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## This week's virtue is "Optimism".

### Foundation stage -

This week the Reception children have been focusing on the numbers 1-8 ordering them and forming them correctly using our patter. The children have also been thinking of different ways to make 8, e.g.  $4 + 4$   $2 + 6$ .

The children have all continued to look after and care for their planted seeds.

On Thursday the Reception children had a super trip to the Minack theatre where they watched a performance which included dance and music.

The Nursery children have been finding out about the number 4, counting and singing number songs, and spotting 4 objects in their learning environment.

Next week we will all be talking about how we

have grown, please could you send in a photo of your child as a baby so we can compare what they look like now to then.

### Key Stage 1

**Year 1** - Year 1 have enjoyed using different manipulatives to subtract numbers to 20 this week in maths. They have also been learning to use doubles in quick maths. In literacy they have started reading and writing the story of Pinocchio. We are using the version which is illustrated by Mauro Evangelista. You will find a copy on YouTube. The children enjoyed making their own stick puppets at the start of the week and performing with them. In science the children tested different materials to see which ones are waterproof. Also in art they have studied the work of Turner and used his techniques to paint clouds with different brush strokes. We have provided links on Google Classroom to phonics lessons for the children so they can practice their phonics at home as well. If you aren't able to log into your child's google classroom account please contact the office for help.

**Year 2-** In our topic this week, we looked at instruments used to measure weather. The children were able to look at a wind vane, thermometers, an anemometer and a rain gauge and write about their use. In Art, the children examined the work of Turner, using different brush strokes to create different cloud effects. In Science, we are looking at how different materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching. In PE, the children enjoyed learning how to hold and use a tennis racket correctly. We have continued our work on fractions in maths and are in the process of writing our first independent writing task from our new writing programme.

### Key Stage 2

**Year 3/4** - This week, we have been looking at Roman artefacts and making brooches. The children had to design them and then create them. We hope you enjoyed seeing them when the children brought them home. In math, we completed our measurement unit by looking at perimeter. In literacy, we completed our story and we are now looking forward to complete our own version of a similar story. In PE, we are developing out catching and aiming skills – the activities were much harder than we expected!

**Year 5/6** - Year 5 and 6's new geography topic is climate change. They will be learning how climate change is affecting many communities from around the world—Gambia to Australia! Ask your children what they know about climate and how it is different from weather. Can they name all 7 continents and some of the world's oceans and seas?



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**COVID Guidelines - If your child tests positive for Covid please inform the school office immediately. We are still asking pupils to isolate for 10 days. Isolation can end early if the pupil has a negative LFT result on both day 5 and 6 and has no temperature.**

**Reporting Absence** - It is extremely important that the school office is informed of any child absences and medical appointments. An absence text is sent if your child is not present at school and if no reason is given then it will be marked as an unauthorised absence. You can inform us by calling 01326 562249 and leaving an answerphone message or emailing [secretary@porthleven.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@porthleven.cornwall.sch.uk)

**School Dinner Menu - We will be on **WEEK 3** of the menu next week.**

## CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Well done to our cross country runners for their superb effort in each of their races. Their results can be seen below with an extra special well done to Pearl who has qualified for the Cross Country Final next week in Newquay! Good luck Pearl!

**Pearl placed 10th**

**Harry placed 26th**

**Daisy placed 29th**



**Red Nose Day - Friday 18th March 2022 - Thank you for all of your donations to Comic Relief for Red Nose Day. Comic Relief includes funding organisations that are supporting people right now in Ukraine, and those attempting to cross the border. Whatever you do today, no matter how small, you can help people live free from poverty, violence and discrimination, in the UK and around the world. Together we have raised £137.00!**

**Consent Forms** - Google forms for Google Account Apps, ICT Consent and Multi Media Consent were emailed home last week. Please can you complete these as soon as you are able as we are beginning to use chrome books at school for lessons and will require this consent from you before children are able to use them. If you haven't received these emails please contact the school office.

**Chartwells Golden Ticket - Thursday 24th, 31st March and 7th April 2022 - We've had our first 5 lucky golden ticket winners who have received their fidget bubbles!**

Children who have a school dinner on one of the above dates will be in with the chance of finding a **golden ticket**. The lucky golden ticket winners will receive a 'Superhero Fidget Bubble'. School meals are £2.34 per day and can be paid for via ParentPay. KS1 children are compulsory free school meals.

**Year 4 Swimming - Wednesday 23rd March 2022** - Swordfish class will be going swimming again next Wednesday morning. The cost of each lesson is £4.50 per child and can be paid for via ParentPay. Please remember your child's towel and swimming costume/trunks.

**Coose Trannack Cross Country - Saturday 26th March 2022** - A google form registration link has been set up, please complete if your child would like to take register - registration forms must be submitted by Tuesday 22nd March 2022. Please ensure the £3 registration fee is dropped into the school office in a clearly named envelope. Click this link to take you to the registration form:  
<https://forms.gle/8ZEHFUEApmeMvnSYA>

**Weekly Attendance Award** - Across are the attendance figures for each class - Well done to **SEAHORSES** who are this week's winners! The expected percentage attendance for a child is 96%. Let's see if we can get each class to this or above!

