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Dear Parents and Carers,



I hope you all enjoyed a lovely half term. It's good to see all the children back, all so enthusiastic and ready for the last leg of the spring term. Staff are also very enthusiastic as they begin their new **INSPIRE** Curriculum. It should offer some lovely new opportunities often within a local context. Topics are organised into **four week units** giving greater diversity to the curriculum and more scope for linking subjects making learning more holistic and less compartmentalised. Do look at the Inspire website if you have a chance. A link can be found on our own school website.

NINJAGARTEN: Kid's Martial Arts – here at school...

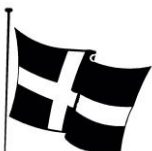
I am proposing to set up a martial arts club here after school every Wednesday from 3.30pm-4.30pm. Places are limited and so it will only be open to pupils currently in Years 2, 3 and 4 and on a **'first come, first served' basis**. The cost per term is **£45** – this is incredibly reasonable – averaging at around £4 per session. The club will be run by a fully qualified instructor. For parents of pupils in Years 2, 3 and 4, your child will be **bringing home a flyer** with more details including a website for you to browse. I think this is a great opportunity – there will be no punching and kicking – the emphasis will be on **discipline, self-control and respect**. Pupils who join will be able to take gradings and they will receive a free uniform with their first grading. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested. You would need to pay the £45 in full and at the outset.



St. Piran's Day

We are celebrating the feast day of St. Piran, one of three Patron Saints of Cornwall..

Did you know.... The Cornish Flag, the Flag of St Piran (white cross on a black background) represents white tin flowing from the black rock, or good overcoming evil)? Perhaps children would like to look up the story of St. Piran.



Congratulations...



Briana, Caleb, Thomas D, Tallulah, Maggie, Dylan J, Harry S and Honey for being selected by Carol and Mandy to sit on the **Captain's Table** –they were delightful! Well done to both Rhys and Zophia for achieving the **Courtesy Cup**. Two delightfully courteous children! A big well done also to Tom, Molly and Tilly, all of whom will be going forward to the Still Water Event at Millfield in April having been so successful in competing in a variety of rescue races at Portreath Surf Life Club. I would like to make special mention of Honey, Ruby, Tamsyn and Alex for volunteering to help both Mrs Richards and Mrs Burley with their **'Bucket Shake'** for Children's Hospice South West in ASDA last weekend. They gave up their Saturday for this very worthy cause. They managed to raise the grand sum of £489.88. I am immensely proud of these four pupils – thank you!

Early Years

Yet more goodies have been arriving in Class 1! We are awaiting delivery of some gorgeous building blocks – Miss Wright can barely contain herself!



