



Harrowbarrow School

Newsletter

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Thinking inside The Box



After more than a year, it is fantastic that children can once again go on school trips in support of their education. Class 4, the first group to venture out, visited The Box Museum in Plymouth last week and it was clear how much they appreciated the opportunity to do this.

Other trips planned before the end of term include visits to Davidstow's Cornwall at War museum, to the Lost Gardens of Heligan, to Plymouth Aquarium and the Year 6 residential, which includes Year 5 joining them for an activity day at Roadford Lake. We are also excited about the opportunity to start next year with our Porthpean residential once again; fingers crossed we will still be able to do this by then!

Museum Visit Report

We went to The Box as a class; this is our experience.

On Wednesday 9th June, we took the school mini buses to The Box in Plymouth (a museum). At first, we went into the education department and there were lots of taxidermies in display cases and relics from World War 2.

Our workshop about WW2 consists of a fun game; we were secret agents, and we were given some laminated cards with field agents on. The agents were in Plymouth and each team had to match several objects to the profile card e.g. boat module, blueprint and binoculars would perhaps belong to a person who worked at Devonport dockyard.

After lunch, we had a tour of all the galleries. Some of our favourites were a 3D projector show, mummy case and pickled fish in jars, woolly mammoth replica, submarine, plane gallery and the ship head display and lots of other random art. Thank you to those who took us.

By Rowan and Olly.



Coronavirus Update By Andrew Hunt

With the recent announcement that the national lifting of restrictions has been delayed until 19th July, we continue to maintain a cautious approach to making any changes in school; the Department for Education (DfE) guidance for schools remains largely unchanged.

For this reason, we have had to make the sad decision that our sports afternoon on Thursday 1st July will be behind closed doors. The children will be able to do their races, in their class bubbles, but we are unable to invite parents and carers to watch. Although outdoor gatherings of up to 30 are permissible, this would not allow us to invite all our families which would be unfair. We feel sure the children will enjoy the experience of competing again though.

We were also hoping to announce a Glyndebourne or Proms in the Park type event for parents and carers to attend. Unable to do an end of term performance at the village hall, Rachel Lane has been working with each class to learn some songs to be performed on the school field, whilst parents and carers picnicked in the evening sun. Unfortunately, this will also be impossible now, so each class bubble will take their turn in performing to the rest of the school on the morning of Wednesday 14th July instead.

We hope, from September, to lift some of our protective measures in school, but this will depend on the guidance we receive and when we receive it; the DfE could send information during the summer holiday period.

What have you done

for the first time?



Well done to Amber, who passed her first ever dance exam with a Merit at Ballare Dance School in Saltash and is now moving on to Grade 1 Tap and Modern; superb!



Well done also to Josh, who recently ran the Burrator 1K with his sister and finished a brilliant 3rd. He has also raised an incredible £170 so far for the Cornwall Air Ambulance.

If you've done something amazing, or just for the first time, why not share it with everyone through our newsletter?

Mr Mercer's Visit

Mr Mercer (a year seven maths teacher) came to do maths with Class 4 last Friday. We were put into teams of three or four. He gave us five challenges to do.

The first one was chilli challenge. We started with a number then had to do any maths calculations to the number. The second challenge was a crossword puzzle we had a big load of clues we had to calculate out the answer and write it in the boxes. The third challenge was four puzzles. The first puzzle was a pentagon and we had to find out how many triangles were inside. The second puzzle was a maze where you started on start and made your way to one hundred. The third puzzle was two word problems where we had to figure out a number. The fourth problem was a box full of shapes and the shapes equalled a number.

It was like a relay where we had seven maths questions. We started with one question and had to get the other questions as we went. The fifth challenge was where we split the groups into pairs and had four questions, two for both pairs and when the first pair had answered, the question gave the answer to the other pair. Then they would pass it back to the first pair.

Mr Mercer is hoping to visit again in the future. By Maddison and Hannah.

Message from Callington College

Following the latest COVID guidelines, it is with regret that the College has felt it necessary to cancel the following induction events for Year 6 students:

Enhanced Transition Days - Tuesday 22 and Tuesday 29 June
Induction Day - Monday 5 July
Meet the Tutor Evening - Monday 5 July

Instead, the College will be offering a 'virtual' **Meet the Tutor** evening for parents/carers and students on **Monday 12th July** - we will send more details about this event at a later point.

In addition, an opportunity for 85 Year 6 students to attend a **Summer School** has been arranged for Monday 9 August to Friday 13th August. Parents have been invited to submit their interest directly to the College for this event.

Letters are being sent to relevant families.

Dates for your diary

- 24.6.21 - First Learning Together session for pre-school children
- 28.6.21 - Class 4 visit to Cornwall at War museum
- 29.6.21 - Class 3 visit to Plymouth Aquarium
- 1.7.21 - Sports afternoon for pupils only (please ensure your child wears PE kit on this day)