



## KENSUKE'S KINGDOM



Pupils in class four are thoroughly enjoying the story 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo.

After spending some quality time reading and reflecting on the story as a whole, we are now embarking on many different activities related to the book.

**Art:** Pupils have made fabulous artwork based on the work of the Japanese artist Hokusai. His work is mentioned in Kensuke's Kingdom as inspiring the Japanese Kensuke to paint using squid ink on shells washed up on the beach. The pupils worked in their sketchbook and experimented with wax resist and mixed media before starting their bigger piece.



**Homework:** Pupils selected a topic from a 'lucky dip' of themes from the book. They are now researching some of these themes to display to parents at the end of the work.

**Guided Reading:** Pupils are studying specific parts of the text during guided reading, commenting particularly on the imagery used and the writing technique of Michael Morpurgo.

**Music:** Pupils are composing using ICT to produce a sound story map of the main events in the book. These will be 'stitched together' to make a finished piece.



**Story telling:** The story has been drawn up in the form of a story map painted on canvas like a sail. All pupils are now composing their own story using the same framework of ideas. Pupils who find writing a bit tricky are supported by word maps and 'Clicker', a specially provided ICT program that aids writing by providing support and reading to the pupil what they have written. As a school we are recognised as one of the



forerunners for providing literacy support in the County, .

**Geography:** Pupils are researching how they would circumnavigate the globe by sail and other transport, reading the recent achievement of the British adventurer Graham Hughes, who went to 201 countries without stepping on a plane. We have studied the use of navigation, the shipping news and log books to record and plan the trip. We are going to make a log book of our own as if we are travelling around the world, charting our progress.



## An Exciting Future for Gwinear School

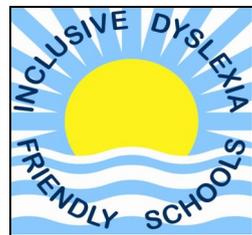
The educational landscape is changing. Local Authorities play a much smaller role than previously. Schools are increasingly grouping together to share expertise and resources. One such group is the Penwith Education Trust, which is a Co-operative Trust group. The PET works together to raise standards of attainment and well-being for children across the Penwith area. This is currently 12 schools in Penwith; all schools that we currently work with in various ways.

The governors of Gwinear School, Leedstown School, Connor Downs School and Trythall School have recently voted to begin consultation with a view to converting to Foundation / Trust status and join the Penwith Education Trust. If this goes ahead, we will still be a maintained school, partnered with the Local Authority, but we will have access to exciting new opportunities for our children and staff. There will be full consultation with all stakeholders and local groups, over a period of 2 months, including a meeting for parents.

Being part of a group of schools working together will allow us to share best practice, make financial savings in times that will be more challenging for small schools and bring many benefits for our children. Recent projects have included a day of music workshops for children from all of the schools and the forming of a trust football team.

Look out for more details, that will come to you on 28th February.

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Class 1 make Pasties



### EARLY YEARS RESOURCES WANTED

Do you have any of the following items we could borrow:  
Binoculars, magnifying glasses, compass, map, grids and collector pots,

### CONGRATULATIONS EVE (Year 4)

On Saturday 26 January I won a silver medal in swimming for 50m breaststroke at Penzance leisure centre. I was competing for Carn Brea/Helson Swim Club.

### THINKING ABOUT OTHERS

In this school year, parents and children have raised money to help others:

- The Harvest Festival raised £86.60 for Guide Dogs for the Blind
- School Council have raised £27.98 with their wishing well, for St Julia's Hospice
- School Council have raised £109.25 for St Julia's Hospice, through their cake bake.

### WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO TRY A RIDING LESSON?

Wheal Buller are offering a free introduction to riding session at their stables, in February on the 4th, 6th, 18th and 20th at 4pm for a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 16 children. The children need to be over 5 years old. Parents will be responsible for taking them to and from the session as it is out of school hours. School will be responsible for booking the event and obtaining parental consent/risk assessment forms. Please let Mrs B know if you are interested.

### PTFA

The PTFA held their first meeting of 2013 on Friday and came up with some very exciting plans for the next few months. Dates for your diary are the annual Summer Fayre which will be on Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup> (fingers crossed for less wind this year!), a fun quiz night at the Royal Standard Pub in Gwinear on Saturday March 23 at 7.30pm and a Bag2school collection which will take place on February 26<sup>th</sup> so please start collecting old clothes, sheets, shoes etc because every item helps!

The quiz will be a fun evening with tickets costing £5, for which you get to take part in the quiz as well as enjoy a jacket potato and chilli for your tea! All proceeds will go to the PTFA to be spent on equipment for the benefit of our children. We hope you can come along and join us!

If you have any ideas for the Summer Fayre (although we know Summer feels like a life-time away in these chilly temperatures) please, please come along to the next PTFA meeting which will be on February 15<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

### WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN RUNNING A CLUB?

Presently the Youth Club at Wall Hall is for 11 to 14 year olds. The organisers would be interested in hearing from anyone who would be keen to run a session for younger children, or from anyone who would like a club for their younger children. Phone Cath Clay on 01736 850359

### GWINEAR SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Tue 5 Feb—Safer Internet day, workshops for children, Parents workshop 2.55-3.55 (crèche available) do come along to learn how to keep your child safe on the internet
- Tue 5 Feb—Hi 5 Match against Mousehole—Mounts Bay Dome
- Week beginning 11 Feb—Parent/Teacher consultations, please make sure you have your appointment, if you need another time please let us know and we will re-arrange
- Tue 12 Feb—Understanding Others Day—Relationships
- Wed 13 Feb—Year 5 Liaison Hayle School/Maths Master Class
- Thur 14 Feb—Hockey league against St Just—Mounts Bay Dome
- Friday 15 February—Monday 25 February 2013—Half Term Break**
- Mon 25 Feb—Non uniform day in return for Bags2Schools
- Tue 26 Feb—Bags2Schools
- Tue 26 Feb—Class 3 RE performance—Amazing Grace
- Thur 28 Feb—Start of consultation about Trust status
- Thur 28 Feb—Fire Safety workshops yr1-4
- Thur 28 Feb—Sustainability working party 2.55 (crèche available)
- Fri 1 Mar—Parents TLC Group 2pm
- Thur 18 Jul—Leavers do 1.30pm
- Fri 19 Jul—INSET day
- Mon 22 Jul—INSET day
- Tue 23 Jul—INSET day