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Welcome to the final newsletter of 2022/23!

What a year we have had here at St Buryan Academy - one that I am incredibly proud of.

In this newsletter we will take a look at our highlights of 2022/23 brought photos and an update on our school priorities, which we shared at the start of the year.

As you know, we were visited by Ofsted last week. As I shared with you on our 'French Day', we won't receive the report until the start of the new school year but I am incredibly proud of our children, staff and school community - not just on the day of the inspection but all they do every day of the week.

A big thank you to all of those who supported our school Summer Fete today! It was a great event and we are very thankful to everybody who was able to support in any way possible; whether it be the organisation of it all, running stalls, donating prizes or spending some money! Events like this are invaluable to the school and opportunities we are able to provide to your children. A big thank you to our Friends of St Buryan Academy for running events such as these, they take a lot of time and organisation. Our FoS have helped raise funds to assist with travel costs to all of our residential this year, subsidised some swimming bus costs and have helped with other wider curriculum opportunities throughout the year as well as supporting the school with the purchase of general resources for our children. They have big plans next year too and we will share a special event that they are purchasing for the children in the new year. Every parent and family member is a 'Friend of St Buryan Academy', but if you are interested in joining the committee next year then please get in touch with Abby or Lara.

Last Wednesday we held our 'French Day'. Although it is only a requirement to deliver Modern Foreign Language lessons to Key Stage 2, we feel it is a vital skill to deliver through the school; not only to ensure that our children are more than 'secondary ready', but for all of the other aspects it brings. Not only does it help with cultural understanding and appreciation of the wider world, but learning a language is known to support brain activity and cognitive skills, it also helps develop the confidence of our children and gives them another skill to develop or area to thrive in. In our leavers' service for Year 6s, Mrs Hardy spoke about the skill of learning another language and I think it is crucial in supporting our children to see past St Buryan and to give them more access to the wider world. A big thank you to Mrs Wilson for organising the day!

As I just touched on, yesterday saw us host our annual Leavers' Service for our Year 6 children. It was a great afternoon and my thanks to all of the children and staff who made it run so successfully. It was wonderful to see our children in Year 6 so well supported too. We really hope that you enjoyed the afternoon and their primary experience here at St Buryan Academy. Our Year 6s will truly be missed next year; they have helped drive the school forward in their actions, characters and qualities. They are all wonderful individuals, but a great team too and we wish them all the very best for the future.

During the afternoon we also had the opportunity to see our Dance Troupe perform their gold medal winning dance; a huge well done to them for not only the dance abilities on display, but also for such an important message in the form of protecting our oceans delivered through the medium of dance. A huge well done to those who participated and gave up their lunchtimes to learn the routine so well - great dedication as well as skills! Thanks to Mrs Ayotte for leading our dance team.

Last Saturday we took part in Lafrowda Day after a few years absence. It was a great parade and a massive thank you to all those who took part with us and helped to create our structure: 'Sammy the Sealion' - it may be my Buryan-tinted-glasses, but I think that it was definitely the best one there! It was great to see it so well supported and so many of our children and families turn out. A big thanks to Mrs Rendle for getting us back involved in the day and for doing so much work for it!

Have a great weekend - and summer holidays!

Mr McDonald and all at St Buryan Academy

As shared before, unfortunately Mrs Morrall is leaving the school this summer. We thank her for all she has done for the children of St Buryan over the past three years. Mrs Morrall trained at St Buryan before becoming our Year 2 class teacher, then Year 1/2. She'll always be a friend of St Buryan and we wish her all of the very best in for the future.



Also leaving us this term is Mrs Lockwood, who has been our valued school cook over the past few years. She'll be missed greatly, not just for keeping us fed but around the school in general. Thank you Mrs Lockwood and best of luck in your other ventures.

Remember that we are in school on Monday for a special last day!  
We finish at 3.15pm!



We still are pushing our alumni project. If you are a former pupil of the school and want to share your story to inspire our children then please get in touch. We are looking for all sorts of jobs, careers and success sotries.



# 2022-23 SCHOOL PRIORITIES

## **Raising standards in writing across the curriculum**

As you walk around the school and visit classrooms, you can see how the standard of writing has risen; this was the subject area that was impacted the most from school closures during the pandemic and we have worked hard to address this.

Our end of Key Stage 2 writing attainment for children 'working at the expected standard' is up 10% on last year. This shows the positive impact of what we have done this year and we are confident this will continue in the future.

## **Working collaboratively to raise outcomes**

We have really made an effort to become even more present in the community once more and utilise our locality to enhance learning opportunities. This includes working with other schools, both primary and secondary, to strengthen learning. This has probably been most noticeable in the PE opportunities we've facilitated this year, which has led to higher outcomes for our children as well as the PE Mark Gold Award. However, it's also been apparent in our work with The Minack, partnerships with our Trust and much more besides.

