



## KENSUKE'S KINGDOM PRESENTATION



You may have been one of our lucky parents who came in on the last day of last half term to see the fabulous work made by Class Four. Our display celebrated the work we had achieved whilst studying Michael Morpurgo's 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. Exhibits ranged from basking sharks to jelly fish, kimono illustrations to clay model islands. Class Four had practised welcoming visitors to the class and also how to ask questions and show people around.



Class One and Three were also guests and loved to be shown the work of their older friends. Pupils have learnt so much from the book, and altogether their work and response to their audience was of enthusiasm and knowledge.



## FISH FOR THE FUTURE

Class 3 has been up to so much this term and we wanted to share some of it with you. We had a great trip to Mousehole in the first week to start our Literacy unit on The Mousehole Cat. It set us up for some inspiring stories. We have also been finding out about the different fish species found in the waters around Cornwall, with lots of Internet research on our Fizzbooks. All this came to life when the fishmonger from Trevaskis Farm came into our school, with an awesome selection of locally caught fish. From red Gurnard to a huge squishy squid, we were all able to have a hands-on experience right there in our classroom! Sustainable fishing has been the latest topic for discussion, with lots of really sensible suggestions about what can be done to solve the problems of overfishing. Sometimes it's hard to tell you about everything we've done, so we thought it might be better to SHOW you and so we held our decidedly fishy assembly. We were thrilled to see so many parents, friends and family members turn up to share our slide show with. It was a pleasure to let you have an insight into just some of the amazing things we get up to at Gwinear School!

## Penwith Education Trust

Have you filled in your questionnaire about the Trust and returned it to school yet? Do let us know what your feelings are about this important change to your community's school.

The parent, staff, union and public meetings about the proposed conversion to Foundation status have now taken place. There were some good questions and comments from parents. The union reps spoke especially passionately about trust status as the best response to the changing landscape in education. The Local Authority is dwindling and are beginning to offer far fewer services to schools. Schools need to find new ways to support one another, share resources and purchasing power and provide some exciting shared projects for children.

All of the documents about the proposed change are on our website. Please do return your trust questionnaire, so that we know how you feel about the change. If you have any questions, ask Helen Scholes, Cathy Woolcock or Nancy Barrows, who attended all of the meetings so are likely to know most of the answers!



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### CHARTWELLS

Would you like to work in school hours?  
Would you like to work in term time only?  
Are you interested in quality food?  
Would you like to work as part of a team?  
Would you like to work and not sure how to get back into a working environment?

We have cooks positions and catering assistant positions available,

If the answer is yes to any of these questions please contact Bev Jones on 07920727503

### THANK YOU ISABELLA

Children said thank you to Isabella for her World Book Day suggestion. Class 4 enjoyed reading stories to class 1 last week, and class 1 enjoyed showing of their books. Thank you, Isabella, everyone had a good time reading and we shall do that again.

### SWIMMING GALAS

Some of our pupils recently had the opportunity to take part in the Penwith Primary Swimming Gala, at Penzance Leisure Centre. Over twenty local schools took part in what was an amazing and memorable experience for everyone involved. Due the large numbers of children involved the gala was split over two dates, one for Years 3 & 4, and one for Yrs 5 & 6. Well done to the following children who represented our school at these events - Eve P, Ellie, Eve W, Peter, Thomas, Elias, Jonny & Jake ; and Curtis, Matthew, Daniel, Tia, Gracie, Izzy, Willoe, Pheobe, Zoe and Maddy. Over 200 children took part on each date and along with many teachers, parents/supporters they created an amazing atmosphere. It must've been very daunting to swim in front of so many spectators so a very big WELL DONE to all the children! Special mention to Eve W and Maddy who progressed to the finals of their particular events. Eve went on to finish 2nd in the Yr 4 Breast stroke final and Maddy finished 4th in the Yr 6 Front Crawl final - Well done girls!

Thanks to the parent drivers who once again gave up their time to help transport the children to and fro, we couldn't do it without you!" Su Kent (Thank you also to Su)

### QUESTIONNAIRE

Please find our school annual questionnaire in your child's book bag today. This is your chance to have your say about the direction of our school. We send out a parent questionnaire each spring and also survey children. The replies and other data help us to create the next action plans, which form part of our School Improvement Plan. We would ask you please to put comments as well as ticks, so that we can understand what you are thinking and why. If you have any questions that are personal to your child, don't wait for the questionnaire, but do talk to us asap. Please do tell us what we do well as well as your ideas for improvements.

### EASTER ACTIVITIES

Savvey Events are holding multi activity events at Penpol school through the Easter holidays. For further information see the noticeboard or go to [www.savveyevents.co.uk](http://www.savveyevents.co.uk)

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A COUNCILLOR?

Gwinear-Gwithian Parish Council are holding a parish councillor event. Come along and see how you can become a parish councillor in time for the May elections. An open event to anyone interested is being held on Saturday 23 March 2013 at Connor Downs WI Hall, Turnpike Road, Connor Downs, 10am to 12 noon. Come along and have a chat

### EARTH HOUR

Earth Hour is your opportunity to show your commitment to change as part of a global interconnected community. Our Earth Hour community already has some inspiring stories of how they are truly going Beyond the Hour with sustainable steps, big and small, towards a better planet. On Saturday 23 March at 8.30pm join in and switch off for one hour.

### GWINEAR SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mon 18 Mar—Community Links working party meeting 2pm, all welcome, no crèche

Wed 20 Mar—Maths master classes for Y6 CSIA

Fri 22 Mar—2pm TLC meeting led by Sue Cooke all parents welcome

Fri 22 Mar—2.50pm PTFA meeting all welcome

Sat 23 Mar—Quiz and Chilli night at Royal Standard, Gwinear, PTFA

Thur 28 Mar—End of 1st period of PET Consultation at noon

**Fri 29 Mar—Sun 14 Apr (inclusive) Easter Holiday**

Fri 19 Apr—2pm PTFA

Mon 22 Apr—Year 6 photos 1pm and class photos

May 13—SATS week

Thur 18 Jul—Leavers do 1.30pm

Fri 19 Jul—INSET day—Review and Planning morning and lunch—crèche available—all parents very welcome

Mon 22 Jul—INSET day

Tue 23 Jul—INSET day