



ST MEWAN C P SCHOOL

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SUMMER NEWSLETTER NUMBER 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the Summer Term – I just wish the temperature would be a little more summer like at the moment! It has been a busy start with our Year 4 children attending their Dartmoor residential and having the most marvellous time. Read more about this inside today's newsletter.

Family Support Worker Drop Ins

Carla Whitehouse, the Family Support Worker for St. Mewan, will be holding another drop in session at school on Monday 15th May between 8.45am and 10.15am. Carla can provide advice on a huge range of topics such as developing routines for your child, positive parenting and behaviour, debt management, how to keep your child safe online. If you are looking for any support at all or would just like a chat about an issue regarding your child, please drop in and see her. Pop into the school office and we will be able to direct you to her!

'Prime'

Mr Boynton sent an email about this earlier this week. Whilst I am aware that there is a 'Prime Hydration' and also a 'Prime Energy', neither drinks are permitted in school. Please ensure that your child has a bottle containing water or reduced sugar squash to avoid any further issues.

Friends of St. Mewan Penny Wars

We were delighted in how our school community supported this event before the Easter holidays and it is fair to say that there was a large amount of sabotage going on, especially in Year 6. Penny Wars raised a grand total of £695.14 and the prize winning classes were:-

Key Stage 1 – 1M
Key Stage 2 – 5J

Most raised overall – 6D

The winning classes from each Key Stage have chosen to have McFlurries (1M) and Dominos Pizza (5J) as their prize whilst 6D will receive ice creams!

Mr Donnelly's Marathon Effort

Huge congratulations to Mr. Donnelly, one of our Year 6 teachers, who ran the London Marathon last weekend in the remarkable time of 3 hours and 29 minutes! Mr. Donnelly set himself the target of beating his personal best and running under 3 hours and 30 minutes and achieved his goal. We are all super proud of him!



School Gateway Payments

We would really appreciate it if parents could log in to School Gateway and clear any outstanding amounts for swimming this year.

Mrs E Badger
Head Teacher

Who's ready to take up space ?



You're invited to our [#GirlsInSTEM](#) event:

Learn about the routes into the space and STEM sectors, meet with Cornish businesses already working within the industry and get hands on with some interactive activities and meet local educational institutions who will share knowledge about courses that can support you into the sector ✨

Business attending include:
Goonhilly Earth Station Ltd
Avanti Communications
TECwomen CIC
Software Cornwall
Spaceport Cornwall
Halo
Piran Composites
Microsoft
My Coast
And many more

The location will be at Spaceport Cornwall's Space Systems Integration Facility, which houses the 70ft model LauncherOne rocket.

📅 May 17th 2023

🕒 4pm – 8pm

For more details and to book your free ticket. Pick your time. Take up space! 📄 <https://lnkd.in/e77dSD3z>

FOREST SCHOOL

Good afternoon , welcome to a Farm week with many different animals and loads of home cooking, this week . Bacon baps , hotdogs you name it , it was cooked.



Reading Targets Met

Well done to all the children below who have met their Spring Term Accelerated Reader Target (for those in Year 2 and above who are off the RWI programme). These children, and their families, have shown great dedication to their reading, by reading for 15 minutes every school day - that's all you need to do to meet your target! We can measure this through your Accelerated Reader quizzing. We know, and research shows that children who read for at least 15 minutes a day, go on to be happier and more successful in their futures so we are excited to see lots of you reading at home. Well done to these children for showing such dedication to your reading. We are so proud of you! In the next couple of weeks, you will all have a yummy treat and story with Mrs Iliffe to celebrate. Who will meet their reading target in the summer term and be rewarded for their efforts?

The first St Austell Festival of Children's Literature will be taking part on the 17th of June. Tickets can be purchased from TODAY (24th April) for a minimal fee via <https://www.crbo.co.uk/> The festival will include lots of well known children's authors and promises to be a really exciting event.



