

Monday 15th May 2023



Hello Everyone,

Here we are another Friday and the half-way point for Term 3a.

### Visit to the US Base Hydroponics

This week our Year 1 and 2 students went on a Science trip to the US Base Hydroponics. Thank you to Caleb and Emily for showing us around and explaining how they grow the vegetables. It was a lovely treat having the sandwiches made from the fresh produce at the end of the visit. Students and staff enjoyed them immensely.











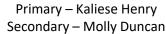
I am now ready to hand over to Miss Bowers, who plane permitting will be back in school on Monday. Thank you to all the staff that covered Year 1 and 2 the last month. I am sure like me you all enjoyed being with the class. I know they have lots to tell Miss Bowers.

### House Points

Weekly winners this week were Cronks. Great Job Guys!



Top students this week: Well done girls!





#### Year 9 Options Evening

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May is our Year 9 Options evening and we look forward to seeing all Year 9 students and their parents in school to discuss options choices for September. This is a crucial part of the Year 9 journey and this year we have introduced 2 new subjects to our options list, Marine Science and Travel and Tourism.

### Summer (or in our case Winter) School:

As we move towards the end of the school year and the big holidays, plans are in progress to offer a summer school one morning a week for Primary students. Day, dates and activities are yet to be decided and will depend on interest. If this is something you would like your child to be a part of



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please could you register their name with Tash at the School Office.

Please note that this will be additional to the Explorers Club organised by Conservation and will still happen on Wednesdays.

### Parking at School:

There are times when parking at drop off and pick up becomes a safety issue here at school, in particular when it is wet and rainy.

We have taken measures to try and ensure that there is more parking available for parents/carers.

The Post 16 students and some staff members are parking in the top car park, staff members parking in the lower car park will park at the back, leaving the whole of the front free for parents and visitors. We are working with the AIG to get the car park surfaced and lines put in so that parking can be more organised. This is part of a bigger project of work at the school, so will take some time to complete.

In the meantime please could I ask that you all park safely and courteously.

As always thank you for your support and cooperation.

That's it for this week

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**Head Teacher** 



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## Welcome to the Year 3 / 4 Newsletter for May 2023.

As ever it has been quite busy in our classroom since we last had a page in the Newsletter...

We have had a visit from Ascension Islands Conservation to talk about Food Webs here on Ascension, which answered such questions as: What does a Jellyfish eat? We also held a whole school assembly on the life of St Patrick back in March, which was almost cancelled because of the rain! We made a cross as part of our assembly and decorated it with Celtic Artwork.



# Science & Geography:



Since our last Newsletter we have also looked at the creatures you would find in a desert and learned what the technical definition of a desert is. We hopefully now know that its less than 250mm of rain per year, which seems to be about the rainfall that we had here in Ascension on one day in March! We have also found out that not all deserts have sand. We were surprised to find out that camels can be found in a desert complete with snow!



We've also looked at the Animals & the way that they are Adaptated to one of the coldest places on earth. We created a wall display that shows how Antarctica looks.

We've also learned that the two coldest continents in the world are also officially called a desert.



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## <u>Literacy & Computing:</u>

We have also been concentrating on writing Discussion Texts since we came back to school after Easter. As part of our word processing unit, in our Computing classes, we have been typing up our texts and adding such features as highlighting in colour, underlining, using bold, importing simple graphics and re-arranging the page using cut and paste.

#### LO: I can write a discussion text.

Some people think, <u>Pokemon</u> cards should be banned, because they are so expensive, they also cause arguments and distract children.

Some people think that <u>Pokemon</u> card are good because, it can help children, and to be kind.

Some people think that <u>Pokemon</u> cards are good <u>because</u>, they can also get more cards so their mum and dad don't have to pay for it.

Some people think that <u>Pokemon</u> cards are bad because, they can make friends fall out, and can have arguments.

I think that pokemon cards should not be banned

#### SHOULD POKEMON CARDS BE BANNED?

Some people think that Pokemon cards are good because childres learn to trade. This helps children to make new friends. This is good because they also learn to work together.

. Some people think that Pokemon cards are bad because children could be too busy looking at them that they are not studying in school. This makes problems for children because they could get bad reports. This is bad because they probably won't graduate

Some people think that Pokemon cards are good because it calms children down when they are hyper. This helps children to do their work peacefully. This is good because they can have rewards

Some people think that Pokemon cards are bad because arguments start. This is bad because someone would steal them. This is also bad because children lose their best cards.

In conclusion, children should have fun but studying is better so I would say Pokemon cards are banned from school. But, they can be used at home.

Some people think that Pokémon cards are good.

This helps children to play together. This is good because they will be a lot happier.

Some people think that Pokémon cards are bad because cards can be damaged.

This can make people cross or sad. The cards are good because they can help people follow the rules, so they can

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Lo I can write a discussion text.

Should Pokemon cards be banned?

Some people think that Pokemon cards should not be allowed in school because they could get stolen.

However, some people think. Pokemon cards should be allowed because children can make friends.

It can help people learn more and get friends. It can help people learn more and get friends. Pokemon cards can help people learn more and make them smart. They are also very expensive.

 $Pokemon\, cards\, are\, bad\, because\, it\, distracts\, people.\, It\, also\, affects\, people's\, work\, and\, spellings.$ 

In conclusion I think that Pokemon cards should be banned because they cause problems for lots of people.

There wasn't enough space for examples of all the discussion points from each pupil. So these are just a sample of some of the work that was produced.