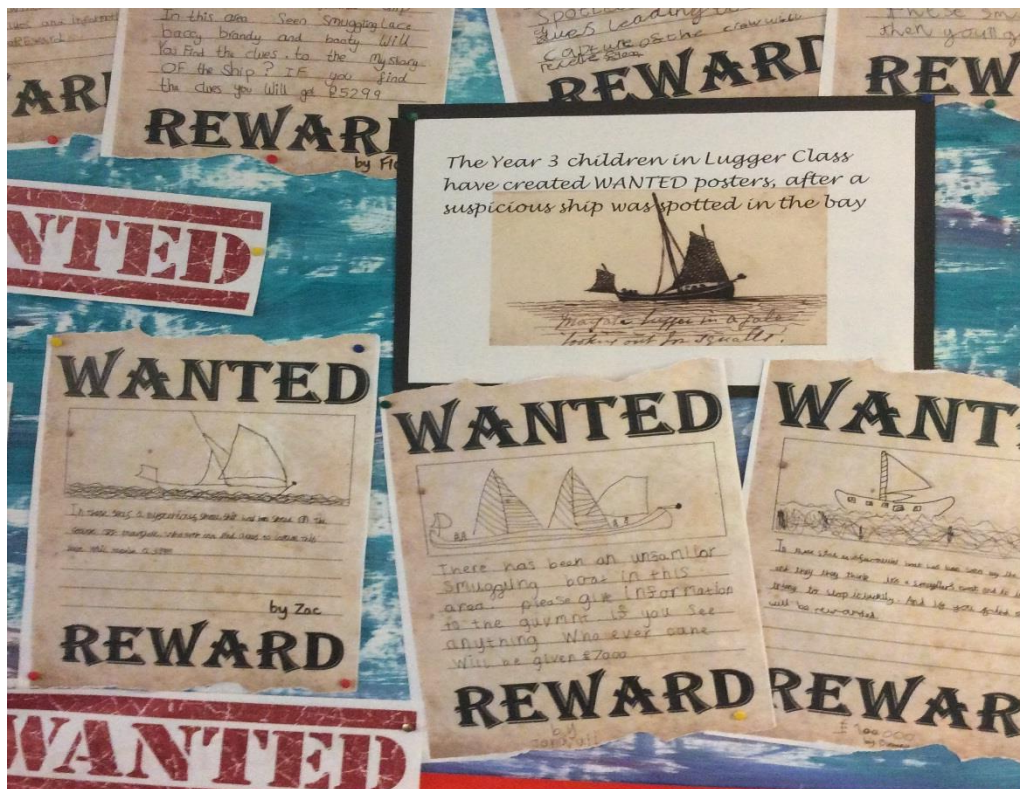


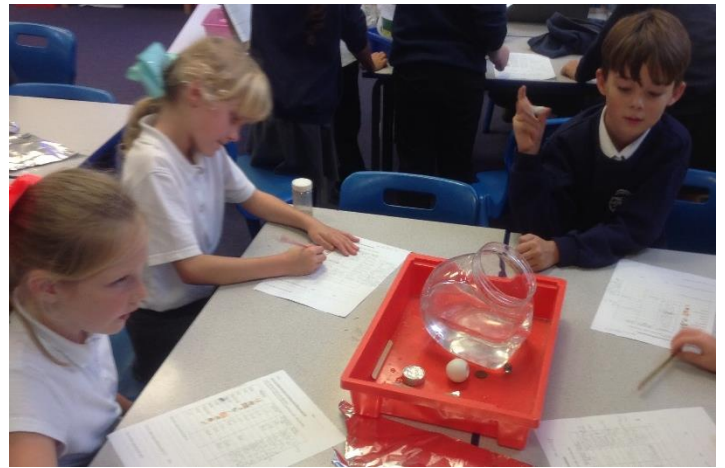


We aim to create an exceptional school that harbours confidence, respect and a love of learning and prepares children for the challenges and adventures of life.



Year 3 have made wanted posters.

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As part of their science investigations the **Lugger Class** children have been investigating what materials float and sink in order to smuggle and hide pirate cargo. The Year 3 children also created posters for a suspicious vessel that has been seen off the Mousehole coast.

Alan Sanders Clarke, the author of **The Smugglers of Mousehole**, visited Lugger Class and was interviewed by the children. They were also taken to Cregyn Cottage, the setting of the book and had a go at pressing the skull rock that opens the secret smugglers' tunnel that can be seen through a porthole. The children of Mousehole have been invited to act as extras in a film adaptation of the book that is being shot locally. On 17th November, at dusk, 65 school children in old fashioned (1700s) clothes are required to meet on the harbour beach as part of the filming. If you'd like to be involved, please speak to Mr Mullaney who can give you more details.



At our last **Celebration Assembly**, the **Star Award** certificates went to Delilah and Jago in Dinghy Class, Ellis, Gabriel and Zennor in Skiff Class, Ben, Flo and Morwenna in Lugger Class and Lulu, Harrison and Finley in Schooner Class. This week's awards went to Otto and Zeeva in Dinghy Class, Tess, Huxley and Elijah in Skiff Class, Ruby, Zach and Isambard in Lugger Class and Dylan, Austin and Isla M in Schooner Class. Congratulations, you are all Mousehole stars!



We would like to say **Thank You** to Mr Corti and Mr Petitjean for coming in to school over the half term and cutting back some overhanging trees for us. Also our garden helpers who help keep things under control.

As part of St Pol de Leon Church restoration work there is a need to make a connection from the church into the drains under the road. It is very likely that this will take place next week, 6th-10th November. The road will NOT be closed but there will be **Traffic Lights** and some delay so please allow more time.

As you may know on Wednesday 1st November we officially converted to academy status and joined the **Truro and Penwith Academy Trust** (TPAT). As explained previously, there should be very few obvious, immediate changes. Some of the staff attended some excellent maths training on Monday and we have already had some visits from other colleagues to share good practice. We will keep you updated on the impact that conversion is having. One change that will take immediate effect is the way our finances are managed. We still have control over our budget and how it is spent (staffing, teaching resources etc.) but cheques will need to be made payable to *Truro and Penwith Academy Trust* (school meals still to be paid to *Chartwells*). For more information please ask at the school office.

You may remember our **Family Choir** who performed at last year's carol concert. Thalia and Mary have very kindly offered to run the choir again this year. If you are interested, please come along with your child on Fridays after school: 3pm - 4pm. No experience is necessary.

As part of our work on improving children's understanding of how they learn and further improve their **Growth Mindsets** we have started to introduce them to a set of skills through our assemblies. The current skill set we have called **Expect to Connect**.

We want our children to feel a connection with the area in which they live and a sense of place. We believe this builds a sense of belonging and identity, develops cooperation and friendship, a belief that all people are of value, enhances an appreciation of the natural world, encourages participation and creates a heightened commitment to serving as active, responsible and contributing citizens with the belief they can make a difference.



Dates for your diary:

Don't forget, a full and up to date listing of school events and dates can be found on the **CALENDAR** page of our website.

Monday, 6th November – Cross country at St Ives Rugby Club.

Wednesday, 8th November – Parent consultation day.

Thursday, 9th November – FROMS Afternoon Tea event at 2:00pm.

Friday, 10th November – Family choir at 3:00pm.

Tuesday, 14th November – FROMS Christmas planning meeting.

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