



Autumn Term Issue 6

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# Newsletter

Aiming for the  
**Stars**

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

First of all thank you to everyone that helped make Wednesday such a success. We have been holding 'learning together open afternoons' for a year now and they have always been well received but Wednesday saw record numbers of you manage to move schedules and free up your time to join your child(ren) in school. The hall was virtually full for the coffee and biscuit presentation although I think many of you already understand the value of good questioning and the impact you can have using good questions to facilitate children's learning. For those of you unable to make it the slides from the presentation on questioning will be posted on the website shortly and please feel free to catch me at the gate to clarify anything.

Questions can awaken curiosity, they can challenge beliefs upon which we base our existence, they can lead us to answers when we feel we have reached a dead end and they can pose problems that are irresistible to try and solve. For me the best minds: scientists, theologians, artists, philosophers, all have one thing in common: they constantly question at the outer realms of what they know. Some people become reflective through the experiences they go through but if we can teach reasoning and reflection from an early age we can create dynamic and self-motivated learners. As I said at the presentation we will be starting a club where we all try and find a mutual understanding of a question that is hard to solve. The approach is called philosophy for children and we have begun to use it as a method for delving deeper into our moral, social and cultural themes. Together we consider a stimulus like a picture book and then share and discuss questions it raises. To give you an idea of the sort of discussions that can ensue I will start adding questions raised by various children to the footnotes of the newsletter – have fun discussing them further at home.

We also thought about the power of learning outdoors in the afternoon and two of our classes have been out and about this week with Poldhu paying a visit to Trebah gardens linked to their topic of "Into the woods" and Kynance visiting Godrevy beach for a poetry writing session and some water filtration linked to their topic of "The Elements" with a current focus on water. Year 2 were also out this week for a multi-skills festival and Mrs. Kent said they had a great time and Geoffrey has seen plenty of use at the start and end of the day, helping get children to and from home. Last week Poldhu made excellent use of Outdoor School at Crenver Grove to make videos acting out the story of the Gruffalo.

Finally, I hope you liked the library which will be back in full swing next week after the completion of the theming of the room by our fantastic artists, Emma and Leslie, based on the ideas of the children. Again if you were unable to make it on Wednesday do arrange to have a look around at the end of the day sometime. In the meantime Mrs. B has put together a collage of pictures to give you a flavor what it's like. Have a great weekend and remember if you come across something unusual at the weekend think of the question that will best ignite curiosity and embark on a learning journey together.

Mr Gardiner

**THIS TERM'S THEME:** *Going for Goals*

**HEADLINES:** *Celebrating*

**WORDS OF WISDOM:** *The more you praise and celebrate your life the more there is in life to celebrate*

**MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK:** AC/DC **VIRTUE OF THE WEEK:** *Being able to celebrate appropriately*

**THIS WEEKS QUESTION:** *Can you be your own hero? (Tom Year 6)*



## *Poldhu visit Trebah Gardens*



## *This terms' Open Afternoon*









## ***Drama in the woods with Rinsey Class***



## ***Water filtration with Kynance at Gwithian Beach***





## Diary Dates

### October 2016

*Tue 18—Y5 Transition workshop Hayle School*

*Thur 20—INSET—School closed to pupils*

*Fri 21—INSET—School closed to pupils*

*Mon 24—Half term week*

### November 2016

*Thur 3—Rinsey Class to East Pool mine*

*Fri 4—PTFA Halloween Film night*

*Thurs 10—Tempest photos for individuals and families*

*Mon 14—Godrevy Class to CSIA Nexus*

*Fri 25—Y5 Transition workshop Hayle School*

***Fri 25 —Xmas Fayre—  
new date !!!!!***

### December 2016

*Tues 13—Xmas performance*

*Wed 14—Xmas performance*

*Fri 16—Last day before Christmas Break*

Dates for  
the Diary:

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

Whole School Attendance Target 2016-2017: **96%**

This Weeks Whole School Attendance Figure:

**97.55%**



*Year 2 enjoy a morning of multi skills*



## Road Closure Notice

This is to notify you of an upcoming project at Gwinear Road Level Crossing by Network Rail. Network Rail is planning to undertake some works to resolve issues they have had in the past with vehicles overhanging the crossing due to the close proximity of a right hand turn into Riviera Produce. This work is designed to remove the speed restriction that has been in place for a number of years on all trains entering / leaving Cornwall on the Main Line which will reduce train journey times. The works are scheduled to commence towards the end of October with a full road closure being in place at the level crossing from **01/11/2016 to 09/12/2016**. These works will involve the movement of the access to Riviera Produce further away from the level crossing, the re-profiling of the road to prevent towing vehicles / caravans from grounding as they cross the railway and improvements to the drainage infrastructure. Network Rail will also be replacing the level crossing itself and improving the quality of the track.



## **STARS OF THE WEEK**

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

### **Poldhu**

*Elsie for always being kind and helpful to everyone*

*Beatrice for fantastic behaviour on our trip to Trebah*

### **Kynance**

*Trey for always having a go during carpet time*

*Lillian for putting 100% in to your literacy poems*

### **Godrevy**

*Lacy for great effort in math*

*Keira for brilliant creative writing*

### **Rinsey**

*Jake for excellent effort in presentation*

*David for excellent effort in improving presentation*

## **Virtue Value Awards**

*Amelia, Bronte, Charlotte, Alex*