Here are our World Book Day Competition Winners this year from KS1 and KS2. Well done to Elijah, Elowen, Harriet, Poppy and Eli, as well as Ezra from EYFS (not pictured) for their amazing winning entries amongst such strong competition

World Book Day

Here are some of the AMAZING World Book Day Story with an Egg Carton and Story in a Shoebox entries we had this year. Aren't they fantastic?



World Book Day Competition Winners

Thank you to all the parents and children who worked so hard on World Book Day Submissions. We were blown away by your efforts and incredibly creativity. It was so INCREDIBLY hard to choose just one winner from each category so we have decided to give a little prize to EVERYONE who entered as the quality and effort was just SOOOO high.

Below are the winners for each category, who have already received a book voucher and a St Me-wan teddy and who will be receiving a book this week.

Family Reading Challenge Winner: Harriet Cook

Egg Carton Winner - Elowen Newnes

KS1 Story in a Shoebox – Elijah Berry

UKS2 Story in a Shoebox – Elijah Blears

LKS2 Story in a Shoebox – Poppy Watson

Reception and Nursery Story in a Shoebox – Ezra Berry

And a huge congratulations to all the runners up, listed below, who did an AMAZING job on all their World Book Day Competition entries and who are all going to receive a certificate and book this week. We have already celebrated their success in assembly.

Story in a Shoebox:

Reception & Nursery

Obadiah Hazelton

Edith Whitehead

Elsie McDevitt

Year 1:

Olive Frater

Charlotte Prynne

Evie Hewitt

Harry Rickard

Thea Snell

Harriet Cook

Mary Hazelton

Year 2:

Chloe Clements

Ava Hopkins

Arthur Morley

Maisy Morley

Ivy McDevitt

Pippa Jackson

Stanley Whitehead

Bobby Bisset

George Martin

Jaxson Hartland-Green

Tean Smit-Chesterfield

Aliyah Williams

Toby Johnso

Ernie Withers

Bobby Bisset

Olivia Vanzino

Grace Feather

Amy Marshall

Jack Watson

Kaitlyn Thomas

Willow Nash

Year 4:

Harry James

Esme Hall

James Frater

Year 6:

Sophia Lewis

Egg Cartons:

Eddie Orme, Will Turpin, Albi Orme, Oscar Lagor, Elowen Newnes,

Family Reading Challenge: Theo Chambers, Eva Snell, Lola Rickard, Harriet Cook, Elliot

Chambers, Raffi Danieli, Charlotte Prynne, Eleanor & Florence Grasby

Well done to these children for meeting their targets this term by reading for 15 mins every day:

Year 2:

Elijah Berry, Freja Driscoll, Bailey Honeyman, Stanley Whitehead, Chloe Clements, Finley George and Willow Nash.

Year 3:

Kieron Bunt, Alfie Davis, Maxwell Olds, Lamorna Pearce, Brooke Thomas, William Turpin, Sam Williams, Molly Constantine, Poppy Healey, Lily Pacy, Ellie Rowe, Alex Trudgeon and Ella Whitehead.

Year 4:

Himani Aanasane, Eula Collyer, Matthew Dyer, Harrison Oliver, Poppy Watson, Grace Cannon, Reece Dutton, Esme Hall, Henry Rudge and Owen Withers.

Year 5:

Emma Beynon, Florence Hayden, Genevieve Heard, Florence Quinn, Josie Roberts, Willow Treadgold, Emily Csehi, Lily Healey, Scarlett Parry, Elowen Rance, Logan Thomas and Alfie Williams.

Year 6:

Jasmine Berry, Jessica Clemo, Oskar Driscoll, Jack Ellison, Hayden Hall, Alex Myers, Finley Parkin, Georgie Rolling-May, Jayden Sloggett, Evelia Stephenson, Lottie Turpin, Logan Budge, Archie Doran, Freddie Ellaway, Barnaby England, Eli Hawthorn-Blears, Jude Packer, Megan Roberts, Mia Roseveare, Leo Spurling and Rowan Truscott.

