



Autumn Term Issue 10

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Newsletter

Aiming for the
Stars

Dear parents, carers and children,

This half term's social and moral theme is 'Be the best you' and we have a big focus on being kind inspired by the book Wonder (a great book and on our list of books to read before you are 11 and ½). Hopefully many of the children will have already completed one of the homework tasks which was to carry out and document an act of kindness. There has certainly been plenty of evidence of our children's capacity for kindness over the week with excellent support for the 'Children in Need' toy sale that the student council organised and Pudsey Bears covered in coins by pyjama clad children this morning.

Godrevy Class were also kind to the environment this week helping the rangers at Gwithian Green carry out clearing of invasive species such as Rhododendron. Over the course of the year all classes will begin to become more actively involved with our 'Outdoor Classes' and start to take on stewardship roles as part of our drive to achieve a John Muir award. Rinsey Class meanwhile had a more artistic involvement with their Outdoor Class, Godrevy Beach, creating sand art based on the work of Chris Haworth. Both classes enjoyed their day and it is great to see them still getting out and braving the elements – thanks in part to the PTFA for funding the Muddy Puddles.

As I mentioned last week the PTFA are doing a fantastic job preparing for the Christmas Fayre and I hope you will all be able to support it next Friday; there was certainly no shortage of support for the bottle tombola and we are grateful for all your donations. Please remember to spread the word as far and wide as possible – there will be independent stalls as well as those organised by the PTFA and another student council toy stall so there should be something for everyone.

So soon the C word will be allowed to take over and as we approach the final run in to the end of the year the excitement will grow. For now though it is still the class topics that are the main driving force behind the curriculum and none more so than in Kynance Class. This week they visited the fire station linked to their Elements topic and to get first-hand experience of how to deal with that most unpredictable of elements. I believe that the same fire crew may be paying a visit to the school later in the term to help put out the Great Fire of London which the class plan to act out linked to their Literacy work. I have also heard rumours that a strange man called Samuel Pepys has been spotted in the area with a spade as if he was looking for something, maybe more will transpire next week...

With that in mind, could I finish this week's waffle with a little note about attendance? We started the term with fantastic attendance in all classes and were well on track to meet the aspirational target we had set. Unfortunately, this week, the running average has dropped below for the first time. Obviously, if children are really ill they do need to be kept off school and we have also been sympathetic to those of you whose work constraints mean you have to take a holiday in term time. However, if children are not really ill but a bit under the weather we would prefer it if you bring them in and we will monitor them here. The worst type of non-attendance is when it is periodic, scattered over the whole term. Teachers plan learning in a progressive way so that each week builds on what has been before and if there are too many missing pieces none of it makes sense. I liken it to watching a film; if you leave the room to make a cup of tea once you can usually quickly get back up to speed with what is happening but if you do it repeatedly the whole plot is lost. If children are absent teachers can tell you what was covered but there is no substitute for being in the classroom under the guidance of the teacher and with the support of peers. Hopefully we will see all of you next week for more exciting learning and I hope you all have a fun filled weekend before then.

