



Hello Everyone,

Today we had a visit from HE Governor Rushbrook and Mrs Rushbrook. They joined us for our usual Friday morning assembly which was led by Year 5 & 6 themed Ascension Island History. They then had a quick tour of the school dropping into classrooms to see the staff and students at work. It is always lovely to welcome visitors to our school and since it has been a year since their last visit, I hope that they could see the progress that has been made and appreciate the journey we are on.

### COBIS poetry competition – Looking ahead.

Congratulations to Rosie Lindsay, Molly Duncan & Izzy Lutman who were chosen as school winners. All entries will now be submitted to the COBIS judging panel where they will be judged along with entries from other international schools. Thank you to the students who took the time to write poems and to Mrs Giles for organising it all. Fingers crossed there might be some winning entries from this international competition.

COBIS parent meeting: Keeping on the theme of COBIS there will be a parent meeting on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 at 6pm where you can hear what is involved and where we are at in terms of our forthcoming inspection. A letter with more details will follow.

Hot Food/Drinks: For Safety reasons we would ask that you do not provide students with pot noodles/mug shots, tea or coffee for lunch. Staff will no longer provide hot water for students. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but as I am sure you will agree the safety of all our students is important to us.

### Pirate day at TBS

Yesterday our Yr 1 and 2 students were pirates for a day. Read on to find out a little bit about what they got up too.  
That's it for this week.

Mrs Maggott



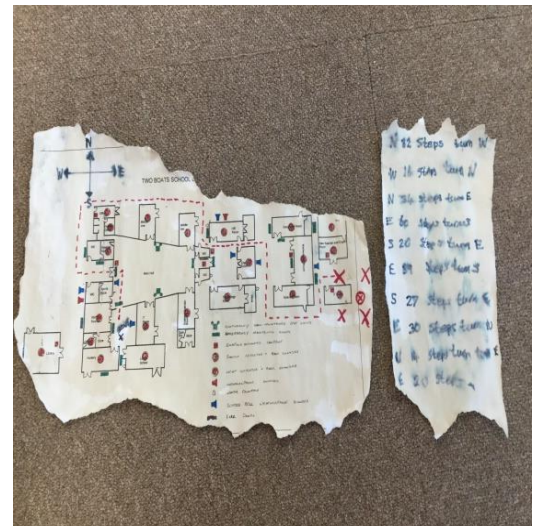


## Ahoy me hearties!



Year 1 and 2 have had a Jolly Rodger start to the Spring Term. As part of our Geography Topic 'Our Ascension Home' we will be using simple observational skills to study the geography of our school and it's grounds, together with the key human and physical features of its surrounding environment. This has been kick started with a treasure hunt around the school, on our pirate day, where we followed simple compass directions on a pirate map alongside navigational steps on a scroll to locate the hidden treasure.

We also plan to create our own map of Two Boats Village, in which we will learn to represent landmarks and features using simple symbols and will learn about co-ordinates and geographical vocabulary, so do not be surprised should you see us roaming the area. In our art lessons, we are creating our own 3-D version of a pirate map and have already created our map base by tearing and staining our paper and added mountain ranges using papier-mâché.





Yr10/11 is currently learning about CSE (Child Sexual Exploitation) in their PSHE lessons.

## What is CSE?

CSE occurs whenever anyone under the age of 18 is persuaded, coerced or forced into engaging in sexual activities in exchange for materialistic things like: money, drugs, presents etc.

## How Can it Happen?



CSE can happen to anyone and everyone under the age of 18. Factors that put children more at risk than others include: being lonely, having low confidence or self-esteem, having an unstable family or having been abused before. Abusers prey on vulnerable children. Social media and online chat rooms are largely targeted when it comes to CSE, but this can also happen in the offline world. It doesn't matter if it's a town, city, village or even small islands like Ascension Island.

## How is it recognized?

Some obvious signs of a child experiencing CSE can include: self-harm, unexplained bruising or STIs, sudden changes in appearance or attitude, owning possessions they didn't have before and/or using increased/decreased sexual language.

## What should you do about someone going through CSE?

Firstly, you should never approach the abuser; this could be dangerous for you and the child victim. The victim themselves will probably be feeling apprehensive about telling anyone about the abuse they have experienced so you should never pressure them into telling you about it. Love and compassion is the best support you could approach them with. If you know about any CSE issues you should inform someone you trust e.g. a teacher, family, friend or the police.

