

10/03/23

# Kennall Vale News



Dear Families

What better way to continue our celebration of St Piran's day than a day of singing with **Will Keating of the Oggymen!** Mrs Goward and I in the office enjoyed the noises coming from the school hall all day whilst the children took part in workshops. We then finished the day with a whole school ensemble singing favourites such as 'Wind the Bobbin Up' (with a shanty twang), finishing with 'Cornwall My Home'. Seeing the children so engaged and enjoying the experience was brilliant— there was a strong sense of school unity by the end.

Our **Reading Cafés** have been a lovely start to the school day—it's been lovely to see all the family members getting involved and sharing a book with the children. **Rebecca Cobb** joined us on Tuesday and inspired us with her artistic talent. A day of drawing workshops inspired the children's creative drawing, finishing with signing of her books in the hall.

These great opportunities have been possible due to the money raised by the **Friends of Kennall Vale** and ultimately, the money donated by all of you over the past 12 months! Thank you for giving us the means to offer these fantastic enrichment opportunities for your children.

Next Friday is **Red Nose day**. We encourage children to swap one item of uniform for something red (e.g. socks, jumper, t-shirt....any item!) and bring in £1 towards this worth cause. To find out what your money goes towards, click on the link here: <https://www.comicrelief.com/what-your-money-does>.

**Attendance:** after a spate of illnesses in the Autumn term, we are back on target for a 96% average across the school. I'm happy to say that **Kennall Vale School has the highest attendance across all schools in the Trust!** This is something we should all continue to strive for as any missed days learning do have an impact on your child's learning— lessons are taught in a carefully planned sequence so missing one lesson will put your child at a disadvantage and in need of catching up. We are particularly looking at 'lates' at the moment and happy to support any families to have their children arrive on time, before 0900. Children who arrive after 0900 miss vital lessons such as phonics/reading and a positive, calm start to the day with their peers.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Chirgwin

Attendance Target for the year: 96% and above

Week beginning 6th Feb 2023	
Piskies	96.5%
Cormoran	99.5%
Morgawr	96.7%
Zennor	98%
Bedruthan	99%

Stars of the Week!

Piskies: Tabitha

Cormoran: Harrison

Morgawr: Ella

Zennor: Chloe

Bedruthan: Maisie

**Values Award: Marylou**



# News from the Friends

It sounds like the children really enjoyed their workshops with **Rebecca Cobb** and **Will Keating** this week! We're always trying to raise funds for the new outdoor classroom, but it's also great to be able to pay for special things like these which really enrich our children's experiences at school.

Don't forget next **Tuesday 14th March** we have our next **Bag2School collection**. These are always a great excuse for a clear out! Any clean, useable clothes, shoes, belts, hats etc in a bin bag need to be left outside school next to the garden fence before 9am.

Next week we're also building up to the **Easter Fair**. From Monday, we'll have the return of Bunny Burrows- buy a square for £2 to win a hamper of goodies. We've got some great prizes coming in for this which we'll share next week. One of the Friends will be in the playground after school each day and we can take cash and card payments. Your child should also have come home with a colouring competition- if they want to enter then please return all work to school before Monday 27th, with a 50p entry fee. Winners will be announced at the fair.

For the Easter fair we'll be asking for donations of Easter eggs and/or cakes for the cake stall. There will also be a book stall so any donations of good quality books will be welcome too. We'll start collecting all donations in the week of the 20th March.

Many thanks for your continued support.

*The Friends*

## Piskies grooving to Will Keating...



## Rebecca Cobb signing her books





Piskies showing off their costumes



Piskies dressed up for World Book Day

Bedruthan's Reading Café in full swing



Bedruthans dressed up for World Book Day

## Diary Dates 2022/23

Date	Event
13th-17th March	Scholastic Book Fair
14/03/23	Bag2School Collection
27/03/23	Easter Fair
31/03/23	Break up for Easter Holidays 3:15pm
17/04/23	Summer Term begins
26/04/23	School Shoe Swish
01/05/23	Bank Holiday — School closed
08/05/23	Bank Holiday — King's Coronation
w/b 29/05/23	Summer Half Term
21/07/23	Break up for Summer Holidays—2:00pm
24/07/22	INSET Day
25/07/22	INSET Day