

This week's focus was on CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS



THE CHRISTMAS TREE

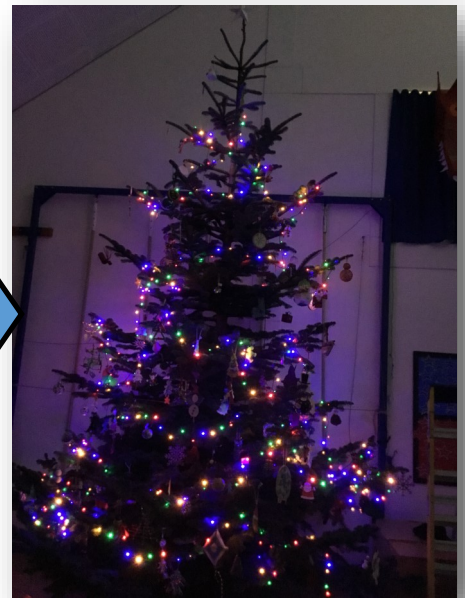
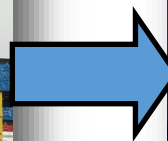
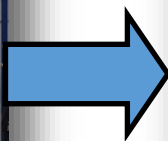
Germany is credited with starting the Christmas tree tradition as we now know it in the 16th century when devout Christians brought decorated trees into their homes. Some built Christmas pyramids of wood and decorated them with evergreens and candles if wood was scarce.

The first decorated trees were adorned with apples, white candy canes and pastries in the shapes of stars, hearts and flowers. Glass baubles were first made in Lauscha, Germany, by Hans Greiner (1550–1609), who produced garlands of glass beads and tin figures that could be hung on trees.

A COMMUNITY COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE THE START OF THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES AT PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL SCHOOL—

A full hall of parents and pupils came together to join in our Christmas Tree Decorating Service on Monday, 2nd December. The audience were treated to the musical talents of our many instrumentalists, who, with the fantastic support of Mrs Whomersley, sounded very impressive as they provided the accompaniment for our singing of traditional Christmas Carols. As the many traditional songs were sung with great enthusiasm, the once very bare tree was transformed into the most delightful and magical Christmas Tree. A huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Bailey for their very generous donation of the most perfect tree we have ever had! As this service marks the start of our festivities, it is now OK to mention Christmas in school! Get ready for the Christmas plays, Christmas concert, festive film night, wreath making night and Christmas parties—all to be fitted in before the end of term! Phew! Deep breath everyone!

FROM AN ORDINARY FIR TREE TO A MAGICAL FESTIVE WORK OF ART!



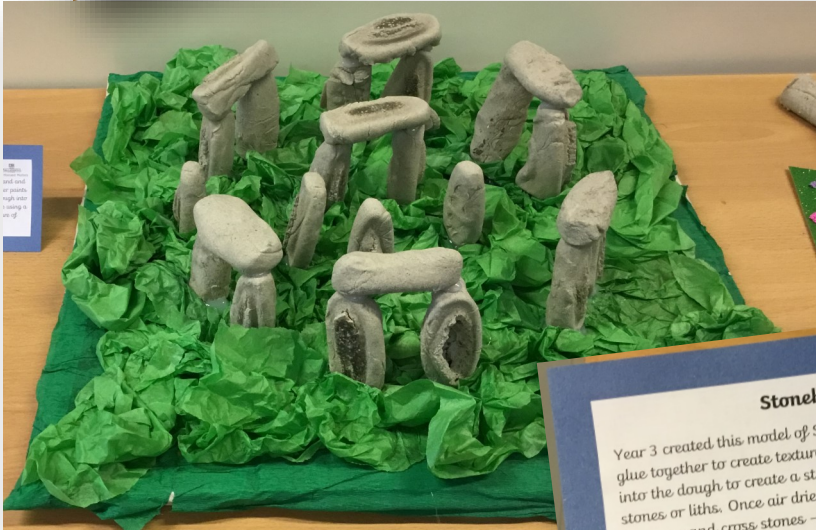


Musical talent, glorious singing and beautiful decorations to adorn our fabulous tree.

History through Art or is it Art through History? A creative coming together of our curriculum subjects.



Stonehenge by Rowan Searle
 Rowan was inspired by our studies of Stonehenge and independently created this amazing model of Stonehenge at home. She used foam dough to create a modern, more colourful version of the model we were working on at school.
 Well done Rowan!



