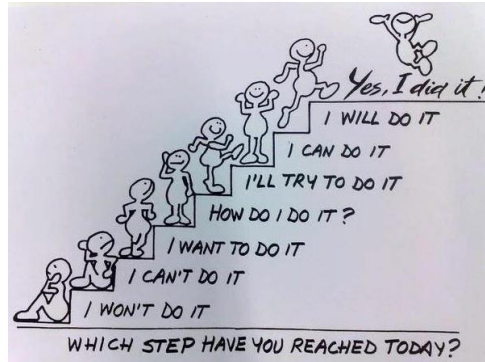


A NOTE FROM MRS HEFFER

This week's focus has been looking at how **ASPIRATION**:



GOVERNOR VISIT – This week, the school's SEND and Behaviour Governor, Kevin Hewitt, spent a morning talking with the Headteacher about standards, procedures and policies. Mr Hewitt also spent time in classrooms observing lessons and talking to staff and pupils. Mr Hewitt expressed his thanks for a very enjoyable morning where he had been impressed by the pupils and staff he had seen. We continue to be very grateful for the continued support the school receives from our very skilled and experienced governors.

MORE TEA, GUVNOR? – So it's not all papers and policies at governors' meetings...tea is also on the agenda and Mr Colin Bridges, our Chair of Governors, made sure, at the last Full Governors Meeting, that there would always be a clean cup for governors when they visit the school (see picture below). It was pointed out that the governors must also use their skills to order themselves appropriately during group tea drinking sessions to ensure their spelling is top of the class! Thank for your generous gift Mr Bridges! We will try not to chip them in the dishwasher!



Educational Welfare Officer is en route! – On Friday next week, the Educational Welfare Officer(EWO) will conduct her termly visit meeting with the Headteacher and Attendance Governor, Heather McCombie, to discuss pupils where their attendance has fallen below 90% and where there is evidence of persistent absence and lateness. Please can we make you aware that attendance is continuously being monitored and we ask politely that parents support the school in avoiding taking holidays during term time and ensuring their children arrive at school on time. Where there is concern over attendance that falls below 90% or persistent lateness, parents may now expect to receive letters that highlight this as a concern.

CALLING ALL HEALTH AND SAFETY ENTHUSIASTS! – On Monday, our Health and Safety Governor, Mrs Karen Partridge, will be meeting with the Headteacher to discuss the roles and responsibilities of our, soon to be newly formed, Junior Health and Safety Committee. During this meeting, a job description will be agreed which will form part of an advert for Junior Health and Safety Officers that will be on the newsletter next week for pupils of all classes to

apply. We plan to create a Health and Safety Committee that will include two pupils from each class. The role of the committee members will involve premises and road safety including safe parking. We hope to see many applications in response to the advert.

PARKING OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL – As part of the school's ongoing mission to help make the roads safer for the children, the school has invited PCSO Ashley Fuller to look at the area directly outside the school gates with the aim of providing the school with clear rules about parking that can be shared with parents. You may remember that a letter from PCSO Ashley Fuller has already been sent out in the past relating to this. However, the school is also hoping to gain some clarification relating to where parents or grandparents who may be disabled and are blue badge holders, can safely park near to the school gates. This information will be shared in a newsletter. Thank you for your continued support with helping to make our roads safer for our children.

PENRYN COLLEGE HEADTEACHER GIVES FAB FRIDAY A BIG THUMBS UP! – Today, during our Fabulous Friday activities, Mr Paul Walker, Headteacher at Penryn College, spent the morning walking around the school, observing Fabulous Friday workshops, talking to children and staff and looking at displays and books. As well as being put under the spotlight in assembly in front of the whole school, Mr Walker rolled up his sleeves and got involved in a bit of Fabulous Baking, looking very much the part in his Fabulous Friday apron. Before leaving, Mr Walker shared how much he had enjoyed seeing the children so involved in their learning through the enrichment curriculum. We look forward to seeing Mr Walker back with us again soon.



YEAR 6 PACK SHELTER BOXES AT SPEED – On Thursday, our Year 6 pupils spent time at the Shelter Box Headquarters in Truro. During their time there, they were given the opportunity to pack a shelter box with everything that a family would need to survive in poor conditions following a disaster. The children were split into teams and were given the challenge to see how quickly they could neatly pack a complete family sized shelter box and both teams hit the 2 minute marker. Well done! The visit also enabled the pupils to learn more about how Shelter Box works and the large number of families they have helped across the world. The various shelters were on display to enable our Year 6 to gain a feel of what it may be like to live in a Shelter Box tent. Following a series of Pupil Voice sessions with Mrs Pallot where 'a teaspoon of change' has been the starting point, several pupils in Year 6 decided they would like to raise money to purchase one Shelter Box to be sent out to a disaster area. The cake stall that was held in the hall last Friday, run by Zane Aslam, Ross McKnight, William Best, Oscar Persaud and Stanley Cameron, was the start of the fund raising challenge. The stall raised an amazing £63.15. The Year 6 boys involved would like to say thank you very much to all that bought and brought cakes for Shelter Box. The cake sale was a massive success to help families in need. Thank you also for the £50 donation. They are now well on their way to reaching their goal of £590. Well done boys!



