



Autumn Term Issue 11

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Newsletter

Aiming for the
Stars

Dear parents, carers and children,

We are now in full swing preparing for Christmas. The tree is up and I know the PTFA have been working hard to make sure tonight's Christmas Fayre is a success; hopefully you will all be able to join us to make sure their efforts are fully appreciated. All classes are also coming to the end of their termly topics and you will soon be invited to the days when they plan to show you some of the outcomes of their hard work. Again the more of you that can attend the better as it gives the learning so much more meaning when children know that their products will be appreciated by a real audience. As you know this is a new direction the school is taking to help children engage with learning and provide memorable experiences as is the use of outdoor areas to base lessons. I was fortunate enough yesterday to have both mini busses free so we headed to Crenver Grove with Godrevy for a lesson about prepositions.

As some of you will know there is currently a big emphasis on children being able to understand English grammar and use the correct conventions in their writing. This includes knowing the correct terminology associated with grammar and it is quite remarkable to see the depth of knowledge children are expected to have by the end of Year 6. Would you be able to identify the preposition, determiner or abstract noun in a sentence? Could you add an appropriate fronted adverbial or use punctuation for parenthesis? Needless to say even teachers have to sometimes check their own subject knowledge to make sure we are not confusing children in a subject that is a minefield of misconceptions. We have purchased reference materials to support us with this and for any of you that would like to be able to support at home we have basic versions of these that you are welcome to borrow (or if you want to buy your own copy go to <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Primary-Grammar-Punctuation-Spelling-Dictionary/dp/0192734210>).

You can probably also imagine how hard it is to think of ways to make a such a 'dry' subject fun to learn but we certainly did that in the woods yesterday and I am sure that any parent of Godrevy children will find that they can now identify and use preposition's. We used the IPAD's to take pictures of action scenes in the woods and then wrote sentences with prepositions to annotate them in Keynote (similar to Powerpoint). Some children went on to investigate how verbs changed with tense and we even had a few subordinate clauses thrown in for good measure. All of the children's work was impressive but we have chosen a few examples to put on the website so be sure to have a look. Looking at the pictures in the newsletter you will also see other exciting learning experiences. Kynance transformed the classroom into the Pudding Lane Bakery and spent a day making bread. Rinsey Class engaged in practical activities from Engineering Week to link to their topic of machines. Year 5's had a great morning today; taking part in a transition project about Planet Earth and both the football team and our enthusiastic gymnasts were fantastic ambassadors for the school.

So yet again we have squeezed a lot into a short time and looking ahead it doesn't look like getting any less busy. We wouldn't want it any other way though and the coming week's we will be rehearsing for the production, preparing for our end of topic days and as usual we will probably collapse over the finish line on the 16th. I will leave you with a little homework – many of you will be smirking that in a newsletter with a focus on grammar its funny that the humble apostrophe has been used incorrectly so often. Well as we so often do as teachers; I have made several deliberate mistakes. Which apostrophes are not needed and can anyone spot the missing apostrophe. Good luck and feel free to bring me back a highlighted letter for me to 'green pen edit'. Have a good weekend.

Mr Gardiner

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

HEADLINES: *Managing Feelings*

WORDS OF WISDOM: *If another can easily anger you if is because you are off balance with yourself*

MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK: *Paolo Nutini* **VIRTUE OF THE WEEK:** *Being able to control self*

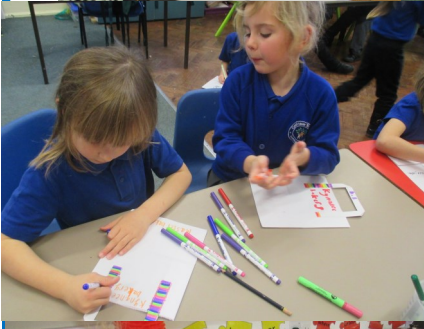
THIS WEEKS QUESTION: *What lessons do humans still have to learn from nature? Eli*



Gymnastic competition at Phoenix gym organised by CSIA



A touch of Bake Off came to Kynance class with some delicious bread making



Diary Dates

Dates for
the Diary:

November 2016

Mon 28—Kynance to Wall Chapel—Experience Xmas

Wed 30—Cross Country Competition CSIA

December 2016

Thur 1—**Eco Club cancelled**—children may join Homework or Circuits

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

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(Home) 3.30 KO

Mon 5—Years 3 & 4 —Athletics CSIA

Tue 6—Flu Immunisation for Y1, 2 and 3

Wed 7— Years 5 & 6—Athletics CSIA

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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Week**

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

This Weeks Whole School Attendance
Figure:

95.78%

Planet Earth Transition
at Hayle School
for Year 5



Spelling & Grammar work for
Godrevy at Crenver Grove

During Engineering Week Rinsey class looked at pendulums and humanitarian aid





STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Poldhu

Chloe for a beautifully written letter to Santa

Erin for excellent independent story writing

Kynance

Abigail for actively participating on the carpet

Rosie for focusing on the task

Godrevy

Bevin for fantastic improvement in swimming

Maddy for superb knowledge at Gwithian Green

Rinsey

David for excellent effort in art

Charlie for improving learning in maths

Virtue Value Awards

Brandon, Alex, Kayleigh, Tehya