



## Weekly Benson Bulletin

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Ofsted Attendance Grades		
96.5% + <b>High</b>	96.1% - 96.4% <b>Above national average</b>	95.5% - 95.9% <b>In line with national average</b>
94.0% or below <b>Low</b>	90% or below <b>Cause for concern</b>	85% or below <b>Persistent Absence</b>

PUPIL WELFARE GROUP	
We pride ourselves on being approachable and are happy to discuss any concern with parents, no matter how big or small.	
Mrs Giblett (Headteacher)	Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mr Galler Assistant Headteacher)	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs J Williams and Mrs B Morris	Special Educational Needs Coordinators
Mrs J Truen	Family Support Coordinator
PHASE GROUP LEADERS	
Mr Crocker	Y1-2 Phase Group leader
Mrs Kyte	Y3-4 Phase Group leader
Mr Kitto	Y5-6 Phase Group leader

Available pupil places at Archbishop Benson School Updated 2.3.2018						
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
0	0	0	0	0	7	0

#### Attendance News:

Our whole-school attendance rate for this week was 96.5%

Congratulations to Classes 2KP, RR and 4T this week who topped the attendance table with 100% attendance. Well done!

#### Message from Mrs Giblett

It has been a very busy and successful couple of weeks and we would like to share a few snippets with you. You can enjoy photos of many of these events on our Twitter pages.

#### Songfest

On February 27<sup>th</sup>, our choir took part in the 2018 Song Fest, celebrating the singing talents of the young people of Cornwall. It was a great community event involving many local schools and a great time was had by all. It was also wonderful to receive some lovely feedback.

*" I have just returned from the most wonderful evening at Songfest 2018. The children representing Archbishop Benson sang beautifully amongst the other choirs. Their behaviour was faultless and they showed true Benson spirit as they clapped and encouraged the other performers. I was immensely proud of them all (both as a mum!) and governor"*

We would like to thank pupils & parents for their support & engagement and a big thank you to Miss McDonald for coordinating our involvement in this event.

#### Going for Gold!

On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February, 22 of our pupils represented Archbishop Benson at Polwhele's annual cross country event. The children enjoyed walking the beautiful woodland course, early on Saturday morning, in very cold conditions. They then all did extremely well in their races and we managed to win the overall team trophy. Well done again to the group children who represented the Penair Cluster at the Peninsula Cross Country races held at Pool School on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Twelve children now go on to represent the Peninsula Area on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm.

We are so grateful for the support of our pupils & parents as well as the unfailing enthusiasm of Mrs J Williams.

#### Snap Happy!

A number of our children entered the Truro Rotary Club Young Photographer 2018 competition. It is a special community event that allows young people to demonstrate and display what they can produce creatively based on a theme. This year, entrants were required to produce a portfolio of 3 photographs based on the theme "A Different Perspective."

We are both delighted and impressed that Max Berryman, in Y6, won 2nd place in the Junior category.

### Spring Parents Forum

This will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 9am in the Children's Centre.

**Focus:** Is bullying dealt with effectively within the school?

This is in response to feedback from parents both in the end-of-year surveys completed last July and comments made on Parent View. We look forward to these parents, and other parents, availing of this opportunity to share their views with the school.

#### **How to book a place?**

All parents are invited, but numbers for each forum are understandably limited. We do not want to set too much of a limit on numbers as we know that parents who want to attend are interested in that particular issue, but we also want to ensure that the number present allows for a meaningful discussion. For the afternoon forum meetings we can accommodate 6 - 8 parents. For the evening meeting, we can facilitate about 15 - 20 parents.

If parents are interested in attending any forum, then we ask them to contact the office. On a first come, first served basis, we will ensure that, if sufficient parents express an interest in attending that there is representation from all classes. Having done that, if there are additional spaces available then we open it up to the other names on the list in rank order.

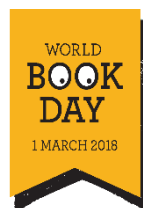
### Class Assemblies

Please see below updated changes to some of the Class Assemblies.