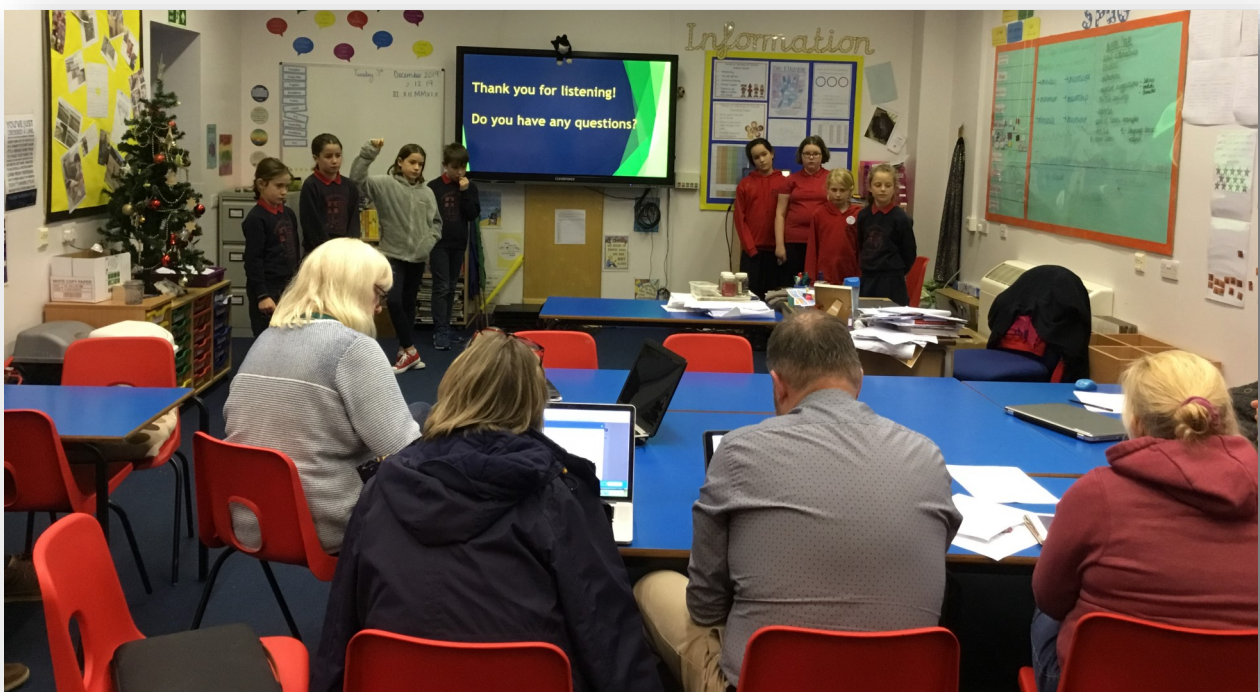
Stonehenge
 Year 3 created this model of Stonehenge by first mixing flour, sand and glue together to create textured sand dough. They kneaded poster paints into the dough to create a stone like effect, then moulded the dough into stones or liths. Once air dried, the liths were stuck onto the base using a glue gun and cross stones - lintels - added to create the structure of Stonehenge.



FESTIVE BRASS ENSEMBLE AMAZE THEIR AUDIENCE! - On Tuesday, pupils from a number of local primary schools came together to create an amazing sound. This is the second brass ensemble that Perran-ar-Worthal School has hosted for the Music Service. The pupils delighted their audience with a range of familiar and much loved Christmas tunes where our KS2 pupils in the audience were invited to join in and sing along. A big thank you to the music teachers for inspiring so many pupils to learn to play a brass instrument. Well done to all those pupils who took part.



ANTI-BULLYING CHAMPIONS HAVE THEIR SAY! - On Tuesday evening, following a series of anti-bullying workshops held throughout the school, representatives from Year 5 and Year 6, (AKA Anti-Bullying Champions) presented their Anti-Bullying Policy to the Governors of Perran-ar-Worthal School. After sharing how the policy was developed over the last few weeks, the Anti-Bullying Champions presented the final draft of their policy, which was enthusiastically adopted by the Governors. The pupils were praised for the passion and clarity with how they presented their document. Indeed, it was clear that involving the children in writing policies was certainly something the Governors were eager to encourage further. The policy will be available on the school website and form part of our school display on Anti-Bullying for access by all pupils.



GUITARS WOW THEIR AUDIENCE! - On Wednesday, our growing number of guitarists shared their talent with the school as they played a range of Christmas favourites to a very impressed audience. The idea of learning an instrument was certainly tempting many of our pupils to have a go, having been inspired by the standard of performance of their guitar playing peers. We have no doubt the number of pupils earning guitar will continue to grow. A big thank you to all involved in the performance and to the enthusiasm and expertise of the music teacher.