St Austell Festival of Children's Literature Authors

AF Steadman (recommended age 9+)

Internationally bestselling author AF (Annabel) Steadman talks about her blockbuster hit SKANDAR AND THE UNICORN THIEF – crowned Waterstone's Children's Book of the Year 2022, translated in 45+ languages and with a film by Sony Pictures around the corner.

In a fun and interactive session, you will create your own unicorn and unicorn rider and find out your own elemental magic!

The sequel SKANDAR AND THE PHANTOM RIDER is released April 2023

Anna Wilson (recommended age 6-9)

Anna has written a wide range of children's books and this collaborative story writing workshop will focus on her Vlad: The World's Worst Vampire series. If you love Tom Gates, Catkid or Dogman then you'll really enjoy Vlad.

Ben Rowswell (recommended age 9+)

Ben is the author of two beautifully illustrated picture books for all ages.

"Cornwall: An Alphabetical Adventure" and "I Spoke To The Sea" Come along and join in with Ben's writing workshop

Clare Helen Welsh (recommended age 0-7)

Clare is a former teacher turned author and creator of fantastically fun activity sessions based on her books. Meet award-winning Lenny the lemur from the *Poo, Wee* and *Slime* books and make your own pair of sunny side specs linked to Clare's newest book, *Sunny Side Up*, which will help you to look on the bright side of life.

Ellie Jackson (recommended age 5 to 8)

The Wild Tribe Heroes books are a little different from your normal children's book. Not only are they great children's books, in their own right, but there is also a powerful message behind each story passed on in a gentle way.

Emma McCann (recommended age 7-11)

Emma is one of our own, balancing part time work at St Austell library with freelance illustration. As well as writing her own picture books Emma has created illustrations for many writers including the Serena Patel series, Anisha – Accidental Detective. Emma's workshop will include a draw-a-long plus a whacky and fun story building game.

Isabel Thomas (recommended age 7-11)

Science isn't about knowing facts or wearing a lab coat. It's about asking impossible questions! Why do we need eyebrows? Are feelings made of atoms? Could I swim in ice cream? What's the world's worst smell? Join award-winning science Isabel Thomas to find the answers. Get ready to take part in live experiments and bring your own bamboozling brainteasers for a chance to appear in her next book. An event for everyone who won't take 'I don't know' for an answer.

St Austell Festival of Children's Literature Authors

Jodie Lancet-Grant (recommended age 0-7)

Jodie Lancet-Grant is the author of The Pirate Mums and The Marvellous Doctors for Magical Creatures. Jodie's books are a celebration of all kinds of families, of magic, adventure, and being true to yourself.

Julie Sykes (recommended age 6-9)

Come and meet Julie for a short interactive talk on the inspiration behind the Woodland Magic series, rewilding and how you can help the environment. There will be time to draw a wildlife creature and colour a paper cup before planting a mini wildlife garden in it to take home.

Justyn Edwards (recommended age 9+)

In his books The Great Fox Illusion and The Great Fox Heist, Justyn brings a different kind of magic to children's books. Come along to Jason's session, learn about The Great Fox and see if you can work out how the tricks are done.

Kate Jane Neal (recommended age 7-11)

Kate will share a Words and your Heart book reading and workshop. Words and your Heart is a beautifully written book exploring how we can both hurt or heal, crush, motivate and love through the words we choose to use. Simply presented, through the characters of Pip and Cat.

Naomi and James Jones (recommended age 0-7)

In this fun and interactive workshop Naomi and James will read their book The Odd Fish, talk about the inspiration behind it, run a draw-a-long workshop and share how we can all help reduce plastic in the ocean.

Rebecca Cobb (recommended age 0-7)

Rebecca Cobb is a British children's book illustrator who lives in Falmouth. Along with writing and illustrating her own books, she has collaborated with other authors including Julia Donaldson, Richard Curtis and Helen Dunmore. During her workshop, Rebecca will be drawing and reading stories, including Aunt Amelia's House.