Dates for class assemblies	
Time for class assemblies - 2.30pm	
Class RR and RP graduation service	Friday, July 13th
Class 1L	Friday May 11th
Class 1W	Wednesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> March
Class 2KP	Friday, March 23rd
Class 2C	Friday, May 25th
Class 3K	Friday, April 27th
Class 3W	Friday, July 6th
Class 5MS	Friday, June 29th
Class 5K	Friday, May 4th
Class 6T	Friday, June 22nd

Look out on the school's Twitter account for a lot more photos of what is happening in the school, starting next week. School's Twitter Account is @ArchBensonSch or see it on the homepage of the school website.

### World Book Day



Due to the snow day last week we have rescheduled World Book day. The new date is March 22<sup>nd</sup>, We would like to encourage your child to dress up as their favourite book character on the day.

### Polwhele Cross Country Event year 3-6

Thank you to all 22 pupils that represented Archbishop Benson at Polwhele's annual cross country event. The children enjoyed walking the beautiful woodland course, early on Saturday morning, in very cold conditions. They then all did extremely well in their races and we managed to win the overall team trophy.

Individual medal winners were:

#### **Year 3 & 4 girls**

1st Lara H  
2nd Saffron J  
3rd Emma H

#### **Year 3 & 4 boys**

1st Myles R  
2nd Alfie T  
3rd Tom R

A huge thank you to all the runners and to their families for their fantastic support.

Mrs J Williams







### **Cross Country County Semi Finals**

Well done to the 22 children who represented the Penair Cluster at the Peninsula Cross Country races held at Pool School on Tuesday 7th March. We managed to dodge the showers and all the children ran extremely well on a very flat and fast course.

Twelve children now go on to represent the Peninsula Area on Thursday 15th March at 2.30pm. The results for these children were:

#### **Year 4**

1 Lara H  
6 Saffron J  
14 Amelie G  
1 Myles R  
4 Tom R  
8 Alfie T  
10 Charlie M  
14 William S

#### **Year 5**

4 Maisy P

#### **Year 6**

10 Olivia G  
13 Xanthe K  
8 Lewis T

Thank you to all the parents that helped transport the children to this event.

We wish the runners all the best for the county finals.

Mrs J Williams (cross country teacher)



### **High Five Netball Qualifier – 23rd February 2018**

On a very cold and blustery Friday, two Year 6 teams took part in the Truro area high five netball qualifier at Penair School, where each team had to play six matches against other schools and each other! It was lovely to see ex Archbishop Benson pupils, who are now Penair's sport leaders, helping to run the event and umpire the games.

The A team's first match was against Devoran, the players were so cold it took them a while to warm up and although we had the lead at half time, Devoran fought back to finally draw the game 3-3. Next, we took on Truro High School's A team, thinking this would be a tough game so we were really pleased when we won 8-0! Ellie-Maeve scored a hattrick! Our third game was against Truro High School's B team which we also won, this time 4-0. Kea school defended well in our next game and scored 1 goal but we came back to eventually win 7-1, with Ella scoring 4 of the goals. Our penultimate match was against Tregolls School, who we had not yet played this season. We won the game 9-0 with Ellie scoring 4 of the goals and Bradley scoring 3.

Our final game was against our friends in the B team, we won this match 7-0 with Silvenna scoring 4 of the goals. Having drawn one match and winning the other five the A team were crowned winners at the end of the day. They now go on to the Peninsula finals later this month. A fantastic team effort!



**The winning A Team -congratulations to Bradley, Jake, Ellie, Ella (C), Olivia, Gracie, Silvenna (VC) & Ellie-Maeve**





The B team, who were playing their first competitive matches of the season, started off brilliantly with a 3-0 win against Tregolls. Poppy, Gaby and Evie were the goal scorers. Their second match against Kea was very close but eventually saw Kea winning 1-0. The team then lost their next two matches against Devoran, 1-7 and Truro High School A team, 2-7, Amara scored both of these goals. Her first goal was so impressive it was given the title of 'goal of the day'! Some great defending held off the strong Truro High School B team with the match ending in a 1-1 draw again scored by Amara. Their final game was against the A team which despite a great effort they lost 7-0.

