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## An Lester Trumach - The Packet Ship

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our **Week of Words** is going stupendously! So far we have been inspired by James Henry, a scriptwriter responsible for *Hey Duggee!* and *Shaun the Sheep*. We have laughed at Kernow King and Kate Edney, the writers and performers of the show *Cornish Caretakers*. Today we have visual artist Mel Young working with Year 6 and Year 4 creating art work based upon the *Lost Words* book. We also have the *Hall for Cornwall Youth Theatre* practitioners allowing classes to develop their own spoken word delivery in drama workshops. On Thursday and Friday we have the wonderful dancer Grace Murdoch working with all classes telling stories through dance. We also have the writer Craig Barr-Green sharing some of his stories with some classes and we have *Surprise Storytellers* coming in to read with each class at 3pm.

The excitement that has been created through our **Week of Words** has already made such an impact on our pupils. There has been a real buzz around books, reading and storytelling in all its forms. Thanks go out to all of our volunteer readers, the Hall for Cornwall for sponsoring our **Week of Words** and to Mrs Gall and Mrs Nurton for organising such an exciting week.

### Library Launch

Our library is now officially open! On Monday afternoon we opened the library with our Parliament Learning group cutting the ribbon. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes for the occasion. We held a competition to decide upon a name for the space and Esme G. invented the wonderful title of... **The Burrow!** The Burrow could not have been created without the help of many people. All of the creators and sponsors who have contributed financially will have their names on a plaque on the wall of The Burrow. Many parents have given up their time to paint, drill, saw, flatpack-make and decorate but we do need to single out one person in enabling the space to be transformed. Ruth Littlejohns-Sames has spent months developing the area, from the first mood boards to the final naming of the space. Ruth's passion for creating a space that will be calming and exhilarating at the same time is astounding. The mariners, community, staff, governors and of course the children want to say a big thank you to Ruth for her dedication to the project.

### Marlborough's Week of Words

**TODAY:** Book Day Dressing Up! Come to school as a character from a book.

**Thursday 5th March:** St Piran's Day- Cornish Stories. Bring in your favourite book to share with others.

**Friday 6th March:** Packet Ships Picture Book Pandemonium.

### St Piran's Day Parade

Class 4 have been working with Vicki Ferguson getting ready to perform in the St Piran's Day parade TOMORROW. The parade will start on the Moor at 10am. Please can Year 4 pupils come to school tomorrow in black trousers/skirt and a white top, if this is difficult they can wear their school uniform. Adults and all of the children taking part are invited into the Methodist Church after the parade for tea and a saffron bun. All are welcome to come and support us.

### Choir Performance

Our school choir have been busy working with Miss Finnegan on a modern set of songs. Ten of the choir members have been chosen to sing at Songfest next Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> of March at the Princess Pavillion. As only a few choir members are able to sing at Songfest we will be holding our own concert in school on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm with all of the choir members performing. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

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### **Year 1 Truro Visit**

As part of their 'Around Town' topic, Year 1 will be heading to Truro on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> of March to identify the differences between towns and cities. They will be travelling to Truro by train, visiting the cathedral and museum and returning to school by coach. More information will be sent out nearer the time.

### **Parent Consultation Meetings**

As we are half way through the school year it is a great time for parents and teachers to meet and discuss their child's progress so far and look at future targets. Your child's class teacher may have or may be contacting you soon with an appointment request or you can always ask to meet with them via the office email: [office@marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:office@marlborough.cornwall.sch.uk)

### **Clubs Update**

Gardening Club is now running again on Wednesdays. A Year 6 SATs club is running on Mondays. The Monday Football club is now also open to confident Year 2 footballers, as well as the Year 3 and 4 children.

### **Free Period Products**

The Department for Education have launched a new scheme providing access to free period products in schools and colleges in England. This scheme ensures that period products are available to young people if they need them, when they need them. This includes supporting those who have started their period unexpectedly, forgotten to bring products with them and those who can't afford to buy them. We will be discussing where to access these free sanitary towels in school with the pupils.

### **Department for Education Coronavirus helpline**

The DfE have launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

An accompanying poster (alongside this newsletter) has more information.

### **Playground Sheds**

We have been very kindly donated two playground sheds that used to be positioned on Event Square. The idea is to develop one of these to be a writing shed and the other to hold equipment to make playtime more enjoyable and active.