Sarah Tagholm (recommended age 0-7)

Author of Wolves in Helicopters, Sarah has lots of fun and surprises planned for her workshop based on her brand, new book Sam Francisco, King of the Disco.

Sufiya Ahmed (recommended age 9+)

We are excited that Sufiya Ahmed has chosen our Festival for the South-West launch of her brand-new book: Rosie Raja: Mission to Cairo. Sufiya has written many fantastic books and regularly visits schools. The Rosie Raja stories are vivid, gripping historical adventures that are perfect for fans of Emma Carroll and Michael Morpurgo. .

Tracy Curran (recommended age 0-5)

Come and join Tracy as she shares her magical book Pumpkin's Fairy tale

Sporting Success at St Mewan



As well as celebrating the sporting success that is taking place within school, we are always keen to find out and showcase any success that our pupils are involved with outside of school. This can be things like participating in a sports event or competition, receiving a medal/certificate or for any other sports related activity.

Here are some pupils who have recently achieved sporting success outside of school:

Thea Patton
RVT



Alex Patton-5J



Alex was part of the Plymouth Argyle academy team that took part in the Oakham festival over 3 days in Leicester. They won the tournament beating Manchester United in the semis and Nottingham Forest in the finals and will have a formal presentation at home park this weekend. Thea also won herself a medal at Charlestown Youth FC's Soccer camp. Well done Team Patton!



Sports Fixtures and Events:

Year 4 Dance Workshop with Studio 4 Dance:

Over the past few weeks, Y4 have been taking part in a series of dance lessons led by Studio 4 - 4FS Youth dance instructor, Perry. The children have really enjoyed their sessions and have learnt a lot from the experience, including some new moves! We'd like to thank Perry and Studio4Dance for organising and delivering such memorable and enjoyable sessions and we look forward to working with them again in the future.

Dodgeball -Y4 and Y5:

Over the last two Mondays, some of our Y4 and Y5 pupils took part in dodgeball events at Poltair-School. All of the children were brilliant and had a great time. Due to the enthusiasm and spirit shown by our pupils, two of our teams have progressed through to the next stage which will take place after May half term.

Football:

On Tuesday 18th, our A team travelled to Bishop Cornish once again but for the 9 aside cup this time. Last time we played them we narrowly won on penalties after a very close game. We had a similar experience again but this time lost in the last few minutes of extra time. The team played brilliantly and still had a great time.

The following Tuesday, the A team was back at it again in another Semi-Final against Newquay Jr. The game was incredibly close and once again required extra time to find a winner. Unfortunately, the game finished 3-1 to Newquay but the team played extremely well and should be really proud of their attitude and performance throughout the match. Despite these two semi final loses, we are still in the final of the Diamond shield which will take place on May 18th. Well done to all of the players involved!



On Wednesday 26th April, it was the girl footballers turn to showcase their talents. Our Y5 and Y6s took part in a Girls Football event at Bodmin Leisure Centre where they competed against schools from the Mid and East Cornwall area. Both teams played plenty of matches, winning, drawing and losing some but always playing with positivity and enthusiasm. The event's main aim was to promote Girls football and not have too much emphasis on winning/losing. However, this did not mean the standard of football on display from all schools was not incredibly high with an unbelievable amount of skill on show from the girl footballers. It really did highlight how far girls football has come and how talented the children are becoming at football within the Cornwall area. We will continue to build on this next year, with even more girls football planned for our pupils!

Sports Fixtures and Events:

Play leader Training (Y5):

On Friday, DT coaching came in to deliver specialist playleader training to all of our Y5 playleaders. Our Y5s then used this training to plan, organise and deliver sessions for our Y2 pupils. The children gained a lot from the experience and will use these newly learnt skills during their role as playleaders during our lunchtime breaks.