FUND RAISER FILM NIGHT—ANOTHER FUN AND FESTIVE EVENT FOR THE CHILDREN!



WHILST THE FESTIVE FILM NIGHT IS ENJOYED BY THE CHILDREN, THERE'S WREATH MAKING FUN FOR THE GROWN UPS! - As usual, this very popular event was attended by well over 100 pupils and a large number of adults. A great night was had by all with very happy children armed with popcorn and fruit and very relaxed parents enjoying a creative festive wreath making session fuelled by mince pies and a sneaky glass of grown-up stuff! Over £450 was raised on the night! What a great way to spend a fun time together fund raising. A big thank you to the staff for running the film night and to the FOPS for running the wreath making. Also a big thank you to Mandy for supplying all the wonderful natural resources for the wreath making session. There will be some very well dressed front



CREATIVE ARTS IN MOTION! - Year 5 have been selected to take part in dance workshops entitled 'Psychedelia' for a dance event involving 10 schools across Cornwall. The dance performance will take place at the Performance Centre at the Falmouth University campus in January 2020. Below are some pictures taken from the first workshop with dance instructor, Grace Murdoch. We look forward to seeing how the dances develop over the next three workshops before the big day!



SCIENCE THAT TASTES AS GOOD AS IT SMELLS! - So, how do you keep a class interested in science at the bonkers end of the Christmas term? ANSWER: You feed them with chips! This week, Mrs Royle had the Year 5 pupils investigating the properties of materials to find out which paper was the most suitable to serve chips in. Experiments done, it was then time to test the results of the investigation. Not one chip was left spare for members of staff to sample but the children all left their science lesson at the end of the day with a big smile on their faces and empty chip cones in their hands! Job done!



CHARITY TREE! - Green Ambassadors once again wish to save trees. If your child would like to join in our campaign, instead of Christmas cards, please bring in a Christmas message written on something recyclable to display on our driftwood tree in the entrance. A donation box will be available by the tree to raise money to give a homeless person a Christmas lunch, shelter for the night, a shower and a clean set of clothes.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE AT ST PIRAN'S CHURCH—On Sunday, a Christingle Service was held at St Piran's Church in Perranwell. The traditional story of the Christingle was told by pupils from Perran-ar-Worthal School and Penryn College. The children also performed a favourite festive song for the congregation as part of the service.



TEAM POINT WINNERS

Certificates Awarded 3rd December 2019

BRONZE CERTIFICATE – 50 TEAM POINTS

Myah Peters, Rafferty Pinnick, Susanna Spence, Violet Blackburn, Max Marsden, Fred Waddington, Samuel Anderson, Archie Ruddick, Quilla Richards, Lily Smallman, Megan Laval, Amelie Grose, Jack Matthews, Nuala Farrell, Ella Pipkin


SILVER CERTIFICATE – 100 TEAM POINTS

Martha Smith and Kiera Peters

NON-UNIFORM DAY TOMORROW— Children are allowed to come to school tomorrow in non-school uniform (**Wednesday 11th December**). Children are asked to bring in a prize suitable for a Christmas raffle as a donation.

CHRISTMAS DINNER— Christmas dinner will be served tomorrow. If you would like your child to have a roast dinner please ensure they are booked on via Parent Pay. If you need any help booking on, please email Miss Braddon (admin@perran-ar-worthal.cornwall.sch.uk)

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY— On **Friday 13th December** it is national Christmas jumper day so children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers to school and bring a £1 donation which will go to the children's charity 'Save the Children UK'. If your child does not have a Christmas jumper, please don't go out and buy one, any Christmassy item is fine.



Perran-ar-Worthal C.P School
Christmas Carol Concert
Saturday, 14th December
Perran-ar-Worthal Village
Hall
5.00-7.30pm

Come and join us for a Magical Lantern Parade &
Community Carol Concert

Entry – Adults £3.00, Children free!

Entry includes a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. Other refreshments will also be available.

After the parade and concert there will be a selection of stalls selling Christmas crafts & gifts.

Luxury Hamper raffle prizes, tickets available to purchase in advance from the school office, the local shop and the Royal Oak & on the door.



PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL PRE-SCHOOL'S

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

& FAIR

THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2-4 PM

THE PERRANWELL CENTRE

ALL VERY WELCOME

Please come and support your local Pre-school

CONCERT (2PM):

Singing by pre-school & school children, handbell ringing

FOLLOWING THE CONCERT, THE FAMILY FUN CONTINUES WITH:

Shopping stalls, games for all ages, Christmas crafts, tombola,
cakes, teas & coffees

A RAFFLE with lots of great prizes to be won!

Raffle tickets available on the door or in advance from The Royal Oak & the village shop