



Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers,

At the end of another half-term that feels like the longest ever, I would like to thank the children of Nancledra School for working hard at their learning and providing many moments of pride and enjoyment for their teachers. Our children have tried really hard to keep up with their learning tasks and have often inspired us by finding their own ways to present their ideas. We have a very creative school community.

As we begin our well-earned break, please step back from school-work and enjoy some fun together this week. On the whole, I do not feel that our children are really missing out too much on academic education, however I think they are missing out on practical making, wider enrichment and especially social interaction. I am looking forward to an enriched year of trips, plays, concerts and sporting events where children can play and learn together. Whilst I would certainly encourage you to get out and about during half-term, please note the message from Cornwall Council in this newsletter which reminds us to act safely as we begin to see an end in sight.

I would be grateful for your views on our remote learning offer this term. Our teachers have worked very hard to provide learning tasks and especially to respond to children's work promptly and regularly, so we are keen to understand what works well and what could be improved. I have provided a link to an online survey below which I hope you can find a couple of minutes to complete. Thank you.

I am expecting an announcement from the government at the end of half-term which will explain what the return to school will look like, possibly from 8th March. I am confident that this will be a smooth transition for our children, most of whom have maintained good routines during their time away from school.

Staff are preparing and planning for children to return and we are looking forward to re-establishing the powerful connections that make our school successful.

Have a good break,

yours sincerely

Rick Gill

 **Parent Survey**

I would be grateful if you could find a few minutes to respond to a survey on home learning at the link below. Thank you.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/08E1L5/>

Our KS1 children have been learning about habitats

We would like to thank Georgia for her report on a Badger Sett where she lives. "We have a badger sett in our driveway, so me and mummy went and had a look. We noticed that there were several 'doors' that the badgers used and that they had made their den underneath a big tree.



We could also see the track they had made across the driveway and up into



the next door field. We looked up badgers on the internet and found out that they are nocturnal – so they sleep during the day and are awake at night time. Their favourite habitats are woodlands and they eat both plants and meat but earthworms are their favourite.

February Half-Term Guidance for COVID-19 -

CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN ATTENDING SCHOOL

We would like to remind you of the information provided by the Department for Education and Public Health England in terms of the role school leaders will play in assisting with contact tracing into the start of the school holiday. School leaders are expected to be available to assist with tracing and tracking of contacts of Covid-19 cases for the few days after teaching ends. **They have requested that we make everyone aware of the arrangements in terms of Covid-19 cases during the school break so we would be grateful if you could make yourself familiar with the following:**

If a pupil or staff member tests positive for the coronavirus, having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school - up to and including the 14th February, we have been asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious while they were in school. So;

- If one of our children (or staff) develops symptoms within 48hrs of being in school - and
- subsequently tests positive for Coronavirus,

You should inform the school by e-mailing head@nancledra.cornwall.sch.uk between 9.00am and 12noon. Please include a telephone contact number in your email. Any close contacts who subsequently need to isolate will receive an email or text message from me.

Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for the coronavirus, having **developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school**, the school should not be contacted. In this instance, **parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.**

Some of our children making the most of the snow on Tuesday morning ...



We would like to thank Tesco in Carbis Bay for donating ingredients for our KS2 children to make some cupcakes this week.

The children really enjoyed both making and eating them!



Ocean habitats created by Henry and Sonny in year 2 ...,



Message from Cornwall Council...

The number of infections is reducing in Cornwall because we have seen our residents respecting the social restrictions in place during the third lockdown. Thanks to this, we have slowed the spread of the virus through our communities, and for that we are thankful.

However, as the surge in cases in late December and January showed, if Cornwall lets our guard down infection rates can spiral quickly, and we could soon find ourselves back where we started. Therefore, we are asking all residents, especially parents and carers to continue to respect the lockdown rules, especially during half term.

We know this is a challenge, especially for those parents and carers who are home-schooling and we understand the temptation to relax while the pressure of teaching is not there for a week.

However, we have done so well since January and we simply can't afford to throw all of that hard work away.

We are asking those who are on a half term break to avoid travelling distances in the car and "explore from your door" instead.

This week our KS1 children have been busy creating some Valentine's art work.....



KS2 Rangoli Art ...



