



Lanivet School Newsletter



Weekly Awards



Teacher Focus	Mega Mathematician Magician	Wonderful Writer	Remarkable Reader
Callum T Harry H James H Freya P Mase R	Eva H Finley Jayden W Jake M Jaydan F Lily M	Taylor H Emily F Christopher R Airidas P Alister R	Ozzy S Charlie F Seren G

Our week at Lanivet...

Welcome to our very Christmassy newsletter! Here's a summary of what we have been up to this week...

Dolphin Class - have been learning about hibernation, which animals hibernate and why and what they use to line their nests and dens to keep warm over the winter months. They have also made a visit to Charity Lands again this week to have a go at designing and building places for animals to hibernate. In Maths, they have been learning about weight and have begun using the new vocabulary heavy, light, heavier and lighter to describe different objects. **Fox Class** - have been writing their own stories based on 'The Snowman' and practising common exception words. In Maths, they have been focusing on Numbots, Timestable Rockstars and 10 times tables. They also went on a winter walk around the park, where the class found frosty leaves and pointed out all the things that were icy! **Duck Class** - have completed a Big Write. The children used all their science knowledge of 'Animals, including humans' to write a staying healthy leaflet - they were incredible. In R.E they looked at why Christmas matters to Christians and thought about their special times at home. In History they started looking at Guy Fawkes, using QR codes to find out information about him and the gun powder plot. They spent Friday afternoon making their Christmas decorations for St Petroc's church and putting up the class tree. **Otter Class** - have been learning about Stone Age living and created their own cave paintings. They also learnt how to back stitch this week. **Puffin Class** - have been focusing on including tricky things in their writing such as fronted adverbials and conjunctions. They have been using some estimating and checking strategies to make sure they are being accurate with adding and subtracting. In Geography they used atlases and maps of the UK to locate some of the major rivers. They also enjoyed a race to find certain cities and towns using grid references and fastest finger first. They have nearly come to the end of their novel study, The Boy Who Biked the World, they can't wait to see how it ends. **Dragonfly Class** - have been using bar models to solve maths problems, carried out an investigation in Science looking at the how different materials act as insulators and they have been looking at the mysterious Red Scarf character from a short clip 'Road's End' in English. **Hedgehog Class** - have started the biggest Maths unit, fractions. They have been using models and colours to help them work out equivalence, simplifying and converting between mixed numbers and improper fractions. In History, they have nearly finished learning about Ernest Shackleton before we moving on to the Titanic. In English, they have been focusing on suspense and tension writing ready for their scientific/fantasy big write next week.

Christmas Post

At Christmas time we usually provide a post box in the school for pupils to be able to post Christmas cards to each other. This year we have had to come up with something a little different – this is our plan....Please bring cards into the classroom by the 9th December where they will be put into a special Christmas box . They will then be left for a week before being sorted and given out towards the end of term. Please ask your child to only write Christmas cards to those in their own class bubble.



Christmas Foodbank Collection

This year more than any other we need to support our local foodbank. We will be collecting items for the food bank from now until the 11th December, if you would like to donate your class teacher will be happy to accept your donations. We are asking for the normal food bank items as well as any special Christmas donations you may be able to provide. You can read more about the food bank and their work here: Wadebridge Foodbank



Remember that Lanivet School can issue foodbank referral vouchers, if you need some support you can contact us and we can help you.

Christmas performances



This year we are not able to put on our Christmas performances in the usual way but the children have still been practicing hard! We don't want you to miss out on the magic, so Mr Warwick has used his show business contacts and we have a professional film company coming in to film the performances! Each class bubble will perform individually and covid safety measures will be observed. The final video will be made available for parents to view on the school website, we will also be offering copies of the performance on DVD for purchase if you would like to order one as a gift for grandparents. A big thank you to our amazing PTA, who are funding the costs of the filming!

If you have **not** already given permission for your child to be filmed or on the school website, we will be contacting you next week to ensure that this is still the case.

TEC Girls...



Some of our girls were lucky enough to get the opportunity to join an on-line TECgirls mentoring session this week. TECgirls was set up by a group of women and men in Cornwall who want to look at ways to help girls as young as 6 realise that TEC is a girl thing. This mentoring session involved working with Micro:bits and the girls had a lot of fun creating code to make Christmas lights and sounds. Look out next year for more news on how we will be using Micro:bits at school.

ParentPay reminder

Please remember to regularly check your ParentPay account and ensure that you are not accruing a large debit balance. Weekly text reminders are sent to those with a debit balance of £10 or over to help avoid this happening. If you have a debit balance of more than £20 per family, we may have to withdraw services, this means for example you would not be able to use Breakfast Club or your child would not be able to order from the school lunch menu.



Diary Dates	
Wednesday, 9 th December 2020	Christmas performance filming, last date for class Christmas cards, School Christmas lunch
Friday, 18 th December 2020	Break up for Christmas, early dismissal
Monday, 4 th January 2021	INSET Day, school closed to pupils
Tuesday, 5 th January 2021	Start of Spring Term
Friday, 12 th February 2021	Break up for half term, no After School Care Club
Monday, 22 nd February 2021	Start of second half of Spring Term
Thursday, 1 st April	Break up for Easter, early dismissal
Friday, 2 nd April 2021	Good Friday - Bank Holiday
Monday, 5 th April 2021	Easter Monday - Bank Holiday
Monday, 19 th April 2021	Start of Summer Term
Monday, 3 rd May, 2021	May Bank Holiday
Friday, 28 th May, 2021	Break up for half term, no After School Care Club
Monday, 31 st May, 2021	Spring Bank Holiday
Monday, 7 th June 2021	Start of second half of Summer Term
Friday, 11 th June 2021	INSET Day, school closed to pupils
Friday, 9 th July 2021	INSET Day, school closed to pupils
Friday, 23 rd July 2021	Break up for Summer Holidays, early dismissal