants to create natural dye pictures.



A great day was had by all.



Year 6 Camp Kernow Residential 2022

Wow- Year 6 had an absolutely amazing time on their residential at Camp Kernow- an off grid camp. Leadership and relationship skills, resilience and resourcefulness were certainly deployed over the 3 days.



Day1: Arrival and settling in to our accommodation, which included an upturned boat, a medieval tent and bell tents. After a tour of the camp, where we learnt about sustainable living and how the camp generates its power, we split into 2 groups and completed

1) a natural dying activity (where we collected a variety of plants and then made a flag using petals and leaves to form prints, and a silk scarf/bandana) ,

2) a camp fire activity which involved using our prior knowledge to light a fire and then we made and baked bannock bread over the fire....very tasty! Yum!



Later a group helped with the preparation of beef burgers and salad for our BBQ before we set off into the woods for a wonderful woodland walk. learning about the importance of different trees (historical and current) and listening to stories whilst watching for bats.



A great first day before we all tried to get some sleep.....

Day 2: We were faced with not very summerlike weather for our 3 activities of:

climbing

archery

foraging



But we persevered and faced and overcame personal challenges as the rain fell (a lot!)



We were rewarded with a beautiful evening- a Birds of Prey talk and show, and finishing with a fantastic camp fire and great campfire songs (and of course marshmallows!) The camp was a lot quieter on night 2 !

Day 3: After finally waking and packing up our bags, we headed to the woods again for a shelter building challenge- great team work throughout, where the aim was to build a shelter which would prevent your group from getting wet.....

We arrived back at school very tired but very happy and with a lot of wonderful memories.

Thank you Camp Kernow

On behalf of the children and parents we would like to say a HUGE thank you to Ms Neale for organising and coordinating this wonderful trip and Mrs Paul and Mrs Baxter for also giving up their own time to get wet feet! We couldn't do these wonderful events without your dedication . Check out the class blog and Facebook for more wonderful photos!





County Player

We are incredibly proud of Tyler who has been selected to play cricket for his County . He will be playing his first match for Cornwall under 11's this weekend against Somerset. All his training with his dad and his weekly matches with Werrington have certainly paid off. Good luck Tyler –please come back in the future once you've got your first 100 for England to inspire others!!



Sports Day

Both Key Stages had fantastic sports days this week. It was so wonderful to welcome back family , Governors and friends to celebrate, cheer on and even compete with us . The children were so excited that this event was back to 'normal' again– there was lots of house team groups discussing tactics, organising each other andI won't mention the blu-tac on the wooden spoon for egg and spoon race!!!!



The children showed fantastic sportsmanship, determination, cooperation and resilience and it was great to see true competitive spirit in action.

A HUGE thank you to all the staff involved in organising and running the events-these things take lots of time

and hard work to manage .



The house team points have been added together and the winning house team will be revealed during Monday's assembly due to Y6 being at Launceston College on Friday for a Spanish day. It was CLOSE!



OUR WORLD, OUR FUTURE DRAMA WORKSHOPS

This Friday we were so fortunate to have drama workshops led by the acclaimed West End in Schools Company. This was held remotely rather than face to face due to a variety of reasons but did not disappoint! The children investigated one of the most important issues in the world today from an interactive, drama-based perspective.



Part PSHE, geography, science, and drama, the workshop encouraged children to explore environmental challenges while empowering them to take ownership of their part in our world. During the sessions the children recreate different settings and situations from around the planet as well as those close to home, woven together with music, text and movement.



During the class-by-class workshops the children explored the challenges faced by our environment as they investigated climate change through a multitude of perspectives and settings. Differentiated for KS1 and KS2, the focus was on empowering children to take ownership of the narrative, to work with each other and their community to make a positive change, and to explore how they can make a difference.



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SUMMER HOLIDAY ROADSHOWS

EAST CORNWALL & NORTH DEVON 2022 | JUL/AUG/SEPT

PADSTOW FOOTBALL CLUB
July 27

HATHERLEIGH SCHOOL
July 27
Aug 11, 25
Sept 1

CALLYWITH COLLEGE
July 28
Aug 4, 11, 18, 25
Sept 1

HOLSWORTHY YOUTH FC
July 28
Aug 5, 12, 19, 26
Sept 2

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL
July 28
Aug 1, 8, 15, 22

ST TEATH FC
July 29
Aug 5, 12, 19, 26
Sept 2

LANIVET COMMUNITY HUB
Aug 1, 8, 15, 22

BUDE FOOTBALL CLUB
Aug 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

SALTMILL 3G
Aug 2, 16, 30

DOBWALLS FC
Aug 3, 9, 17, 23, 31

PADSTOW FC
Aug 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

**BOOK
NOW!**

9.30am - 3.30pm | Boys & girls
Aged 5-15 | All abilities



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LEARN. PLAY. SUCCEED

THE BIG PICTURE

**A celebration of art across
An Daras Multi Academy Trust**

At Launceston Town Hall
Tues 12th July at 10:30am - 4:00pm
Weds 13th July at 9:00am - 3:30pm



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We are very excited about this Trust Art event to celebrate the Art work across the Trust. The event is open to the public on both days and we have a group of pupils representing St Stephens there at the stand on Tuesday 12th July between 12.00-2.00p.m.