Bikeability Training:

On Tuesday, Cornwall Bike Project were in to deliver cycling training for our Year 5 pupils in preparation for the cycling activity on their upcoming residential as well as developing such a useful life skill. The children were fantastic during the training and really took on board what the instructors were delivering. There will be more sessions for our Year 5 pupils over the next half term with the aim of most of the children achieving their Level 2 accreditation and all children achieving their Level 1. We will be aiming to do the Bikeability training every year in Y5 to ensure that as children come through the school, they all receive this unique and vital experience.

Other Sports/Clubs:

Monday - Y3/4 Outdoor Adventure Club and EYFS Multi-Skills started with lots of children involved in both.

Wednesday - The Y5/6 Athletics club went up to the field at lunchtime to show off and work on their long distance throwing ability. Our Y4 Martial Arts club also started with Mr Sanson.

Thursday - Over 60 children came along to KS1 Athletics where they focused on a range of field events that involved the skill of throwing.

Friday - Our school field was used to its full potential with 50 x Y3/4s at Athletics club and a similar amount of Y5/6s taking part in Outdoor Adventure Club.

We hope the children have enjoyed the Summer After School Sports Clubs and will continue to get involved with them over the rest of the half term.

Many thanks,

St Mewan Sports Team



Year 4 Camp

Earlier this week, Year 4 went to Okehampton YHA for their three-day residential. The children had an amazing time, taking part in a wealth of outdoor activities including archery, axe throwing, climbing, gorge scrambling and grass sledging. They also enjoyed an evening walk on Dartmoor, as well as an obligatory campfire and marshmallows! 'This was the best camp ever!' one of the children told us. The children's behaviour was impeccable and they represented the school in a truly positive light. One of the YHA instructors remarked, "I wish your school could stay for a whole fortnight!" Every single child made the teachers extremely proud, facing their fears and giving every activity a try.





The importance of regular school attendance

National average school attendance is 96.5%. There is a direct link between school attendance and attainment and progress. It is very important to ensure that your child attends school regularly. We are able to offer support if you have concerns or issues regarding your child's attendance. Please contact Mrs Lisa Martin, Attendance Officer via the school office if you would like to discuss this further.

Class	Percentage Attendance	Class	Percentage Attendance
RR	94.0	3P	96.0
RVT	96.0	4C	97.9
1B	95.8	4M	94.8
1M	95.5	5B	99.2
2B	95.5	5J	94.1
2S	95.7	6D	98.3
3CG	96.5	6SG	96.0

Weekly class attendance 27th March to the 21st April 2023

98-100%

- Excellent- Children are accessing all learning opportunities
- Lost learning hours 0-20

96-97%

- Good- Very few learning opportunities are missed
- Lost learning hours 20-37.5

94-95%

- Risk of underachievement
- Up to 10 school days absent in an academic year
- Lost learning hours 47.5-55

92-93%

- High risk of underachievement
- Up to 15 school days absent in an academic year
- Lost learning hours 65-75

90-92%

- Severe risk of underachievement
- Up to 19 school days absent in an academic year
- Lost learning hours 75-95

<90%

- Extreme risk of underachievement
- Upwards of 22 school days absent in an academic year.
- Lost learning hours -more than 95

St Mewan Extra-Curricular Clubs Timetable – Summer 1		
Monday		
Multi Skills (EYFS) = Mr Boynton and Mrs Rogers @bottom playground No limit on numbers	Y5/6 Choir = Mrs Harvey @4M (4:20pm finish) No limit on numbers	Y3/4 Outdoor Adventure Club Mrs Dorran @field No limit on numbers
Tuesday		
Y6 Hardball Cricket= Mr Boynton and Mr Donnelly (selected children only) From 2 nd May onwards. Letters to go out with further details.		
Wednesday		
Y4 Martial Arts Mr Sanson REQUIRES PAYMENT– 15 places only @Y4 classrooms	Y5/6 Athletics Club/Trials (Lunchtime) Children attending this club should come into school in their PE kit.	
Thursday		
KS1 Athletics = Mr Boynton @field No limit on numbers		
Friday		
Y3/4 Athletics = Mr Boynton and Miss Palmer @ Field No limit on numbers	Y5/6 Outdoor Adventure Club Mrs Dorran and Mrs Greenwood @field No limit on numbers	

