



Spring Term Issue 3

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Newsletter

Aiming for the
Stars

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

What a wonderful week of crisp winter weather – all the better for getting out and about which many classes have done. In fact yesterday morning there was hardly anyone left in school; Year 5 were at Camborne climbing, Poldhu were in Helston at the museum looking at old toys and Kynance Class were in Crenver Grove making settings for their traditional tales. Today Poldhu were out again and despite the cold they braved the wind coming off the sea and came back thrilled to have seen so many seals at Godrevy and although Rinsey were in school they used our fantastic grounds and some innovative use of ICT to storyboard their stories linked to the War of the Worlds. This isn't to say there hasn't been some high quality learning in classrooms and I was greatly impressed with the efforts of Kynance Class this morning when they completely redrafted their information texts that were inspired by Ricky Gervais' creations in the book *Flaminials*. As a school one of the key aspects of our school improvement plan is to develop independent learners that are able to evaluate their own work and set their own targets for improvement and it was great to see this in action.

It is also fantastic to see so many children still attending clubs during the colder months; we had 18 people at running club last week which is nearly a fifth of the school. Other clubs have been equally well attended and several of these would not be possible without the help of parents so I would like to thank all of you that have offered your assistance. After saying this it is difficult for teachers to manage clubs if adults turn up unexpectedly so if you wish to assist in the running of clubs please let Mrs B know and she will relay your interest to the relevant teacher. On a similar note it is very difficult as a teacher to manage the classroom in the morning if parents are in or outside the classroom. As I have already mentioned we are also trying to promote independence so children should be dropped off beneath the verandah with the adult, usually the class TA, who will be stationed at the door. If you really do need to check cloak rooms etc it is better done at the end of the day and for safeguarding reasons all adults should enter the school by the front door and inform Mrs B that you are in school; if you are staying for any length of time a visitor badge will be given for the time you are in school. We do of course want you to feel that you can approach us at any time with any concerns but if you wish to speak to the class teacher please arrange a time with Mrs B or myself. Speaking of developing this independence Mrs Lynes would like to thank all parents of our youngest Foundation children who are all now able to be dropped off outside the classroom and keep their cloakroom spotless. When I was observing the class on Monday I was also blown away by the speed and military coordination that the children employ to tidy the room before their 3 minute tidy song is finished.

Thank you to all those who have returned their INSET day choices, for those who haven't as yet returned them there is still time for your voice to be heard, please return all slips by the end of next week (Friday 27 January). We will then make a decision based on the majority and will let you know as soon as we can.

Hopefully the weather will stay dry and we can all get out and about in the amazing County we live in.

Mr L Gardiner

THIS TERM'S THEME: *Journeys*

HEADLINES: *Travelling Together*

WORDS OF WISDOM: *Hard times will always reveal true friends*

MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK: *Simon & Garfunkel* **VIRTUE OF THE WEEK:** *Being able to Share*

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: *Can you ever make the right decision? Eli*



**Netball Festival
at CSIA**



**Poldhu investigate
at Helston Toy
Museum**



**Kynance take their fairy
tales into the wood**



**Rinsey stretch out
their gym moves**

Diary Dates

January 2017

Wed 25—Y5 to Hayle School transition

Thur 26—Netball Match V Trevithick (A) KO 3.30pm

Mon 30—Y6 BMX taster session

Tue 31—Y5 BMX taster session

February

Thur 9—Open Afternoon

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Mon 13—Half Term Break

Mon 20—Return from half term

Tue 28—Y6 Hayle Transition

March

Tue 28—Poldhu Project Outcome Afternoon

Wed 29—Godrevy Project Outcome Afternoon

Thur 30—Kynance Project Outcome Afternoon

Fri 31—last day before Easter holidays

May

Mon 8—SATs week begins

Wed 17—Year 5 & 6—Porthpean Camp

June

Mon 5—INSET day—school closed to pupils

Mon 12—Year 3 & 4—Carnyorth Camp

Mon 12—Year 2—Activity Days and Tehidy Woods

July

Wed 12 to Fri 14 —R and Year 1 Activity Days



Whole School Attendance Target
2016-2017: **96.5%**

This Weeks Whole School Attend-
ance Figure:

95.55%



Year 5 impress on
the climbing wall
at CSIA



Poldhu make discoveries
on Godrevy Beach



Our school website has details of activities taking place over Febru-
ary half term under the Out of School Activities tab



STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following children for their fantastic learning. Thank you.

Poldhu

Zach for a super attitude on our trip

Leah for fantastic maths

Kynance

Charlotte for fantastic involvement in outdoor learning

Daisy for working hard to improve her handwriting

Godrevy

Harvey for great investigation on forces

Maddy for overcoming fears on the climbing wall

Rinsey

Thomas for good concentration in math

Max for responsible learning all week

Virtue Value Awards

Alfie, Gemma, Melissa, Trey