Mr Gardiner

THIS TERM'S THEME: *Be the Best You*

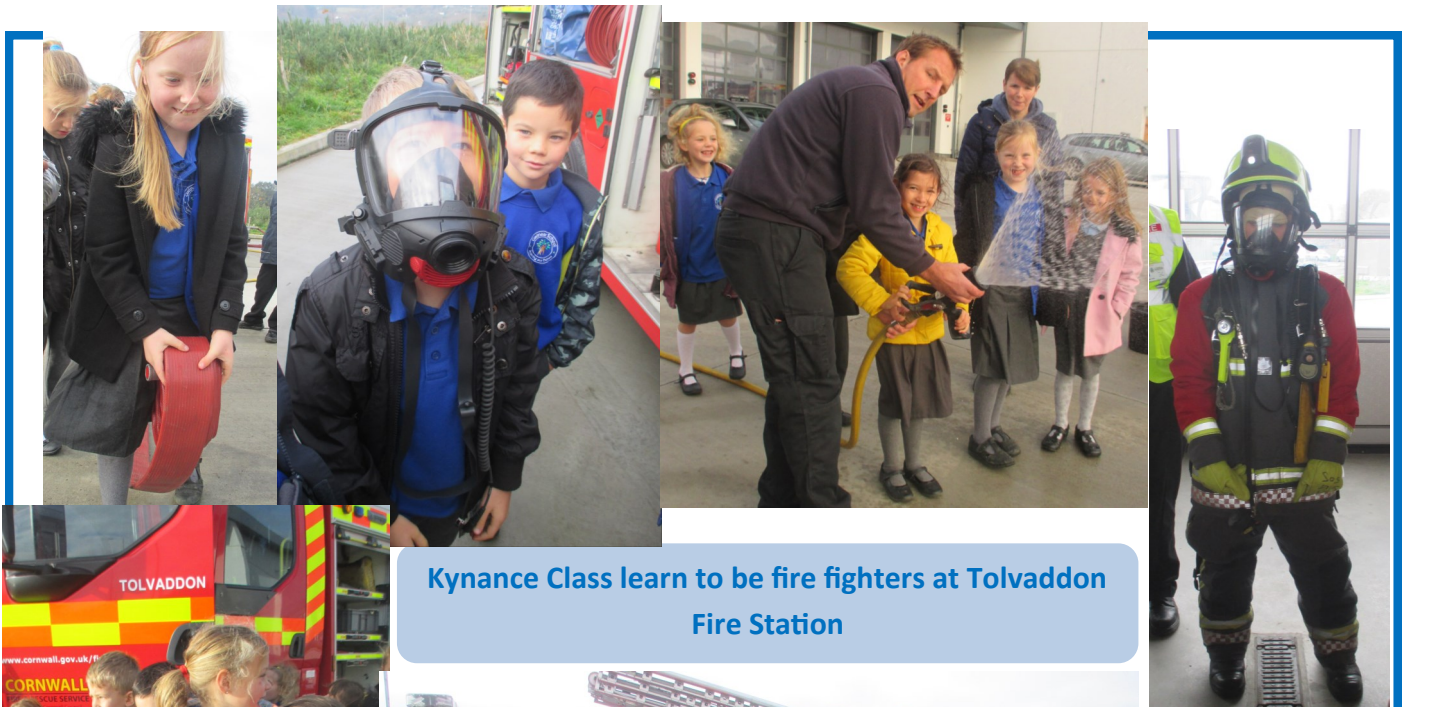
HEADLINES: *Working with Others*

WORDS OF WISDOM: *Teamwork makes the dream work*

MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK: *Public Service Broadcast*

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK: *Being able to help others*

THIS WEEKS QUESTION: *Why do people judge themselves? Daisy*



Kynance Class learn to be fire fighters at Tolvaddon Fire Station



Godrevy Class visit Gwithian Green, search for beasties and cook their own lunch



Diary Dates

November 2016

Tue 22—**Basketball Club cancelled due to staff training**

Thur 24—Godrevy Class Outdoor Learning

Thur 24—Football Match V Crowan (Away) 3.30 KO

Fri 25—Y5 Transition workshop Hayle School

Fri 25 —Xmas Fayre

December 2016

Thur 1—Netball Match V Weeth (Away) 3.30 KO

Tue 6—Flu Immunisation for Y1, 2 and 3

Wed 7—Xmas Lunch

Tues 13—Xmas performance

Wed 14—Xmas performance

Mon 12—**No Clubs This Week**

Fri 16—Last day before Christmas Break

January 2017

Tue 3—Back to school—Happy New Year

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Dates for
the Diary:

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

Whole School Attendance Tar-
get 2016-2017: **96.5%**

This Weeks Whole School
Attendance Figure:

95.99%



Beach Art with Rinsey Class





STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Poldhu

Seren for fantastic homework

Ted for excellent behaviour

Kynance

Greta for putting 100% into her writing

Olivia for working really hard in maths

Godrevy

Mate for being super focused on all learning

Alex for brilliant efforts in school

Rinsey

Amelia for thorough, neat, conscientious work

Tehya for marvellous word choosing in

personification

Virtue Value Awards

Erin, Harriet, Lacy, Melissa