Notes to consider:

- All A/S Clubs finish at 4:30 unless specified above.
- Children should be collected from the specified @ location above.
- Anyone not collected by 10 minutes after their finish time will be taking to A/S club and may be charged.
- All clubs can be booked onto via School Gateway.
- Details for the Y4 Martials Arts club will be sent out on class dojo. This club will require payment as it is being provided by an external agency.

St Mewan C P School

2023/24 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2023

Friday 1st September 2023 & Monday 4 September 2023 – Staff Inset Days (Pupils not required to attend)

Tuesday 5th September 2023 – Term Begins

Monday 16th October 2023 to Friday 27th October 2023 – Half Term

Friday 15th December 2023 – End of Term, 1pm

Spring Term 2024

Monday 8th January 2024 – Term Begins

Monday 12th February 2024 to Friday 16th February 2024 – Half Term

Thursday 28th March 2024 – End of Term, 1pm

Summer Term 2024

Monday 15th April 2024 – Term Begins

Monday 6th May 2024 – Early May Bank Holiday

Monday 27th May 2024 to Friday 31st May 2024 – Half Term

Friday 26th July 2024 – End of Term, 1pm



Creative Writing Competition

You are invited to write a story (up to 500 words)
based in, or around, St Austell.

You could write:
a mystery
a fantasy
a quest story
a tragedy
a comedy
Science Fiction
or a poem

Prizes:

Book tokens for each age category
++PLUS++

One overall winner will have their story
illustrated and printed for the festival
on 17th June 2023

Age Categories:

- 4-6
- 7-11
- 12-16

Please return entries clearly labelled with your name, age
and school to your school or St Austell Library.

St Austell Town Council



With support from:



Closing date: 21st April 2023



The Lanjeth Playing Field Association

Invite you to join us at the park
for a Royally good time!



Hog Roast
(Vegan Alternatives)



Hot and
Cold Drinks



Tug-O-War



Rounders



Kids Crafts



Treasure Hunt



Raffle



Toast to the King!

- Festivities start at 12 noon - [Sunday 07.05.2023](#)
- Free Admission
- Food by Suggested Donation
- Bring a dish or snacks for the community food table

Loads more fun activities for everyone to
enjoy!

Join our page on Facebook to keep in the loop





St Austell Festival of Children's Literature

Saturday 17th June 2023

White River Cinema



A.F. Steadman
10:00am
Doors open 9:45am



Sufiya Ahmed
10:45am
Doors open 10:30am



Ben Rowswell
12:15pm
Doors open 12:00pm



Clare Helen Welsh
3:00pm
Doors open 2:45pm

St Austell Library



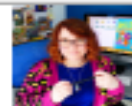
Kate Jane Neal
10:00am
Doors open 9:45am



Anna Wilson
11:30am
Doors open 11:15am



Jodie Lancet-Grant
1:15pm
Doors open 1:00pm



Emma McCann
2:30pm
Doors open 2:15pm

Unit 4



Sarah Tagholm
11:15am
Doors open 11am



Naomi & James Jones
1pm
Doors open 12:45pm

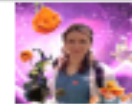


Rebecca Cobb
2:00pm
Doors open 1:45pm



Justyn Edwards
3pm
Doors open: 2:45pm

Pop up venue



Tracy Curran
10:00am
Doors open 9:45am



Ellie Jackson
11:30am
Doors open 11:15am



Isabel Thomas
1:00pm
Doors open 12:45pm



Julie Sykes
2:30pm
Doors open: 2:15pm

Tickets available at www.crbo.co.uk from April 24th 2023