### **Mariners News**

#### **Big Dig**

More Big Dig information (happening next Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March) is at the end of this newsletter...

#### **Clothes and Toys Swap**

The mariners are organising a children's clothes and toys swap session in the school hall from 2.30pm until 4.30pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> of April. Please can any donations be brought in to school in the morning.

#### **September Sponsored Cycle Meeting**

There will be a meeting to discuss the September Sponsored Cycle ride on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> of March at 2pm**. Please come along if you can help with the organisation of this event in any way.

#### **Sponsors Needed for September Sponsored Cycle**

Calling all parents with businesses! A great opportunity to support the school and advertise your business at the same time. After the success of the 2018 sponsored cycle ride, the Marlborough Mariners are organising another for the Autumn of 2020! For £100 your business logo will be featured on the back of all the Packet Ship coloured T-shirts which will then be sold for children to wear during the event (and for many years afterwards too!)

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### Spring Flower Show 2020

There are sign up forms in the foyer for the upcoming Falmouth Spring Flower Show which takes place later on this month. All information on what you need to do to take part is on the form. Please take one if interested – anyone at the school can take part (ages 4-16.) The closing date for entries is the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March.

### Castle Sports Temporary Closure

Castle Sports, our school uniform suppliers, are having a refit and will be closed this week. They will be open as usual from Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> of March.

### Yellow Fish Campaign

In the summer, the whole school are going to be part of the design team creating a mural to be displayed on the fence along the footpath leading down from Marlborough Avenue to Meadows Road. This will be in conjunction with the Yellow Fish Campaign, encouraging wildlife back into the stream from Tregonigge all the way to Swanpool. They need mural painters to work alongside the Year 6 pupils who will be helping with the project. If you are able to help with the mural design please speak to Abi Squibb who will pass your details on to Claire Lewis and Jacqui Owen who are leading the project.

### Dates for the diary

**THIS WEEK** – Library Launch Week

**TOMORROW** – St Piran's Day Parade with Class 4 dancing, 10am on The Moor

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March** – Songfest at Princess Pavillion, 7pm

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March** – Big Dig

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March** – Class 5 to the National Maritime Museum Cornwall

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** – Tempest Class and Sports Team photos

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March to 13<sup>th</sup> April** – Easter Holidays

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April** – Back to School, Start of the Summer Term

Packet Points						
This week score table				Termly score table		
Position	Team	Weekly Points	Weekly Score	Position	Team	Termly Score
1 <sup>st</sup>	Swiftsure	166	7	1 <sup>st</sup>	Swiftsure	77
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Freeling	150	5	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Walsingham	63
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Walsingham	149	4	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chichester	62
4 <sup>th</sup>	Fox	121	3	4 <sup>th</sup>	Pelham	49
5 <sup>th</sup>	Chichester	90	2	5 <sup>th</sup>	Freeling	43
6 <sup>th</sup>	Pelham	77	1	6 <sup>th</sup>	Fox	39

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# We are delighted to announce: 'The Marlborough Big Dig!' in conjunction with Sports Relief!



Please put **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020** in the diary. Parents and carers are invited to work as volunteers for the day, this will be alongside the children who will be spending the morning outside too. This is a Mariner led event. **The more the merrier!**

There will be a variety of outdoor activities and projects for the children which will take place within the school grounds and on the school field. The volunteers will either be involved with the children's outdoor activities/projects, or giving the school grounds a spruce up, including chopping, planting, fixing, moving things... and more.

If you are free and willing to help, please register at the school office. More details will be sent home in the children's book bags this week.

School lunches will be available for adults (preferably pre-order) for £3.55. Tea and cake will be provided for free.

**We will be welcoming donations!** There will be a donations box in the school foyer, or please leave inside of infant gate by the willow 'dome' (to left of main entrance). **Thank you.**

Here is a list of some of the things we would ideally like:

- Plants, especially flowers and herbs, vegetable plug plants
- Summer flowering bulbs and seeds
- Seed trays
- Large plant pots
- Utensils for our mud kitchen (whisks, spoons, pans etc)
- Suitable branches for den building
- Wooden spoons (to decorate for Falmouth Spring Flower Show)
- Flat pebbles (to decorate for Falmouth Spring Flower Show)
- Sticks for our 'invention using sticks' activity - from biggish to littelish sticks, and different types of plant material...
- Old white sheets - for painting on
- Old colourful clothes/rags

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