

Padstow School Newsletter

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Welcome back everyone! We hope you had a great Christmas and wish you a very happy new year. Now seems like a great time to pass on our sincere thanks to everyone who has helped us out over the last year. We have so many volunteers working to help us ensure that the children enjoy some fantastic experiences here at Padstow School. Thanks to **George, Margaret, Andrew and Martin** who have been helping to keep our garden looking well kept throughout the year, Thanks to **Becky Bate** and **Julia Prior** who created the wonderful mosaics with our Year 6 leavers last year and then went on to make the fantastic mackerel for the lantern parade. Thank you to **Paul Caddis** who stepped in to help out with the filming of Ralph the Reindeer when technology failed us, the final product was so much better than anything that we could have achieved. Thank you to classroom volunteers **Julie Oliver** and **Danielle Hemmings** (who started the year as a volunteer and ended as a member of staff). Thank you to **Clifford Murt** who completed our new footpath, and his dad **Johnny** who fixed up our worn out rope ladder. Thanks to **Rob Taylor** for providing emergency plumbing services when the kitchen flooded. Thank you to **Maggie Mutton** who has been helping voluntarily in our media suite all year, helping to create some amazing films and animations with our pupils and putting together a wonderful end of year film for our Year 6 leavers. Thank you to **Judith** and **Jenna Alcock** who gave up many weekends and holiday mornings to look after our chickens and **Emma Thompson** for helping us with her veterinary expertise. **Judith** also helped out with the year 5 garden and helped year 3 with their topic on teeth. Thank you to **Trevisker Nursery** for providing our wonderful Christmas tree and the plants for our reception courtyard garden. Thank you to the **Harbour Commissioners** for sponsoring our sailing lessons and organising the Christmas Card competition and to the **Town Council** for paying for our Bikeability instruction. Thank you to everyone who helped out with our sponsored cycle ride- especially **Matt Poley** and the staff from **Padstow Cycle Hire**. Thank you to all the local businesses who supported our Stay Safe and Stay Healthy weeks – **Margot's, Rojano's, Stein's, Fifteen, Harlyn Surf School, Danceworx, Byrne's Black Belt Academy, Yogaflow and Steve Latham**. Thank you to **Poltair Homes** for organising our time capsule and building our raised beds. Thank you to everyone who helped out with our overnight camps-**Mr Hill, Miss Richards, Mr Nicholls, Mrs Moule, Miss Mainwaring, Mrs Proctor, Ali and Dave Walker, Lesley Davies and Nic Williams**. Thank you to **John Buckingham, George Barnes, Daphne Hicks and Carmen and Jim Hocking** who have been a great help with our local cultural education. Thank you to all our **parents** who have helped out with school trips and fundraising over the year, there are too many of you to name, and I know I will miss somebody out!

Thank you to our music teachers who have given up so much of their time to help out with shows and performances, **Mr Watts, Mr Batory, Mr Senior, Miss McCutcheon**, and of course **Mrs Nicholls**, who gave up so much of her own time to support our pupils through music festivals and examinations.

Thank you to our canteen staff who, as well as providing a very high standard meal every day, are never too busy to get involved with other things going on in school. Thank you to **Myra** for the wonderful murals she has been painting on our walls around the school and to our caretaker **Phil Nicholls** who will say yes to pretty much anything and often finds himself taking part in activities well above and beyond those in his job description.

Thank you to all of our Directors who give up so much of their time for the benefit of the school – **Father Chris, Neil Roberts, Teri Walters, Sarah Cox, Paul Caddis, Vicky Grubb, Adrian Oliver, Sarah Wickins, Clifford Murt, Susi De Lisle and Julie Evans** (and those who governed earlier in the year **Nic Williams and Tracey Edgar**) and our **staff**, all of whom work over and above what is expected of them.

And last, but by no means least, thank you to our **pupils**, we are very proud of all that you have achieved in the last year and know that you will go on to bigger and better things in the years to come.

If we have missed you off the list, and I'm sure there are many, please accept our apologies and I hope that we thanked you properly at the time, please feel assured that we value the work of all of our volunteers and this list goes to highlight what an amazing community we live in.

Thank you all SO MUCH for your help and support, without your time Padstow School would not be the wonderful place it is and we hope that we will continue to benefit from your generosity in the years to come.

On Friday 27th January we are launching our new website

Padstow Pirates

We would like all the children to come dressed as pirates and take part in exciting pirate activities.

Swimming

Years 3 and 4 will be swimming this term. The first session will be on Tuesday 10th January. Please ensure you have returned the consent form by Monday 9th January. (spare forms are available at the office)

It has been **Very cold** out on the playground this week. Please ensure your child has a coat in school with them. Hats and gloves are also a great idea.

Padstow United Youth Football Club

Training starts again on Saturday 7th January (weather permitting)

Time: 10.00-11.30 (register at 9.45)

Place: Padstow School Field

Open to girls and boys aged 4-15. New members always welcome.

Diary Dates

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS 2011/2012:

May 1st & 7th 2012

July 23rd & 24th 2012

January:

27th—Pirate Day

February:

13th-17th—half term

23rd—The Big Sleepover

March:

23rd—Sport Relief

April:

2nd-13th—Easter holiday

16th—summer term begins

May:

14th-18th—SATs Week

23rd—M&M theatre performance of The Hobbit for the whole school

June:

4th-8th June—half term

14th—Infant sports day 1.30pm

15th—Junior sports day 1.30pm

July:

13th—Summer Fayre

20th—Leavers assembly 9.30

20th—Break up for summer at 2pm

After School Clubs

We still have spaces left in the clubs we advertised in the FunPod and clubs letter before Christmas. If your child would like to join **cooking, newspaper, art** or **felted** club, you can get a copy of the enrolment form from the office.

In addition to these clubs your child can also join:

Dance class which is run by Danceworx. Call 01637 874849/07971 541314 direct for more information.

Karate which is run by Ally Gregory from the Byrne Black Belt Academy. Call Ally on 07746 106067 for more details.

We are also able to offer:

Capoeira: Non-contact martial arts, dance, acrobatics and musical gameplay. Craig Blackburn came into school today to demonstrate Capoeira to the juniors. Your child might have brought home a form today if they were interested in joining the club which will run on Mondays from 3.15-4.15pm from 16th January (spare forms are available from the office).

Football: Sean Alcock will be running football club on Tuesdays from 3.15-4.30pm starting on 17th January. If it is wet the club will take place in the hall. Registration forms are available from the office.

Photography: Paul Murt will be running a photography club for junior children on Wednesdays from 3.15-4.15pm. Children will learn a range of photography skills which will culminate in an exhibition at the end of the 10 week course. The course will start on Wednesday 18th January and cost £2 a week (£20 for the course). Children will need their own camera. If your child would like to join, please let us know by Tuesday 10th January.

Ukulele: Paul Berrington will be running a ukulele club for junior children from Wednesday 18th January from 3.15-4.15pm. There will be a cost of £30 for 10 sessions. Instrument hire is available at £5 per term. Please let us now by Monday 16th January if your child would like to join.

School dinners are £2.20 per day. Please pay on Mondays for the week in advance.