



Spring Term Issue 2

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Newsletter

Aiming for the
Stars

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We have had an extremely busy week and I have personally been dashing from one thing to the other more than usual. Thoroughly enjoyable though; in lesson observations I have seen some great booklets being designed in Godrevy Class and excellent practical measuring of capacity by Kynance Class. Towards the end of the week I also teach both these classes and was surprised to see how many of Godrevy were able to use all features of good dialogue writing between Smaug and Bilbo whilst the Flaminals created by Rinsey for information texts were the product of great creativity. Somewhere in between all that I had another fascinating discussion with members of Year 6 in Rinsey Class (see this week's question) and took 3 football teams to Camborne with Mrs Kent – all of whom were a credit to the school.

In the office much of my time has been spent writing and editing letters and grant applications this week. You should all be receiving letters about camp tonight (Poldhu's will be out on Monday) and we do hope that you will all be keen for your children to take part in their activity weeks because they really do have a massive positive impact particularly for developing independence and resilience. Developing independent learners is a key part of the school's improvement plan this year and I was so pleased to see Year 6 boys choosing to use spare time to read after we purchased role playing books that I used to read as a child. I have also had positive feedback about the magazine we have purchased for all the members of Year 4, 5 and 6 and hope there will be a good response to the comprehension competition that runs alongside it. If you have chance please do get involved with your child's reading at home; as I have said before it is possibly the most important support you can give. Remember also that part of our library is devoted to books that have been chosen by teachers and parents and it is meant to be a constantly evolving feature so if you come across a book that you think we must have then let us know. Whilst on the subject of books we understand that some books are bound to get lost or damaged and we have a policy of not charging for these but do try and return books as soon as possible so we are able to keep the electronic tracking system up to date and make ordering replacements easier.

We do of course try and get children's ideas about what to include in the library (in fact the whole refurbishment was done in consultation with them) and Mrs Drelinga is working hard to develop 'pupil voice' through the student council as well. One of the common requests from all classes is to have some pets within school and Mrs Tate is currently looking into the possibility of fish and/or Giant Snails. Either of these would require a tank to keep them in and if anybody has one going spare we would welcome a donation or pay a small asking price. Even more exciting is the possibility of Mrs B's dog, Buster joining us on some days of the week. Camborne college have recently benefitted from the company of Lola and knowing that Buster is as gentle as a dog can be we are considering trialling him in classes over the coming term. Many schools have done this and noticed the calming effect they can have so hopefully Buster can become a positive part of our team. We have completed a risk assessment for having a dog on site but need to know if there are any of you with children that have allergies to dogs or a phobia that we need to be aware of.

One animal that we would not like to keep in school is the one that seems most determined to make it a favoured haunt – namely the dreaded head louse. They have once again reared their ugly heads so please be vigilant this weekend and check your children and help us get rid of them (there is an information leaflet on the noticeboard).

Next week looks busy again with children going to a netball festival, climbing wall and Poldhu visiting the Toy Museum in Helston. On Monday we will be holding the consultation about transport so please come or send an expression of interest if you want to be involved. We will also be sending two options for when we have INSET days next year and would like you all to vote on your preferred option. Until then have a great weekend and if you have nothing else to do remember the deadline for the photograph competition on the theme of reflections is on Monday so it's not too late to get your entries in – happy snapping.

Mr Gardiner

THIS TERM'S THEME: *Journeys*

HEADLINES: *Peer Pressure*

WORDS OF WISDOM: *When you say yes to others not no to yourself*

MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK: *Emeli Sandé* **VIRTUE OF THE WEEK:** *Making sensible decision*

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: *Is it best to follow your heart or your mind?*

Olympic Strictly with Godrevy Class



Rinsey immersed in alien landings



Kynance plant their beans to see if they will grow as high as the one in the classroom and thanks to the PTFA they have a new rug



Poldhu got physical with ordinal numbers

Diary Dates



January 2017

Mon 16—Godrevy to Nexus event

Tue 17—Football Match V Trevithick (A) KO 3.30pm

Thur 19—Y5 to CSIA climbing wall

Thur 19—Poldhu visit Helston Museum

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

Thur 9—Netball Match V Crowan (A) KO 3.30pm

Mon 13—Half Term Break

Mon 20—Return from half term

Tue 28—Y6 Hayle Transition

March

Tue 28—Poldhu Project Outcomes afternoon

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

**Please continue to check
the dates page as this will
be updated regularly**

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

This Weeks Whole School Attendance Figure:

95.55%

**Please note the following
Menu Change**

**Thursday 19 January
2017**

**Beef or Quorn Burger
and selection of toppings**

**With chips, coleslaw and
baked beans**

Followed by

Ice cream and fresh fruit

**Full details can be found on
the noticeboard under the
verandah**

Our school website has details of activities taking place over February 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

Ruben for indepdently creating an excellent toy

Bronte for writing great instructions

Kynance

Isabelle for focusing on correct punctuation

Solas for working hard in science

Godrevy

Tristan for being resilient when challenges occur

Ocean for great independence in maths

Rinsey

Jake for excellent work in planning a story

Daisy for super work in maths

Virtue Value Awards

Bevin, Roan, Tegen, Thomas