## **Raising attendance across the school**

Part of the impact from COVID was a national decline in children attending school throughout the school year, so as a priority this year, we wanted to increase our attendance percentage. It is no secret that children who attend school more have greater outcomes in all areas and will tend to enjoy their all-round school experience more. Our first term saw our attendance well below national averages, so we worked with families in improving this and it really paid off - term two saw us make the biggest progress in attendance out of all our Trust schools and in our final term it saw us overtake the national average for the year! This was great progress throughout the year, we'd like to thank you for your support in improving our attendance and we want to carry on bettering it next year.

A good marker for our improvement was that in term 1 we had 9 children with higher than 97% attendance, term 2 saw this rise to 30 children with 97% attendance or above and our final term saw this go to 34 children achieving this marker!

We will share our 2023/24 priorities with you at the start of the new school year.



## Summer Holiday Activities

The summer holidays are a perfect chance to refresh, recharge and are an opportunity for adventures, experiences and family time. Sometimes though, you need things to keep you busy, which is why we have put together 15 activities that involve reading, writing and maths skills to keep your learning going over the holidays and to put you in a good place for next year. These are optional, but are beneficial to continue your progress and learning. Look on the back for writing expectations in each year group.

Reading

Writing

Maths

**Can you write a book review about your favourite book?**

**Can you write a daily diary of your holiday?**

**Can you make a survey of people in your house? It may be shoe sizes, favourite animals or something else.**

**Can you write a letter to your favourite author?**

**Can you write a recount of an exciting thing you have done?**

**Can you beat your own time on Times Table Rockstars?**

**Can you read about and find out more facts on your favourite animal?**

**Can you write a set of instructions for a game that you have made up?**

**Can you add up the items on a shopping list or receipt?**

**Can you read to a relative or record yourself reading and send it to one?**

**Can you write a postcard to a friend or family member? Even if you don't go away you can write one from where we live!**

**Can you find a bus timetable and work out how long it will take to get you to different places?**

**Can you read a different text like instructions, a newspaper or a diary?**

**Can you design an effective poster to make traffic slow down through the village?**

**Can you design flashcards for children in the year group you just left? They could be number bonds, times tables, division facts or anything else.**





# Wild for Wellbeing

**FREE Nature-based Family Workshops for all**

The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) in Schools are delighted to be running a series of 'wellbeing' workshops for families throughout August 2023 across the Penwith area. We be exploring the '5 Ways To Wellbeing' through outdoor-based, creative and practical activities. These workshops are for children to attend alongside their parent/carer. There will be something for everyone!



## Dates

## Times

## Location

Tuesday 1st August 2023

Session 1: 10-12pm Session 2: 1-3pm

Sennen School, Sennen

Thursday 3rd August 2023

Session 1: 10-12pm Session 2: 1-3pm

Heamoor Community  
Primary School, Penzance

Tuesday 8th August 2023

Session 1: 10-12pm Session 2: 1-3pm

St. Ives Infant School,  
St. Ives

Friday 11th August 2023

Session 1: 10-12pm Session 2: 1-3pm

Hayle Family Hub, Hayle

Tuesday 15th August 2023

Session 1: 10-12pm Session 2: 1-3pm

Sennen School, Sennen

Thursday 17th August 2023

Session 1: 10-12pm Session 2: 1-3pm

Madron Daniel C of E School,  
Penzance

Thursday 24th August 2023

Session 1: 10-12pm Session 2: 1-3pm

St. Ives Infant School,  
St. Ives

Friday 25th August 2023

Session 1: 10-12pm Session 2: 1-3pm

Hayle Family Hub, Hayle

Contact the school or  
[cft.mhschoolsteampenwithandios@nhs.net](mailto:cft.mhschoolsteampenwithandios@nhs.net)  
for more information



# crab walkers

Crab Walkers is a creative arts group for primary age young people who have experienced trauma, loss or adversity, or children who struggle socially and lack confidence.

It runs every Thursday at  
Trelva  
The Lescudjack Centre  
Penzance  
TR18 3PE  
3:45 - 5:15pm

Ran by  
**Imogen & Emily**



Contact  
[education@minack.com](mailto:education@minack.com)  
to express an interest  
and explain why you  
think the child will  
benefit.






# Should I keep my child off school?



## Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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**Advice and guidance**  
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

## TERM DATES 2023-24

### AUTUMN:

4 SEPT - 19 DEC

(HALF TERM 23 OCT-27 OCT)

### SPRING:

4 JAN - 28 MAR

(HALF TERM 12 FEB-16 FEB)

### SUMMER:

15 APR - 24 JUL

(HALF TERM 27 MAY-31 JUN)

### 2023/24 INSETS

4TH SEPTEMBER 2023

5TH SEPTEMBER 2023

7TH JUNE 2024

22ND JULY 2024

23RD JULY 2024

24TH JULY 2024

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Further contacts are available on our website.



## 2023/24 INFORMATION

Please read the information regarding 2023/24 which was sent home earlier this week.

Look out for more information towards the end of the summer holidays and updated contact information.

Have a great summer and see you on 6th September 2023!



See you on Wednesday 6th September  
for the first day of the new year!