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Dear Parents and children,

As the fifth week draws to a close, we hope that our families have been getting into a routine with home learning and project challenges. I think you would agree that our teachers have been working hard to support children at home, including the videos which I am sure makes the parents and children smile alike. I am pleased to say that more than 85% of our families are taking part in the home learning. Brilliant!

Just to remind you that all the home learning resources are on the website, including the answers. Please keep an eye out on a Sunday as we post the next week's learning before midday so you can organise the following week in advance.

The only change next week is that White Rose Maths have started to ask for a subscription from schools for this service (rightly so as they are doing an amazing job) so you can still access the videos but I will be emailing and printing the worksheets along with the Weekly Overviews on Sunday mornings.

I am very excited to let our school community know that after May half term, Mrs. Murley will be joining our team as Wheal Friendly's class teacher. She is a wonderful and experienced teacher who is currently been working with us at Blackwater from Kehelland School. She will be welcoming the Nursery and Reception children in due course.

We have had a few queries about transition over the next couple of months. Once we know more, we will let you know but please be reassured that our decisions and choices will be based on the children needs first.

Thank you again for all your support and positive messages, we are all missing your children. Please keep in touch with us through the usual channels, and ask for any help or support you might need. We are a community together!

I trust and hope you are and will all stay safe and well.

Best wishes

Mrs Evison





How to make Playdough





- 2 Cups Flour 1/2 Cup Glitter 1/2 Cup Water 2 TbSp Oil Food Colouring

- 2 Cups Flour 1 Cup Coarse Salt 1/2 Cup Water 4 TbSp Oil Food Colouring

- 2 Cups Flour 1 Cup Water 1/2 Cup Salt 2 TbSp Oil Food Colouring

- 2 Cups Flour 1 Cup Water 1/2 Cup Salt 2 TbSp Oil 2 TbSp Essential Oil/ Scented Shower Gel Food Colouring





Creative activity of the week Dinosaur Milk Bottle!





Bake of the Week







3 Cool enough to handle?
Then cut off the tops and carefully scoop out the soft potato centres. You can throw away the lids (or eat them).





4 Mash the soft centres with the butter, milk, and chees







Wheal Friendly

Our project this term has been 'Minibeasts! What do ladybirds have spots?' and boy we have been busy! The children have learnt all sorts of creepies including snails and butterflies. Currently the children have created a snailery and are keeping a snail safe for 5 days, they are being such good parents!

We have also been practicing our writing and number work, as well as creative activities such as making colourful snails out of CD's!

The EYFS team are LOVING watching all the videos and pictures on Tapestry, all the children are working SO hard at home.

Wheal Friendly are such an amazing bunch, we love them all!

Wheal Busy

The children in Wheal Busy have had a fantastic week of learning.

They are enjoying exploring the Greek myths, this week we have read the stories of the Trojan horse and the battle of Marathon. Some of the children have dressed up and reenacted the stories, some have reenacted the stories with lego and some have made models of decoy vessels.

In writing, they have practised writing dialogue and using prepositional phrases. They are also doing really well with practising their spellings and handwriting every day.

In maths, the children are continuing to build their understanding of fractions and decimals and are doing brilliantly at following the White Rose lessons.

I am so proud of the wonderful learning going on in Wheal Busy. The children have very high standards of themselves and are doing so well communicating with me, letting me know what they've been doing with their families and how they are enjoying time outside, all with a lovely, cheerful attitude.

Class News



Wheal Harmony

Wheal Harmony have been finding out about woodland creatures this week. They have been reading information texts, taking notes and writing non chronological reports about their chosen animal. We had beautiful writing about rabbits, greater horseshoe bats, wood lice, hedgehogs, badgers and even a lynx.

In maths we were playing games and thinking about the best winning strategy as well as focusing on practising 99 Club to nail our fluency. It wonderful to see how doing a little bit of practise every day means that everyone is making amazing progress. The highlight for me was seeing everyone take on the fold and one straight cut theorem! You can fold the paper as many times as you like but are only allowed to do one straight cut! Your creations were fantastic. Thank you Wheal Harmony. You should feel very proud of your efforts!

Wheal Luna

This half term Wheal Luna are exploring Alchemy Island! They are looking at magical settings, poetry and description alongside composing musical soundtracks and the geology of this most magical and fantastical place!

This week the class have used their maps to make incredible models of the island - some were made of clay, wood, cardboard and my personal favourite modelling material - CAKE! The class have enthusiastically been writing postcards home to their families when shipwrecked on this mysterious island and considering how writers use the vehicle of portals to start incredible novels - think Narnia or even Harry Potter - and have already written their own openings to a magnificent novel along these lines.

Wheal Luna are such a committed and joyful class and their learning so far is absolutely outstanding!

They are amazing!

Questions to ask your child in self-isolation

YOUNGMINDS

What could help you to complete your school work at home? Where would you like to work at home? Is there anything you want to talk about?

When was the last time you were very happy?

What makes you feel calm?

What can I do to help? Where is a place you feel safe?

How can you keep in touch with friends and family at the moment? e.g. Facetime, Whatsapp

What things would you like to do in the future?

Would it be helpful if we planned each day together?

What difficulties are

you facing now?

Do you have any worries about the coronavirus?

Where in our home do you feel like you can have your own space?

What have you enjoyed about today?

What are you warried about when you lie in bed and can't sleep?

Can you think of anything fun that we can do at home? How do you feel about things changing?

How do you feel about staying at home?

Free School Meal Vouchers

Just a reminder that if you have a change of circumstance then please let us know or apply for Free School Meals.

We have the vouchers up and running now so we can email them over within a couple of days.

Please follow the link below:

https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/ education-and-learning/schools-andcolleges/school-meals/

(link seems to only work on a laptop / computer rather than a mobile)

Race for Life

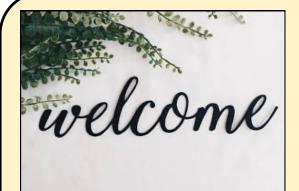
Many of you very kindly raised money for the

'Race for Life' charity before we closed the school. Unfortunately we never got to complete the

Next week I would like children to have a go running / walking a distance to be able to finish our charity event and give the money to charity.

After the children have completed their run/walk, if they could post onto Seesaw/
Tapestry what they have done, I have wonderful medals to give out to everyone for taking part.





I would love to welcome the fifteen children that will be joining us in Reception for September.

Many of these children have come from our Nursery and we are really excited to welcome you into our school family.

This is the first year in a few years that we are full from the beginning of the year which shows how all the amazing progress we have made this year in the Nursery.



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Stars of the Week

Wheal Friendly: Pippa B for taking part in all home learning challenges and really trying hard every day!

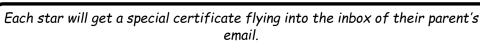
Wheal Harmony: Ethan D for his enthusiasm and wonderful videos he is posting and the reading books he loves.

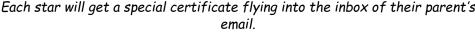
Wheal Busy: Flora M for being totally amazing all the time. We all loved the videos of the hedgehogs in the garden!

Wheal Luna: George C for sustained and consistent learning throughout the week.

Above and Beyond

Eloise N - for the most wonderful model of Alchemy Island!







because thorn bushes have roses.

Abraham Lincoln

