



Headteacher's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 14th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's certainly been a week of exciting school trips, lots of learning and sporting firsts for St Vincent's School. This week we've also had a new staff member join the team, and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Miss Cook who joins our Learning Support Team.

Attendance this week has been good and I encourage all to keep this up as we edge closer to the Easter holidays. House Points as we end the week are Ash (76), Oak (78), and Elm (89).

Cornwall Visit – Eden and The Lost Garden of Heligan

This week I joined Bo, Sienna, Katie-Ann and Joshua as they made the long journey down to Cornwall to embark on a truly sensory expedition. On Tuesday they started their morning at The Sensory Trust HQ where they explored, tested and reported on new demonstrations to showcase through alternative methods the positive impact plants and nature can have on helping us to repair the climate – and that they are our biggest allies! You can read the full session report using the following link: [Engaging people with sensory impairments in climate action](#) – this will also be available via the school website in due course.

From the Sensory Trust HQ the group made their way to the Eden Project to explore the giant Rainforest and Mediterranean Biomes – this was also coupled with the opportunity for the group to meet with some of the Eden team to discuss their very own ideas for their Young Green Briton Challenge later this year.

For the final leg of the sensory expedition the group made the short journey across to the Lost Gardens of Heligan. Here the group had the opportunity to dive deep into the Heligan jungle to explore a variety of Jurassic plants and cross the Burma Rope Bridge – I'm pleased to confirm none of the group got 'lost'.

I would like to thank all of the staff for making this trip possible, and to both educational teams at Eden and Heligan - we look forward to returning again soon!

Under 13s Football

On Wednesday evening I was so pleased to hear the positive feedback from staff and of how proud they were of all our players who participated in their first ever under 13s fixture. I know how much work and effort has gone into this – and I want to join all the staff and

saying a very, very well done indeed! We reflected on this in assembly today – and next week it will be the turn of our under 16s squad. All information will be shared with parents and carers in due course.

School Council

I unfortunately was not able to catch-up with the School Council this week – but the challenge has been set for them to disseminate and collect ideas from the whole-school on our new camping and glamping space here onsite. I can't wait to hear the ideas!

Headteacher's Hot Chocolate

Today I had pleasure of being joined on my return to school by Elliot who won the Golden Ticket for a hot chocolate. Elliot has had a super week in school – making progress in his ICT lessons and crafting new creations in art and design. Very well done indeed, Elliot!

Wishing all a very restful and enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes,

Mr D Swanston

Headteacher