Class	Attendance	Late Marks
Rainbowfish	93.5%	0
Seahorses	99.3	6
Turtles	91.1%	0
Narwhals	90.3%	1
Swordfish	94.5%	0
Kestrels	88.1%	2
Herons	95.3%	0
WHOLE SCHOOL	93.1%	9





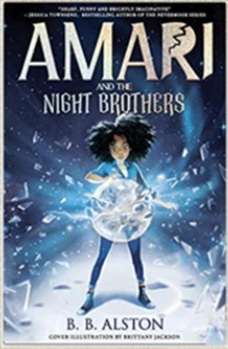
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## Book Of The Week -

# Book of the Week

This week  
7+ readers



**Book Information**

ISBN:	9781405298993
Publication date:	2nd September 2021
Author:	BB Alston
Publisher:	Fanshore an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers
Format:	Paperback
Pagination:	384 pages
Suitable for:	7+ readers, 5+ readers
Genres:	Adventure Stories, Fantasy / Magical, Science Fiction
Recommendations:	Debuts of the Month

**Look inside...**

CHAPTER ONE

I'm sitting in the principal's office. Again. In the hallway, on the other side of the glass door, Principal Morrie is getting an awful from Emily Grant's mom. With all those wild hand gestures, you'd think I did a lot more than give her a stick-up. Little Miss Princess daughter a tiny drone. Emily got up to my face, not the other way around. What's my fault she lost her balance and fell on her butt in front of everybody?

Emily stands behind her mom, surrounded by her squad. They cover their mouths and whisper, trying not to laugh at the door like they can't wait to catch me alone. I lean back in my chair, out of view. You're really doing it this time, Amari.

I glance up at the picture of the brown-haired boy on the wall behind Principal Morrie's desk and frown. Quinton proudly holds up the trophy he won in the state maths competition. You can't see, but me and Mamee are just offstage, cheering him on.

There's not much to cheer about any more.

The door swings open and Miss Grant walks in, followed by Emily. Neither makes eye contact as they walk into the chair.

## Amari and the Night Brothers

Written by BB Alston

**Tell me more...**

An epic middle grade supernatural adventure series, soon to be a major movie starring Marsai Martin. Perfect for readers aged 8+ and fans of Percy Jackson, Nevermoor and Men in Black.

Amari Peters knows three things. Her big brother Quinton has gone missing. No one will talk about it. His mysterious job holds the secret... So, when Amari gets an invitation to the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs, she's certain this is her chance to find Quinton. But first she has to get her head around the new world of the Bureau, where mermaids, aliens and magicians are real, and her roommate is a weredragon. Amari must compete against kids who've known about the supernatural world their whole lives, and when each trainee is awarded a special supernatural talent, Amari is given an illegal talent - one that the Bureau views as dangerous. With an evil magician threatening the whole supernatural world, and her own classmates thinking she is the enemy, Amari has never felt more alone. But if she doesn't pass the three tryouts, she may never find out what happened to Quinton ...

**Volunteers Needed** - There are many ways that parents can make a difference to all the pupils and teachers in school.

We would like help with chaperoning field trips, reading, gardening, creative activities and much more besides. We know it is difficult to commit time but if you have a couple of hours a week then we will offer training and help to make your time in school a fun and rewarding experience. It may even lead to a new career!

Please contact the school office for more information.

*The school policy is committed to safeguarding all of our pupils: we require enhanced criminal record checks (through the Disclosure and Barring Service) and background checks for all **regular** volunteers.*

**Lost Property Box** - We have a box in the reception area with unnamed lost property. If your child has any lost belongings please feel free to come and have a look.

## Cross Country Dates -

Tuesday 5th April Cross Country – Race 6 KS2 HCC 4pm

Tuesday 14th June Fun Run KS2 Mullion 4pm

**Parent & Toddler Group - Limited spaces - Every Tuesday - 9am to 11am - £1 per family - Please contact the school office to book your space** - Forest school activities, snack provided for children. Children will need to wear old clothes and bring coats. We will also be using our indoor spaces some weeks and if the weather is bad.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

**Friday 18th March 2022 - Non-Uniform - Red Nose Day**

**Wednesday 23rd March 2022 - Swordfish Class Swimming**

**Saturday 26th March 2022 - Coose Trannack Cross Country**

**Tuesday 5th April 2022 - Cross Country Race 6 - KS2 - HCC 4pm**

**Monday 11th April to Friday 22nd April 2022 - Easter Holidays**

**Monday 2nd May 2022 - Bank Holiday - School closed to all children**

**Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022 - May Half Term**

**Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th July 2022 - INSET days - School closed to all children**

**Wednesday 27th July to Friday 2nd September 2022 - Summer Holidays**