SYNCHRONISED CLASSROOM DOOR LOCKING – Please be aware that external classroom doors will be locked when the bell rings at 9am each morning to avoid any slight variance in personal watches and classroom clock times. Just as a reminder, pupils are allowed into the classroom from 8.45am each morning which enables them to settle and begin an energiser task before registration takes place at 9am. This is an excellent time for pupils to practice independent writing skills that help develop writing fluency. We strongly recommend that, whenever possible, parents try to arrive at school as soon after 8.45am as possible to take advantage of this structured pre-start to the day. Please also remember that any children arriving after 9am must report to the school office to be signed in by their parent. Thank you for your support with this.

ROBINS ARE IN THE SPOTLIGHT NEXT WEEK – Following a large number of applications received in response to the Year 1/2 vacancy, three very strong candidates have been shortlisted to be interviewed next week. As part of the interview process, the Robins will be taught by all three candidates over a period of two days. We have no doubt that the children will be largely instrumental in our decision on who we appoint and their views will be sought following each lesson they are taught. Mr Kevin Hewitt (Vice Chair of Governors with special responsibility for SEND and Behaviour) and Mr John Harvey (Assistant Head at Penryn College and Governor with special responsibility for English and Safeguarding) will be joining the Headteacher on the interview panel. The school feels confident that a suitable candidate will be appointed and we look forward to sharing the outcome with you next week.

QUIZ NIGHT IS FAST APPROACHING – Don't forget to reserve the night of **Friday, 24th February at 7.30pm** to take part in our fund raising quiz. £7 will cover your quiz entry and a yummy baked potato and chilli supper. Bring your own refreshments to lubricate the brain cells! Teams of up to 6 people is the rule and all teams must have a suitably non-serious name! So get your revision schedule started and come along for an evening of fun, laughter and brain gym.

FULLY FLEDGED GOVERNOR – After a short period as an Associate Member, we are delighted to announce that Mrs Susie Matthews has agreed to take on the full governor's role replacing Mr Matt Fletcher who stepped down as a Co-opted Governor. Mrs Susie Matthews, who has three children at the school, has been given special responsibility for monitoring the effective use of Pupil Premium funding and will sit on the Finance and Premises Committee. She is also treasurer for FOPS and a regular Fabulous Friday Volunteer. We are very pleased to have Mrs Matthews as a formal member of the governing body where her skills and enthusiasm will add further value to our skilled governing body.

Have a great weekend!

Sale of I.T. equipment: We have several old keyboards and slimline computer screens that we are keen to sell to raise money to purchase new I.T. equipment for the children (keyboards £5 each, screens £20 each). If you are interested please speak with Mrs Read. Thank you.

Lunch money: Mrs Reeves is still having to chase late payers. Please help her by paying on a Monday before your child takes a lunch. The process does not allow for parents to run up an account and pay it off at the end of the month – please send a cheque in payable to Eden Foodservices if you don't have spare cash in the house. Thank you for your help with this.

A message from our Year 6 boys:

Dear Parents,

For our pupil voice project we are trying to help all of the hedgehogs in our area by making them some homes in the pond area. For building a home for are hedgehogs we'll need some supplies. Such as:

- *ply wood,*
- *straw,*
- *newspaper,*
- *polystyrene sheet*
- *and some nails*

if you have any spare of the above please drop them off at Swifts class. Please don't go out and buy these supplies just for this. Only bring them in if you have them and you're ok with donating them to us.

Yours sincerely

Mawgan and Ned

OLD SHIRTS PLEASE – This is your chance to get rid of old shirts that could have a second life as a paint protector for our pupils. We would welcome any old shirts, preferably, larger shirts (mens) as these provide good coverage for all ages of children. Thank you.

GARDENING CLUB will be selling bulbs after school next Wednesday. Please support them if you are able to. Thank you.

Celebration Assembly:

TEAM POINT CERTIFICATE WINNERS FROM THIS WEEK –

Bronze – 50 points: Samuel Kneebone, Arthur Long, Jasmine Tyler-Scott, Tarloh Morris.

Silver – 100 points: Poppy Davies, Poppy Distin, Evie Dark, Oliver Persaud, Bradley Distin, Megan Laval.

Gold – 150 points: Nandor Nemiti, Jonty Bailey, Samuel Anderson, Eleanor Bray, Ellen King, Mia Preedy, Lola Guinchard.

Medal – 200 points: Eleanor Teff, Rowan Leigh, Sophie Holt, Daisy Davies, Harry Murphy, Boaz Opie Bos, Chloe Saayman, Oliver Entwistle, Noah Rawlings.

Badge – 250 points: Daniel Vincent, Eli Guimaraes

FOPS UPDATE

Quiz Night, 24th February, 7.30pm, School Hall: Just a reminder that tickets are available to purchase from the school office. £7 per adult, this includes a portion of meat or vegetarian chilli and a baked potato. BYO liquid refreshments and nibbles.

Bring your tickets with you on the night to collect your food. We are catering for 100, so please buy your tickets as soon as you can to ensure you don't miss out.

Get those thinking caps on, come along and enjoy a fun evening whilst also raising important funds for the school.

Have a lovely weekend! Sarah McConnell, FOPS Secretary