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St. Mary's Catholic Primary School



Year 3 Retreat

Pupils spent the afternoon at the church taking part in various activities run by the Church Catechists.

Year 4

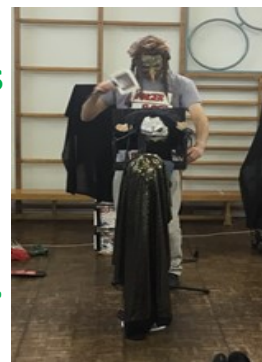
Pupils have been examining materials and discussing their properties to sort them into solids or liquids. Lots of enquiring questions and great discussions taking place!



We are holding Children in Need fundraising on the 15th November. Children are invited to go crazy for Children in Need: dress in spots, stripes, patterns for a £1 donation. Older children will be organising stalls and events. Please help us raise some money for CIN. We also have a special visitor coming along to help us raise some money.

Online Safety Workshops Year 5 and 6

PA Productions came into give pupils an insight into staying safe online.



Mass

School Masses are continuing to be held in St Mary's Church. Please find dates and time below—everyone is welcome to join us!

Mass in Church at 10.30am

Weds 13 Nov, Year 3

Weds 20 Nov, Year 5

Weds 27 Nov, Year 4

Please check our website for any last minutes changes.

Sunday Mass in Church at 10.30am- all families welcome.



Supporting
MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT
Registered charity no. 261017

Cornwall Christmas Fair 2019

at the Eden Project

Cornwall's most vibrant Christmas Fair

PREVIEW EVENING: WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER

5pm - 9pm: Tickets £26 including supper and wine. Gin O'Clock from 5pm.

DAY FAIR: THURSDAY 14 NOVEMBER

10am - 4pm: Tickets £15 including lunch and wine*, free admission to Eden.
*With advance tickets only

BUY ADVANCE TICKETS AT:

www.cornwallmacmillanchristmasfair.co.uk

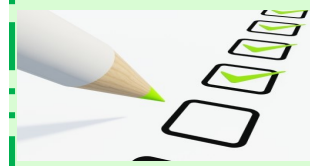
Attendance

Whole school to date:
96.9%

Classes with highest attendance:

18 Oct—Yr 4 = 98.8%

1 Nov—Yr 3 = 99.2%



SAFEPARK

Please note, cars who park across our layby/ on kerbs/ zigzag lines etc may well receive an automatic fine as Cornwall Council have a car that drives around and takes pictures so an automatic fine comes through the post. This is to ensure the safety of children outside of schools.

Why SafePark?

If you can walk, scoot or cycle to school instead of driving, even for part of the way, you can:

- Have some quality time with your children on the journey to and from school
- Create an opportunity to get some exercise, which is proven to increase concentration
- Enjoy a more relaxed journey to and from school

Every child and adult has the right to get to and from the school without the actions of others putting their safety at risk.

For those that do drive, there is never an excuse for parking or waiting in locations that are either illegal (such as on keep clear zig zags) or inconsiderate (such as blocking driveways, or in places where children are likely to need to cross the road).

This leaflet shows how you can help to ensure you don't put other people at risk. It's part of a range of SafePark activity, which includes some in-class sessions that school staff are leading with pupils. Many pupils and families already walk, scoot or cycle to school. Thanks to those that do, for not exacerbating the problem.

Be part of the solution, not part of the problem. SafePark, more...

- On school zig zag markings
- Less congestion at the school gate
- Improved air quality
- A better environment for walking and cycling

Contact us

For advice and guidance please email us at:
parking@cornwall.gov.uk
Or call us on:
0300 1234 222

If you would like this information in another format or language please contact:
Cornwall Council, County Hall,
Treyes Road, Truro, TR1 3W
e: equality@cornwall.gov.uk
t: 0300 1234 100



SafePark

Parking or waiting inconsiderately or illegally causes inconvenience and danger to others.

It's important that no one is put at risk by the actions of others; that no one ever parks or waits - even for a moment - in a location that will do so. We therefore need action from you if you or your family/friends ever drive your children to or from their primary school.

Children are at particular risk from traffic and badly parked cars as they:

- Are less able to make safe choices
- Cannot judge speed and distance as well as adults
- Will generally take the shortest route, even if this is not the safest
- Find it more difficult to see, or be seen, around parked cars

What are we asking?

If you drive to the school, even occasionally, please:

- Consider whether you really need to drive before making the journey to school by car, and try to walk, cycle or use public transport if you can
- If you do drive, park a bit further from the school and walk the last part, to ease congestion
- If you really need to drive and park close to the school, try to arrive in good time and park in a sensible and safe location

Even if you're running late, or if it's raining, don't put your own children or other people at risk. SafePark or use designated parking areas.

If other people sometimes drive your children to school, please remind them of their responsibility to keep others safe.



- Please don't park or wait, even for a moment:
- On school zig zag markings
 - On yellow lines during restricted periods
 - On footways
 - In locations where pupils need to cross roads
 - Across drop kerbs
 - On corners, where you could stop people seeing past your vehicle
 - Blocking people's driveways
 - On grass verges
 - At bus stops



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1st November 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

The NSPCC's *Speak Out. Stay Safe* programme is visiting our school to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse.

I'm pleased to tell you that we will be working with the NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity, who'll be delivering their *Speak Out. Stay safe* programme on **Monday 11th November**. This is a nationwide programme for every primary-school-aged child in the UK and Channel Islands. With the help of their friendly mascot Buddy, they'll be presenting an assembly and workshop to the children in our school.

"NSPCC has helped me to build the confidence to tell people about my worries and problems." Child's feedback

What is the *Speak Out. Stay safe* programme?

Through child-friendly, interactive assemblies and workshops their specially trained staff and volunteers will give our children information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries, sensitively discussing issues like bullying and sexual abuse ('privates are private' for the KS1 assembly), using age appropriate language.

We have studied the content of the materials and heard from other schools who have participated and are extremely confident that they are appropriate for primary-school-aged children. By the end of their visit, we're convinced children will feel empowered - knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

"This service provides important information in a child-friendly way - it should be made mandatory in all schools. A brilliant service!" Teacher, Wistaston Primary, Crewe

If you would like any more information about the NSPCC *Speak out. Stay safe* programme, including frequently asked questions, you can find it on the NSPCC website nspcc.org.uk/schools or please come into speak to me and I can provide more information.

Talking about the Underwear Rule with your children

The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe - and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards. That includes 'The Underwear Rule', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from sexual abuse - without using scary words or even mentioning sex.

The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone. You can find out more and download the free resources at nspcc.org.uk/pants

If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Landry
Pastoral Lead

Children role model the behaviour they see and hear, if you are on school site please treat everybody with respect and kindness.



Diary Dates

Yr 2,4 & 6 Swimming Lessons- 14,21,28 Nov

vember and 5 December

Yr 3 & 4 Cinema Visit-13 November

Yr4 Dinosaurland Fossil Museum Trip-15 November

Yr5 National Maritime Museum Trip-20 November

Christmas Dinner Day- 18 December

Last Day of term for Christmas Break 20 December

Spring Term Starts-7 January 2020



FACECAST APP

We have been alerted to an app that children are using called 'FACECAST'. This is being used to groom and exploit children by enticing them into doing 'private lives' where a code is used. PLEASE check your children's devices and ensure you are aware of who they are communicating with to keep them safe online.

Headteacher's special mention to:

The School Council for arranging Children In Need Day taking place on 15 November