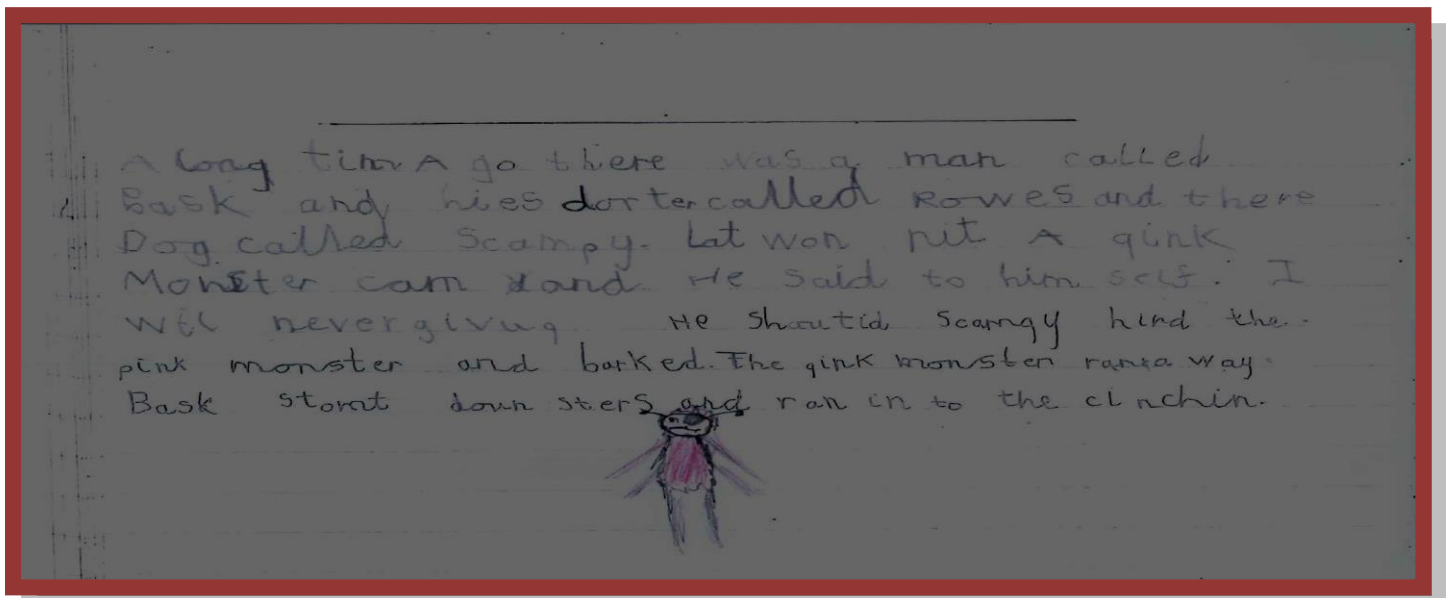
It has come to my attention that... some children may have been trying to 'google' inappropriate images on devices at home. Please be vigilant and if you become aware of any such behaviour please let us know. We have a very tight and secure filter system in school, far more sophisticated than those we have at home. Our iPads and computers are used strictly as learning resources and all use of such media is fully supervised. We do not allow any devices to be brought into school by pupils and phones may only be brought in with permission and must be handed in at the office in the morning and collected at the end of the school day. This is to ensure the safety of all our pupils. E-safety is an ongoing element of the curriculum and something that we do take very seriously.

It was good to be able to welcome Father Steve on Tuesday morning. He led our assembly and reminded the children about the season of Lent and encouraged everyone to do something extra special for someone throughout Lent and to consider those living in extreme poverty. He brought in his guitar and the children sang 'Lord of the Dance' beautifully.

And finally.....



Class 2 have been writing stories. Elliot in Year 1 wrote this with no help from the teacher! This story is called, *The Pink Monster*. (Elliot – I had to check with Mr Blease that you were in Year 1 – I looked at your lovely writing and thought that you must be in Year 2! Well done!)



Kind regards,

Louise Northern



FRIENDS OF KENNALL VALE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for their support over the Christmas period and the various events held. It all proved to be a great success and the children had a lovely time. Without all your support, none of this would have been possible, thank you.

We are now planning events for the coming year and our first event will be a coffee morning and cake sale to be held on **Friday 13th March**. This will be open to all from 9am in the school hall. The intention is that the event will celebrate both World Book Day and Comic Relief.

It will be a non-uniform day for the children, with the option of them coming in with their face painted if they so wish. We ask that they please bring in a donation of loose change, for the privilege of doing so. With all the coins donated we hope to be able to fill two book characters, which are to be painted on the hall floor, by Mrs Medlin and Miss Bradley in Class 3 who illustrates children's books, so we need plenty of coins please. All proceeds from the event will be split between The Friends, the School and our chosen charity Children's Hospice South West.

In recognition of World Book Day, please could the children bring in their favourite book to share with the rest of their class.

We would very much appreciate any donations of cakes, buns etc. for our cake stall to be brought in on the day.

We very much hope to see you all on the 13th of March.

Further events are being planned and I will inform you of these, once all details have been confirmed.

Thanking you in advance for your support.

Julie Burley

On behalf of the Friends of Kennall Vale

