



## CORNWALL SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS



On Friday 6th December, Miss Lewis, Angie and I attended the Cornwall Sustainability Awards for Schools, at the Atlantic Hotel, Newquay. Following recent filming in school, we travelled there hopeful of retaining the Energy and Water award that we held last year. However we were thrilled and extremely proud to come away with an armful of awards!

Before the ceremony itself we listened to several very interesting and thought provoking talks on Cornwall's sustainable future, and we enjoyed watching videos of other award winning schools, which gave us inspiration for possible future projects here. As well as winning the Energy and Water award, we also proudly accepted a Highly Commended award for 'Inclusion and Participation' AND we won the 'Healthy Eating' award! This was a huge surprise considering we hadn't entered in that category! However the film crew had been so impressed with our focus on healthy eating that they had put our name forward!

So, a massive 'WELL DONE' to all our pupils, staff and governors for all their hard work and dedication in these areas!" Su Kent



## Engaging the Arts at Eden

On Thursday 5th December all our children visited the Eden Project, taking part in the second South West Arts Award Conference. It was an amazing day, giving the children the opportunity to take part in creative arts workshops with industry professionals. During the day half the children worked with the Duchy Opera to develop a collaborative piece, with dance and singing based on the Spanish Toreador. All were encouraged to embrace the passion of opera! The other half worked with dance expert Sarah Waller, creating individual, paired and whole group pieces based around the theme of Pirates! From walking the plank, to climbing the rigging, the children were all so creative in their responses. Ahoy there!



Our chair of governors, Cathy Woolcock, had this to say:

*"Wow! I cannot emphasise enough how well behaved the children were on this trip. The excitement levels were clearly high, however every child on the trip was beautifully behaved and all were brilliant ambassadors for Gwinear School; a real credit to the staff and their parents!"*

*The children were completely absorbed by the task in hand and concentrated for the whole hour, which was most impressive. They had to remember the tune, actions, movements and manage to sing in harmony as well and yet all the children from reception to year 6 managed with no problems at all. One of the adult helpers was a child's Grandmother who told me she had never had the opportunity to do this sort of thing when she was at school and that she had absolutely loved the opportunity, really enjoying taking part. What an amazing chance for this lady to discover a new hobby! Well done to the children for making the day such a success with their willingness to get stuck in as well as their beautiful behaviour! A very enjoyable day, thank you for inviting me along!"*

As an introduction to the Arts Award this truly was a magical day for all the children, staff and volunteers. The role of the Arts in Gwinear School is so vital and I am thrilled to see the children's enthusiasm go from strength to strength.





International School Award  
2010-2013



Healthy School



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### Healthy Schools Dance Mats



### CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Gwinear Church will be holding a Chrstingle Service at St Gwinear Parish Church on Sunday 15 December at 11am. You are welcome to join in this delightful, short, all-age service.

### HAYLE FILM CLUB

We show films on a small-cinema sized screen in the Passmore Edwards Institute in Hayle on the second Saturday of every month. On 14 December we are showing our first Christmas matinee screening for families 'The Nightmare Before Christmas'. We have to ask that all children are accompanied to this, and in recognition of that, tickets are just £3 for all ages. This is a Tim Burton movie, there are big quirky tunes and the Boogie Man is as jazzy as he is spooky – it's definitely one that the grown-ups can enjoy rather than simply sit through. And, because Hayle Film Club are becoming known for our home-baked refreshments too, there will be a Christmassy cookie for each child to take away after. Tickets £3, available from "Beanbelt" at 28 Penpol Terrace in Hayle, on 01736 752319, or online at [Hayle Film Club - Box Office](#) - also on the door unless we sell out (we seat about 80).

### CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY AND CHRISTMAS SING SONG

On the last day of term, we invite parents to join us for a celebration assembly and Christmas sing song, from 2.15pm

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

You are very welcome to photograph or video your child and other children at school, but please remember that photographs of other children **MUST NOT** be put on the internet, including facebook.

### INSET DAYS

We will have two inset days (teacher training days) at the start of the autumn term 2014, so the start for the children will be Monday 8 September 2014. For families this means that it is possible to book a cheaper season holiday at the end of the summer holidays—week starting Saturday 30 August.

### ENTERTAINMENT IN CLASS 3

This week Class 3 were entertained by Tiffany playing her guitar. Everyone enjoyed singing Jingle Bells with her and we thought she was very good. Our violinists and some other instrumentalists played at the Christmas Fayre. You might hear them on Friday afternoon if they bring their instruments.



### TATE ST IVES—WINTER FESTIVAL

Tate St Ives are offering a free workshop on 12 December in the courtyard 6pm-8pm drop in anytime. Engage in a series of exhibition-related investigative arts activities for families and grown ups alike.

### HEALTHY SCHOOLS DANCE MATS

After three of our pupils enjoyed trying out some 'Wii Dance Mats' at a recent event hosted by Cornwall Healthy Schools, I arranged to have them loaned out to our school so that every child had the opportunity to try them out. We set them up several times over recent weeks during Energy Club and they proved very popular!

We linked them up to the big screen in the hall to ensure we had plenty of space. The dance mats have four directional arrows and it takes a lot of concentration and co-ordination to follow the pattern of steps on screen, all set to various popular music songs. Mr Lynch and I were very impressed - we have a lot of children with a lot of rhythm!!!

It was great fun and we will look to loaning them again in the future ( and maybe we'll encourage parents to join in this time!) Su Kent

### Gwinear School Calendar

Fri 13 Dec—Last swimming session

Mon 16 Dec—No Shilton Soccer today

Tues 17 Dec—No Football Fun today

Wed 18 Dec—Xmas lunch

Fri 20 Dec – Last day of term—**NO CLUBS TODAY**

Mon 6 Jan—First day of Spring Term

Thur 4 Sep 2014—INSET (school closed to pupils)

Fri 5 Sep 2014—INSET (school closed to pupils)