The team did really well, despite losing four games, their one win and a draw secured them 4<sup>th</sup> place overall.



**Well done to the B Team, Hannah (VC), Florrie, Ashleigh, Amara, Gaby, Carmen, Evie & Poppy (C)**

Both teams demonstrated great skills, determination and sportsmanship. Thank you to Mrs Reynard and Mrs Ellis who helped me with the teams on the day and to all the parents and both Mr Thomas' who came to support us and provided transport to and from Penair.

Mrs Olds

#### **Data Collection Sheets**

Please don't forget to complete your Data Collection sheets if you haven't already completed and returned them, sent out via your child. Please check the information is correct. If it is incorrect, please amend the sheet and return to the school office. If we do not receive your sheet back we will assume your information is correct.

### **Kitchen News**

Hope you are enjoying our lovely new menu.

#### **New Extra-Curricular Clubs Email Address**

We have a new email address for any emergency or urgent queries regarding school clubs. Please feel free to email Mr. Mark Thomas on this email address:

[Clubs@archbishop-benson.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:Clubs@archbishop-benson.cornwall.sch.uk)

We will try and respond to enquiries as soon as we can.

#### **Book Fair**

Our annual Book Fair will be held after school in the school hall on Monday 12<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March from 3.15 – 4.00pm. Please look out for a leaflet with further information, this will be sent home with your child.

Your child will receive a World Book Day £1 voucher, which can be spent at participating bookshops or the book fair.

The support you give us at the Book Fair is always amazing, for every book you buy, Scholastic donate a very generous amount of money to us to spend on buying new books for our school library. Last year the amount was £797.94!

We look forward to seeing you there.

#### **After School Clubs**

The following after school clubs will not be running next week due to the Book Fair being held in the school hall: Gymnastics, Dance and Capoeira.

All other clubs will run as normal.

#### **FABB**

We hope you enjoyed coming along to the Mothers' Day coffee morning today. Thank you to all those who donated raffle prizes, made cakes and helped with this event. Thank you to Rachel Scott for making the bracelets and to Fentongollan Farm for supplying the daffodils.

#### **Blues Club.**

We are open every day for Breakfast and After School. We run from the St Paul's Children Centre which is on the school site. Our team of qualified staff will ensure that your child is cared for in a safe and stimulating environment. Healthy breakfast and snacks are provided every session. If you would like to find out more about what we do please pop in and meet Esther and the team any day.

Our staff are fully qualified and DBS checked. Blues Club is rated Outstanding by Ofsted.

You can also phone us on 01637 877073 to find out more information, or email us at [info@firststepscornwall.co.uk](mailto:info@firststepscornwall.co.uk)



## Stay and Play

Truro Nursery School, in partnership with Archbishop Benson School, offer a Stay and Play session on Thursdays in St Paul's Children's Centre from 9.00am – 10.30am. Play and early learning sessions for families following the early years foundation stage curriculum for ages 0 – 5 years. Cost is £2.00 per family (up to 2 children). First session is free to new families.



## Bosvigo Holiday club

Bosvigo Holiday club are now taking bookings for the 13th April. We will also be open for the Bosvigo School INSET day on Monday 16th April.

We have again frozen our prices at £23.50 per day (7.45am-6pm) and are also offering Half Day sessions for £15.

The activity timetable is nearing completion and includes a wide range of activities including, baking, construction, a trip to Idless woods, den building, bowling, arts and crafts and our ever popular Easter Egg Hunt. We are also hoping to get out in the garden when Spring has finally sprung!

Please book online using the School Gateway or if you are new to Bosvigo Wraparound and would like to register, please email [wraparound@bosvigo.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:wraparound@bosvigo.cornwall.sch.uk) and we will get you started. Please feel free to make arrangements to come and look around, we would love to meet you.



## EASTER HOLIDAYS

### FELT EASTER EGGS

FRI 30TH MARCH 9.30-11 AM AGE 7+ £9

Try your hand at making beautiful felt Easter eggs using only wool, soapy water and old tights! If you feel really confident, you can also make a little chick to go inside.

