

# KEA NEWS

## 27 January 2022

### A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN AND MAKE FRIENDS

#### Message from Mrs Hunkin

Although it has been quite chilly can definitely see signs of spring around the school; daffodil and other bulbs are starting to sprout and I'm sure it won't be too long before some of them are in flower. I always love the school orchard in the spring when the daffodils are out. Corridors around the school are looking lovely with new displays throughout the school. These include high quality writing from children in all classes and a lot of beautiful art work.

We have spend some time in recent staff meetings reviewing our behavior policy, including rewards and sanctions. Although there won't be a great number of differences, we are working to ensure greater consistency of approach throughout the school. More information about this will be published when details are finalized.

Over the last few weeks teaching staff have been carrying out learning walks around the school—visiting different classes while they are working, talking to pupils and looking at their work. In every class there has been a really focused atmosphere, children showing high levels of enthusiasm and focus and pupils' books show good progress since the start of the school year.

This year's Year 6 Youth Speaks team (more info on page 3) worked hard to prepare their presentation and I really enjoyed working with them. In an effort to avoid crows of people mixing with each other, this year's event was recorded and submitted online. We are eagerly awaiting the results from Truro Boscawen Rotary Club.

We have found a number of lunch and snack boxes in the playground and corridors—many of which are unlabeled.

Please remember to label items your children bring to school so that we can return them to the right person when they are found.

#### <u>Year 3</u>

We are learning about scaling in year 3 maths today. Our amazing mathematicians discovered loads of multiplication and division sentences using our Cuisenaire.



#### Year 4



This week year 4 have been enjoying all sorts of practical, hands-on learning! From practising their ukuleles to investigating different materials during science lessons. We made 'YouTube' tutorial style videos in science, teaching others about all we have learnt regarding the states of matter: solids, liquids and gases. We will hopefully be posting these onto our class page very soon.

We have also spent Thursday afternoon, marking Holocaust Memorial



and share our learning.







Year 5

Y5 started their 'Dreaming Down Under' project where they will be working towards writing and performing a cultural play based on an Aboriginal tale. They have produced some amazing work, including their homework. Well done Year 5!









Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancies

We are still looking for 2 Lunchtime Supervisors (Monday to Friday for 6.25 hours per week - 12.00 - 1.15pm) to assist with the supervision of pupils at lunchtime. The role will be to encourage pupils to play responsibly and safely.

Kea School is an exciting, ambitious and forward thinking primary school in Truro, Cornwall. Our friendly school has 203 children on roll.

Training and support will be given to the successful candidate.

These positions are fixed term until July 2022 in the first instance.

If you are unable to do 5 days a week please consider applying, as there is likely to be flexibility on days/hours.

further information For please view the job description and person specification our on website—www.keaschool.org.uk

#### Year 6



In Year 6 we have started our new book 'Kensuke's Kingdom' from which we will be doing lots of exciting writing in our English lessons, from diary writing to explanation texts. We will also link it to our work in art and geography.

In science, we have been continuing our topic of 'light' and the children have had fun investigating what happens to colours when seen through different filters. We have been learning about Isaac Newton and his important discoveries about light. The children discovered how a prism refracts light so that we can see the colours of the rainbow. They enjoyed making colour wheels and finding out what happened when they spun them really quickly!

#### Year 6 - Youth Speaks Team 2022



Meet our Youth Speaks team, James, Fleur and Amelie.

Unfortunately, the competition could not go ahead in person again this year, but the children were recorded doing their speeches and these have been sent off to be judged by a panel.



#### Youth Speaks

Youth speaks gave us a great opportunity to talk to the current generation about the modern day world, our thoughts and ideas, which in this case, we feel that everyone should spend more time in nature. We chose this subject because it meant a lot to all of us and it's our future that will be affected if we don't spend enough time in the world.

Being chosen to be in the Youth Speaks team was an amazing achievement and we have been proud to represent Kea School.

By James, Fleur and Amelie