

St Mary's News



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New editors!

As your new school journalists, we would like to thank everyone who has written stories for this edition of the paper and hope that you enjoy reading it!

Jasmine, Sophie N and Ben D

World's biggest coffee morning – Macmillan

Recently we went to the Violet Evelyn Hall to support the Macmillan coffee morning. Macmillan is a charity which supports families who have a family member who is suffering with cancer. We did our part by having a drink and a biscuit!

We donated money at the coffee morning to help support the charity. Some people paid extra to buy a badge.

Serephina and Hannah T



Cardinal Pell's visit to St Mary's

This year we had an exciting visit from one of the cardinals who works in Rome with the Pope. Cardinal Pell, originally from Australia, was visiting the Abbey and so wanted to come and see St Mary's. A cardinal hadn't visited the area since the 1930's so everyone was very excited about welcoming such an important visitor.

Cardinal Pell was shown around the school by three pupils from Burrator class. He had a tour of the school and was very interested in our school life. We also asked him some questions about Pope Benedict and what his life was like in Rome. He told us that he had been involved in helping to choose the Pope and about how a new Pope is chosen.

Jasmine, Sophie N and Ben D



A photograph of Cardinal Pell and Father Francis with Sophie N, Jasmine and Ben.



BBC – Ten Pieces

This year the BBC hosted an inspiring show for young people to get up and enjoy the music around them. This is the first time they have ever made the video. Thanks to Coombeshead Academy for letting Fernworthy and Burrator visit their school and use their theatre. We saw many pieces including Beethoven, the Planet Suite and many more. It was an exciting event and we hope it will return next year.

Sophie N

Harvest Festival

A couple of weeks ago, we had our Harvest Festival Mass. The week before, we practised lots of different songs and prayers to sing at the Abbey. In some of our Harvest Festival songs we included sign language for people who can't hear or have hearing problems. All of the children made food and decorations for our school hall after we had the Mass. People who know the school, donated food for people to buy and the rest went to the food bank in Buckfastleigh. The money we raised then went to CAFOD.

Hannah M

Hall Blessing

At the start of a new term we begin with a new school hall with new aspirations. The whole school worked on three large paintings which have been displayed in the hall. There is also a huge stained glass window made by Mr Richardson and his company named Smokeson Glass. The wooden cross was designed and made by Mrs Hutchinson's husband.

Ben D

African Day

Last week a man called Paul came into Fernworthy Class. He explained that he came from a charity called Send a Cow. He told us that the charity helps poor people grow the crops. Paul helped the class to make a tap and sink (called a tip tap) and a sack garden on our school field.

First we went into the woodland area to collect wood and stones. Then we dug two holes. Next we chopped the wood and pushed some of the wood into the holes. Then we placed more wood onto the planks and tied it there with some string. Then we sawed a dip in the wood and wrapped string around it. We then made a hole on the handle of a plastic container, then we wove the string around the lid of the container. Then we weaved the string around a stick and pushed the stick into the earth. The idea is that when you stand on the stick, the container tips down and the water runs through the holes making a tap. Don't forget to put water in first though!

Lillian



Lewes, the King of Bonfires

We all know the story of Guy Fawkes, well almost all of us, about the disastrous day when he tried to blow up the houses of parliament. That day has been turned into a day that is remembered by the whole of the UK. I bet you've been to many Bonfire events in the past. In Lewes, which is in Sussex, there is always a big event on 5th November when people dressed up as Vikings pirates and various warriors roam the streets with 100,000s of fiery torches each year.

Firecrackers are a 10 cm Chinese firework which makes a sound like a machine gun. Cliff Bonfire society from Lewes decided to use one for their celebrations, but it was 100m long! I used to live 9 miles away from Lewes and we could still hear the explosions!

Jasmine



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apple	geese	October	rice
brown	harvest	orange	school
chilly	hay	pear	sweater
colors	leaves	pumpkin	vegetables
fall	maple tree	red	yellow

Comments in our Visitors' Book from the school Open Day

On the day of the Hall Blessing, we invited people into the school to see our new building work. Our prefects showed people around the school. Some of the people made some very nice comments about the school. Here are a few of them:

"Very good, beautiful hall, lots more useful area provided. Ben and Sophie thank you for a very informative guide"

"Love the hall - and all the little corners for small groups. What a transformation!!"

"Wow, what a change! I want to come back again! Lovely to see old faces." (ex-pupil)

"Lovely school, makes it look and feel bigger and modern, what a transformation."

"Amazing school can't wait for my son to start!"

Kents Cavern Trip

On Wednesday 8th October 2014, Fernworthy went on a long journey by mini bus to Kent's Cavern for a school trip, to help us learn about the Stone Age. When we arrived we were all given some gems which included yellow opal, gold tiger eye and coral. My favourite of all the gems stones was the tourmaline because it was big and its colour stood out from all the others.

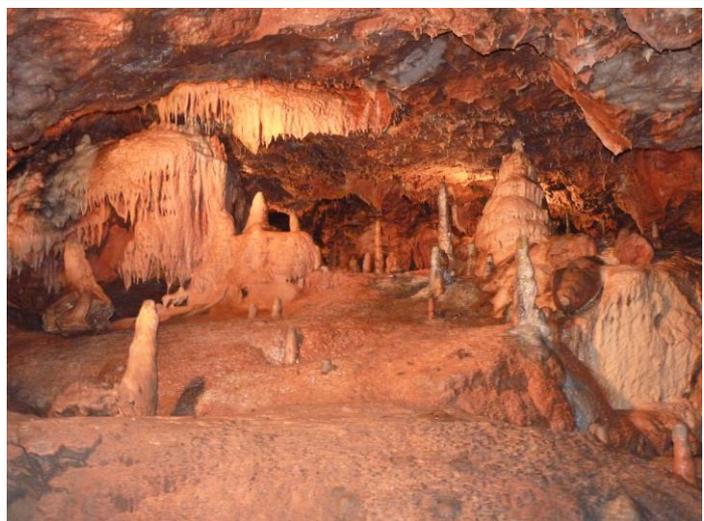
Next we completed a woodland trail which was like a treasure hunt. We were all split into different teams to find Stone Age posts and bones, which we crossed off on our Stone Age shopping list. My team won and got a prize. We then had lunch in the sunshine, on the wooden benches.

Eventually we went into the caves of Kents Cavern! It felt cold like a 4 degree room with no heaters. Inside the cave it was very hollow and dark. Luckily Terry our guide turned on the lights before we went into the deep, damp, dark bit of the cave. Next Terry showed us a continuous little drip of water which dropped onto a circular bit of rock that had stalactites hanging down. He said the water was probably from the Neolithic Age. We also saw a massive stalagmite going up from the floor which looked about 1 metre across. Terry also showed us a plastic skull of a Stone Age woman, which was a copy of one which the archaeologists in 1606 had found in the cave, using candles and pick axes.

I enjoyed the visit to Kents Cavern but I would not like to live in a cave, as Stone Age people only live for 30 years, and would probably die when a big animal comes into the cave. For example a Sabre-toothed tiger = dead!

Louis

Mrs Perryman also dressed up as Olga the cavewoman for Fernworthy's Stone Age afternoon.



DID YOU KNOW? IT TAKES 1,000 YEARS FOR A STALAGMITE OR STALACTITE TO FORM 1CM

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