



Spring Term Issue 06

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# Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We have made it to the end of a tricky half term and it is time to enjoy a well-deserved rest. I think we are all ready for it but you have kept going to the very end with well over a thousand submissions again this week and we are already getting some high-quality pieces of writing for the end of lockdown outcome, our school book. Do not worry if you have not submitted anything for the book yet – in a way it is better that you really take some time over it so that you can create your very best work. Remember, that it is OK to ask parents to help you especially when it comes to thinking of good descriptive vocabulary. Also remember, that work can be handwritten or typed and if you have lots to write parents can help type too. There is plenty of space in the book so pieces can be up to 4 sides of handwritten A4 or two pages of typed but obviously if you are writing a poem for instance it might be quite a bit shorter. You are also able to submit one illustration to go with your work but be aware that it will be shrunk down to go in the book so try and make it a simple clear design that will still good to view if shrunk to about 50cm<sup>2</sup>. The deadline for entries is the Friday after half term and we really want something from everyone so if you are at all unsure get in touch and we will give you some guidance.

As you all know though whilst we end the half term with lots to celebrate there is also one big event to be sad about. As with all things affected by Covid we have not been able to say goodbye to Miss Shaw in the traditional way and she is not actually fully leaving for a few weeks – she will be working remotely from Bristol for a couple of weeks and may still be in Cornwall for a few days after the half term. However, as we may not have her in person at the end of the first week I will use this newsletter to say our official thank-you and goodbye. By the time you read this you will probably already have seen us all make a fool of ourselves for Miss Shaw's benefit and it was the very least we could do. I have worked with many talented teachers in my time but there are few that could match her in the classroom and none that have given more to the school they serve. For me and for many of the staff it is Miss Shaw's willingness to go the extra mile and to do everything she can to support her colleagues that make her so special. Any school and particularly a small school like ours needs staff that are prepared to make sacrifices, to take on responsibilities at short notice and to accept that sometimes the hours are long but that it is worth it when you see the impact that these efforts have on the children. This has been a hallmark of Miss Shaw's: From classroom transformations, to trips, to staffing on virtually every residential, to producing books for outcomes, to spending hours at home working technical wizardry for assemblies and a virtual nativity – we owe her so many thanks. As many staff members said in the video we will miss her terribly and it was no surprise at all to hear that she has already successfully secured a job at a school close to Bristol. So, I am sure you will all join me in wishing her and her partner Lewis the very best on their new venture. Hopefully she will be able to make a visit when we are back in school so you can see her in person but until then, on behalf of the whole Gwinear community, Thank you Miss Shaw!

As said last week though I do believe we have got a fantastic teacher to take Miss Shaw's place and I am meeting with Miss Mogridge and Miss Shaw during the holidays to make sure the transition for Godrevy Class is as seamless as possible. I know many members of the class have already introduced themselves to her by completing the 'Tell me About You' task that she has set on Seesaw. If you are in Godrevy and haven't got around to it please have a go as it will help her make your learning as interesting and as exciting as possible. Right, time for the quiz and then a few tears at the leaving assembly – I will see you there. Have a great half term and we look forward to seeing you all again virtually in a week's time.

Mr Gardiner

It doesn't seem like five minutes ago that Emma Shaw came for her interview to work at Gwinear School as a newly qualified teacher and now we are waving her off to pastures new. Undoubtedly Emma is one of the Gwinear School success stories; it has been a pleasure to watch her grow in confidence, hone her skills and become a huge asset to the team. It was inevitable that someone as ambitious and capable as Miss Shaw would move on to further her career eventually and while we are all sad to see her go, we are also excited about the opportunities for her future and will watch with great pride as she flourishes. Good luck Miss Shaw, we will miss you! - Cathy Woolcock, Chair of Governors

**THIS TERM'S THEME:** *Wide World*

**HEADLINES:** *Knowing how diverse the world is*

**WORDS OF WISDOM:** *We look at the same stars and see different things*

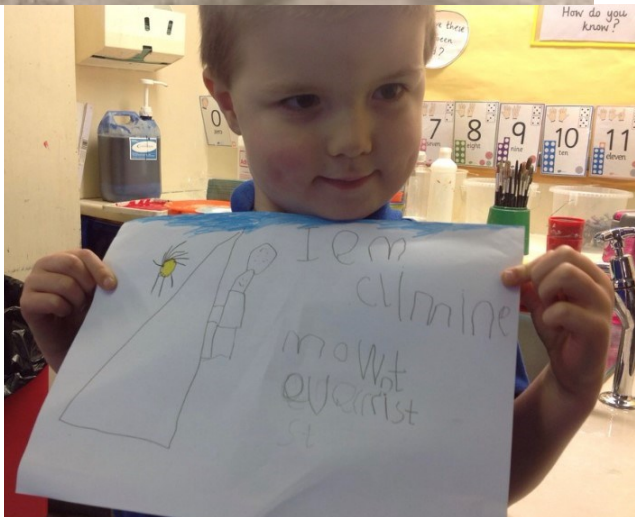
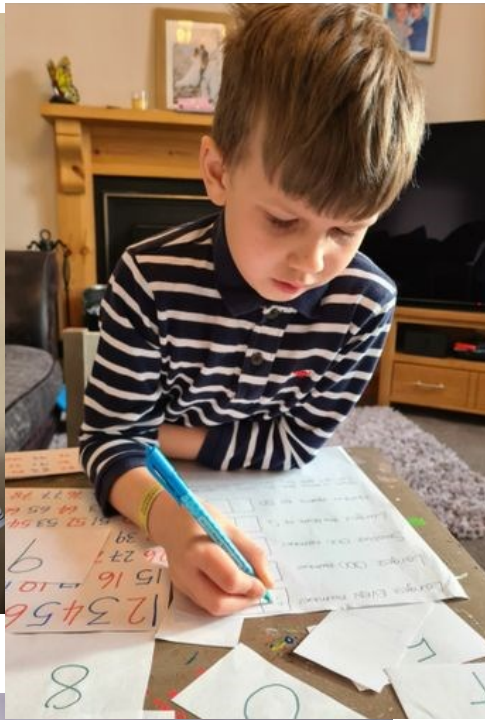
**MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK:** *Tinariwen*

**VIRTUE OF THE WEEK:** *Being able to accept things*

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## **STARS OF THE WEEK**

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

**Poldhu**

***Olivia for a super solar system***

***Arthur for fantastic independent writing***

**Kynance**

***Sid for an amazing bird model***

***Ethan for continuously giving 100% to your learning***

**Godrevy**

***Grace for submitting a great news report for the school book***

***Callum for trying hard to learn to tell the time***

**Rinsey**

***Isabelle for amazing writing***

***Trey for great maths***