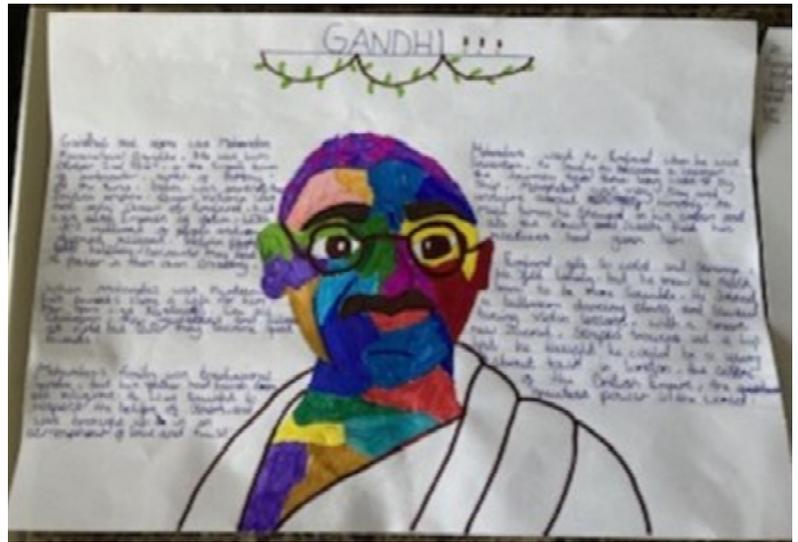
COVID-19: Legal Duty to Self-Isolate

We felt it was important to remind everyone of the [legal duty to self-isolate which came into force on 28th September 2020, people in England are required by law to self-isolate if they test positive or are contacted by NHS Test and Trace.](#) This law has been introduced to ensure compliance with self-isolation rules and to reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Fines have been introduced for those breaching self-isolation rules, starting at £1,000, and could increase up to £10,000 for repeat offences and the most serious breaches, including for those preventing others from self-isolating.

Employers who force or allow staff to come to work who they know should be self-isolating will also be liable for fines of up to £10,000.

We want to share with you some of the work that has been produced by our KS2 children about Gandhi ...



The River Ganges emerges in the western Himalayas and flows down across northern India into Bangladesh, which empties into the Bay of Bengal.

Pollution does not only have a negative impact on a lot of people, but on species habitat like the Ganges river dolphin.

The River Ganges river basin is more than 1 million sq km, and home to 650 million people.

There are now thousands of people inviting volunteers to get involved in various aspects of the River Ganges. These volunteers are called *mitras*.

The River Ganges is more than 2500 km long and has the most populated river basin in the world.

4th February 2021

I arrived in Mumbai last night. The flight took age: I think it was about 11 hours long. When we got off the plane it was extremely hot.

Me and Mummy got up early to go for a walk this morning. When I got out of the hotel I was surprised at all the noise. There were so many cars so close together, all beeping their horns. There seemed to be no right or wrong side of the road! It was very confusing, especially as people just walked in the middle of the road. There were lots of bikes and black and yellow taxis.

There were so many little shops and stalls on the edge of the road. They were mainly selling fruit and veg, and for some reason lots of luggage! We didn't need any luggage, but we did buy some fruit to take back to Daddy and Ben.

I noticed that most of the women wore bright, colourful saris, and there were lots of men all dressed white.

We walked past lots of stalls selling street food in huge pans. It smelt delicious, but I'm a bit worried it will be too spicy. Mummy said that we'll bring Daddy and Ben back to get some later. I'm glad we bought the fruit!

I'm going to stop writing now and go and explore some more.



School Dinners

This is a reminder that school dinners are available to all children attending school. Please order your meal through parent pay as normal.



Endearment

(noun)

A word or phrase expressing love or affection.

"He was whispering tender endearments to her as they sat on the bench, 2 metres apart."

Clubs and Activities w/c 15th February 2021

Monday	School closed
Tuesday	School closed
Wednesday	School closed
Thursday	School closed
Friday	School closed

Clubs and Activities w/c 22nd February 2021

Monday	1.30pm KS1 Assembly via Zoom
Tuesday	2.00pm KS2 Assembly via Zoom
Wednesday	School closed
Thursday	School closed
Friday	School closes at the end of lunch time

Half-Term

School will be closed for the half-term break for the week commencing 15 February 2021. The children will not be set any school work during this time and teachers will not be in contact with any families.

Should you have any safeguarding concerns over the half-term break the Cornwall Council safeguarding team can be contacted using the link below:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/childrens-services/child-protection-and-safeguarding/>