



# **NEWS FROM ST. PETROC'S SCHOOL**

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## **From the Headmaster**

Again this is a very busy term with the children practising hard each Monday afternoon for the Spring concert at the end of term. Mr Dare tells me that the rehearsals for the school play "In Your Element" which takes place at the end of the Summer term, are also progressing well. These rehearsals are important and it is essential that children do attend. The children all enjoyed their visit to the Theatre Royal to see the Snow White Pantomime and the parents who accompanied us also found it great fun. Once again we held our RNLI SOS trainers day which was combined with the Year 3 assembly – this was great fun and raised £84 for the appeal - a big thank you to all those that made donations. Heavy snow and flooding did not deter 20 or more schools from competing in our annual cross country competition this year. The Mayor of Bude & Stratton Councillor Barry Garvie and Old Petrocian Jack Buckner, an athletics Gold Medalist, presented the trophies and once again we had tremendous support from schools across Devon and Cornwall who braved the elements. A big thank you to all the helpers and a special thanks to Mr Cardoo for his hard work in once again making this event such a success.

## **News from Seahorses Nursery**

The School is organising another Good Food Week commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March in which the Nursery will be taking part. We would welcome any suggestions from parents for your child to help prepare and enjoy certain food. This will involve 'good finger food' during their snack times e.g. pitta bread with chopped tomatoes and melted cheese. Please write any ideas you may have on a slip of paper and hand to a member of staff in the Nursery.

## **News from the Kindergarten**

Kindergarten children have enjoyed a very busy half-term learning about different types of animals. We have created fantastic display boards showing family pets and animals chosen by the children as their favourites. We have created a pet shop, a vets and zoo for the role-play area. The children have also had lots of fun learning about Chinese culture. We have been busy making dragons, lanterns and exploring writing and dress. The children have learnt to say "King Hei Fat Choi" which means Happy New Year.

## **News from KSI**

KS1 has gone dinosaur mad – all English, ICT, History and Art have been based on a dinosaur theme. The children have made a huge papier mache dinosaur head, which is on display in the Year 1 classroom as well as all their other dinosaur writing, paintings, sketches and computer drawn images. Year 2 have started weekly trips to Bude library and are thoroughly enjoying choosing from the wide selection of books available – inevitably they manage to bring back a few on dinosaurs! The Reception Class is looking forward to going to the Toy Museum in Bude after half-term. The children have been looking at toys through the ages and the materials used to make them. They have all made a jack-in-the-box with a picture of themselves on a spring!

## News from the Upper School



On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February Jack Buckner an Old Petrocian (1973 – 76) visited the school as Guest of Honour to present the Trophies at our Annual Inter-schools Cross Country Competition.

Jack an international class athlete competing in the 5000m won a Gold Medal in the 1986 European Championships, a Silver Medal in the 1986 Commonwealth Games and a Bronze Medal in the 1987 World Championships.

Jack also competed in the 1988 Olympics in Seoul and together with his younger brother Tom, who is also an Old Petrocian, competed in the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona.

Jack is seen here giving his autograph to Olivia Angilley and Hana Fletcher. Both girls took part in the under-9s girls race.

### Trip to see Super Snow White

The moment they entered the Theatre Royal they knew that it was going to be a grand day. Mrs Tilzey, the Year Three teacher, showed them where the toilets and refreshments were.

What seemed like a mile long queue into the sweet department eventually died down and they were able to go and see Snow White.

The show was amazing! Lots of things went wrong which made it even funnier. The things that went wrong were a man called Muddles who got kicked and the evil Queen tripped up.

At the end four people volunteered to sing Old MacDonald.

It was a long drive home for the children. They finally arrived home and told their eager parents about the show.

Reported by Rebecca Anderson – Year 4

## Sporting News

This term the boys have showed great improvement in their football skills and the girls in their netball practice.

Year 3 upwards have all been introduced to a new sport of lacrosse and swimming has been going well in preparation for next term's Swimming Gala. A big thank you to all who supported the Cross Country on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Once again it was a great success and well done to all the runners.

## News from the Friends

The first term after Christmas is traditionally quiet for the Friends Committee, as everyone is recovering from the Bazaar and Christmas.

The replacement mini bus is now up and running, so a big thank you to all of you who helped to contribute to this.

We are now working towards the St. Petroc's Spring Ball to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2007. This is set to be an excellent evening with a 3-course meal, a magician, a band and a DJ amongst the entertainment for the evening.

Tickets are available from the School Office, however, there are limited numbers available, so do not miss out. As always all funds raised will go towards buying equipment for the school.

## Diary Dates

Half-Term Commences – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb

Holiday Club Opens – Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Feb

Holiday Club Closes – Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb

School re-opens – Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Feb

Open Morning – Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Mar

Parent Consultations Years 1, 2 & 3 – Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Mar 3.30 – 6.30 pm

Parent Consultations Years 4, 5 & 6 – Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Mar 3.30 – 6.30 pm

Good Food Week – Commences Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Mar

FS/KS1 Mothers' Day Assembly – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Mar 9.00 am

Friends' First Spring Ball – Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Mar – Falcon Hotel, Bude

End of Term – Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar

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