### CLAY CHICKS ON STICKS

SAT 31ST MARCH 3.30-5PM AGE 5+ £9

Create cute clay chicks with long wire legs and big plumes of feathers! Make them stand, sit or dance - decorate your Easter windows! this holiday!

### COLLAGE LANDSCAPE MASTERCLASS

THURS 12TH APRIL 9.45-12.45PM AGE 8-12 £20

A morning with tutor Kevin who will explore how to create depth in landscapes using tone. You'll then use charcoal, chalk and watercolours to create your own ripped paper landscape collages. Messy, informative and fun!

GUEST TUTOR

### STORY, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION

FRI 13TH APRIL 9.30AM - 3PM AGE 8+ £30

Spend a day taking part in some fun story-generating activities, planning a set of illustrations to work with your tale and then creating your own book to take home.

### DROP IN JUNK MODELLING

SAT 14TH APRIL 9.30-12PM AGE 5+ FREE

Come along to our junk modelling drop in session for Truro Children's Day! Get messy and creative with the whole family, and see what you can create. Drop in any time between 9.30am and 12pm, grab a coffee, a cake and enjoy the fun!

26 River St, TR1 2SJ - 01872 240 567 [arts@truroartscompany.co.uk](mailto:arts@truroartscompany.co.uk) [www.truroartscompany.co.uk](http://www.truroartscompany.co.uk)

## Drama Workshop @ The Burrell Theatre

**Date:** 3rd April

**Time:** 08:30 – 17:00

**Age:** 6 – 14 Years

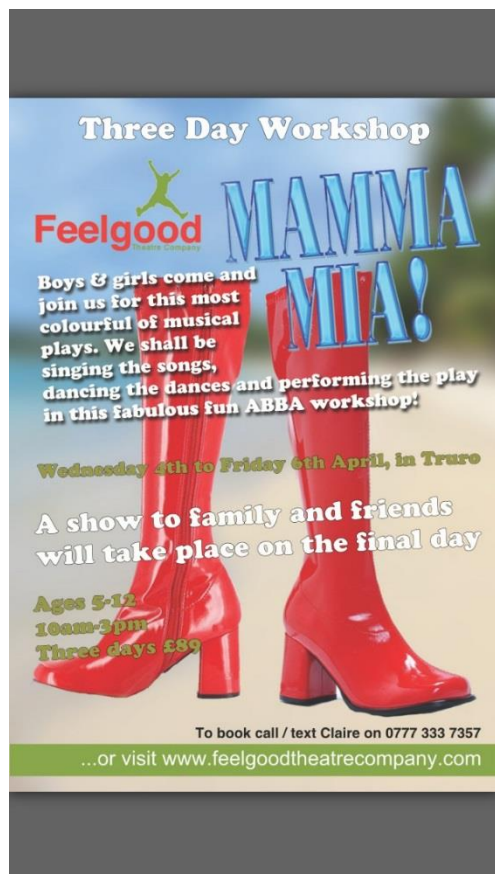
**Cost:** £25 (includes hot lunch)

This workshop will give your child the opportunity to make friends, have fun and develop some great skills led by our experienced team within the Burrell Theatre at Truro School.

Your child does not need any previous dancing, singing or acting experience, just a willingness to have a go and have fun.

For more information and an application form please visit our website: [www.sirbenainsliesportscentre.com](http://www.sirbenainsliesportscentre.com)





### Dates for Your Diary 2018

#### March

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day coffee morning  
 Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Class 1W assembly to parents  
 Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Class 2KP assembly to parents

#### April

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Class 3K assembly to parents

#### May

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Class 5K assembly to parents  
 Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Class 1L assembly to parents  
 Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Class 2C assembly to parents

#### June

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Non-Uniform day  
 Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Class 6T assembly to parents  
 Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Summer Fair  
 Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Class 5MS assembly to parents

#### July

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Class 3W assembly to parents  
 Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Class RP and RR Graduation to parents

### Term Dates for 2018

#### March

Thu 29<sup>th</sup> Break up for Easter

#### April

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Children return to school

#### May

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Spring Bank Holiday – school closed  
 Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Break up for Half Term

#### June

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Children return to school

#### July

Tue 24<sup>th</sup> Break up for end of term

