

St Peter's & St Gildas' Weekly Newsletter

13th October 2023



Whole School Writing Activity!

It is the BBC and St. Peter's and St. Gildas' 500 words competition time!

The 500 words competition is a writing competition which is hosted by the BBC. We are encouraging all of our pupils to write a 500 word story and enter the competition. We will also be judging the writing across our schools and rewarding prizes to the winners.

Teachers will introduce the writing task in school but we will not be using our school learning time to complete the entries because stories must be the children's independent work without adult input.

The BBC runs its competition in 2 categories, 5-7 years old and 7-11 years old. Here in school, we will be judging a winning story from each year group.

Entries should show the children's originality and creativity, using all of the writing skills we work on in class (including ambitious description and powerful action words in KS1 to figurative language – personification, visualisation, similes, metaphors, hyperbole in KS2). We encourage **all children** to enter both competitions although entrance to the BBC competition is under parental agreement and entries should be made by parents directly onto the BBC website.

Please see the bbc.co.uk/500words for all of the details, including top tips from authors, planning help and information on submitting stories. We have a fantastic track record with winning writing competitions, so it is a really exciting opportunity to show off our school's superb writing talents and gives a real purpose to creative writing.

Deadline:

BBC: All entries must be received online by
Friday 10th November at 8pm.

St. Peter's and St. Gildas': All entries must be submitted on
the Google Classroom or handed to your teacher by Friday
10th November.

There will be a prize for the best story from each year group!

BBC Prizes include:

Gold Winners – Sir Lenny Henry's height in books, 500 books for their school.

Silver Winners – Her Majesty, the Queen's height in books.
Bronze Winners - Their own height in books.

All finalists will be invited to **Buckingham Palace** to hear the winners being announced!



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Chestnut class made their own clocks and mice, as we learnt the nursery rhyme 'Hickory Dickory Dock'.



Year 1 have been reading Handa's surprise. This week, they were very creative making their character masks and role-playing the story. Then they went on to write their own booklets.



Please come and see our new Year 2 display on writing instructions if you would like to know how to make a delicious fruit smoothie.

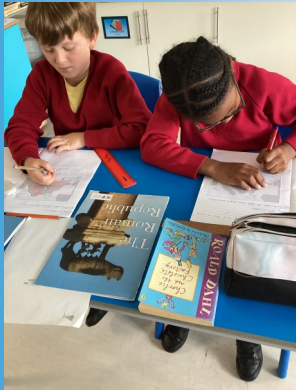


This week Year 3 have been learning about how water is carried through the plant. We carried out an investigation using celery and coloured water to help us understand how the water is soaked up through the plant.



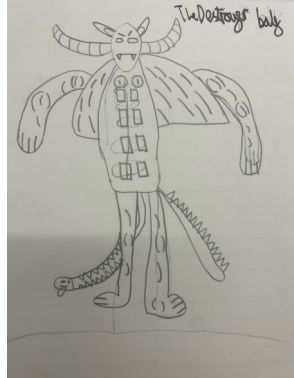
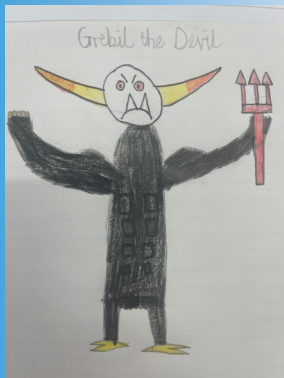
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In 6O, we have had a super busy week packed full of learning and experiences. On Wednesday, we had a class hymn practice - singing classics such as Our God Reigns and Lord of The Dance. In Maths, we have moved on to division - using bus stop method and our multiplication knowledge to support us in succeeding.

Year 4 had a great time this week learning about The Second Punic War in detail, following the exploits of Scipio attacking Carthage directly to stop Hannibal's attack on Rome.



This week, in year 5, it's been all about monsters as we draw to the end of our topic on Odysseus and plan his final chapter with our very own monster creations. This has been a great opportunity for art and also for using figurative language as we describe our monster's looks and characteristics.



In 6M we have been learning to identify types of microorganisms in our Science lessons.

To find out what makes mould grow we have used three different types of bread and planned an investigation with different variables to see which conditions are favourable.

Here we are exploring the helpful microorganisms in bread! Ask us about the number of preservatives there are in these breads and what our predictions are!

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GOLD AWARDS

EYFS- Cassie-Rose & Belinda

Year 1- Bobby & Anika

Year 2 - Michael & Alex S.

Year 3 - Loukas & Katie

Year 4 - Whole Class

Year 5 - Jeremiah & Maximilian

Year 6M - Martha

Year 6O - Federico & Ngaio



Weekly Attendance

93.4%	Whole School attendance
98.7%	Congratulations to Year 6M for achieving first place with their attendance
98.2%	Well done to Year 6O who came second

Walk to School September Champions

Congratulations to 6O who are our September Walk to School



A LIVING STREETS CAMPAIGN

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Mon 16th Oct: Themed Lunch - Black History Month

Wed 18th Oct: School Tours for Prospective Parents

Thurs 19th Oct: The Friends' Fundraiser - Own Clothes Day

Thurs 19th Oct: Tag Rugby Trials open to Y5 & Y6 boys and girls.

Thurs 19th Oct: **End of Term. Usual finish time.**

Fri 20th Oct: Inset Day. School Closed to pupils.

Mon 30th Oct: Autumn Term 2 Starts.

Tues 31st Oct: Secondary School Transfer Deadline

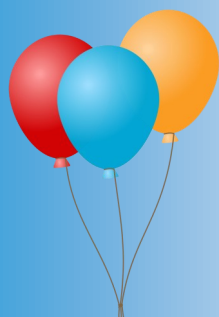
Wed 1st Nov: School Tours for Prospective Parents

w/c 6th Nov: Travelling book Fair @ STP all week.

Thurs 9th Nov: Mixed Y5 & Y6 Tag Rugby Tournament. New River Centre.

Fri 10th Nov: Mixed Y5 & Y6 Tag Rugby Festival. New River Centre.

w/c 13th Nov: Travelling book Fair @ STG all week.



This week's birthdays

Maise (Y2), Rionagh (Y3) & Darcie (Y6)

Wishing our birthday children a very Happy Birthday!