



Autumn Term Issue 11

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Newsletter



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

A grey week in many ways and it's at times like these that it's hard to keep the spirits high. Fortunately, we work in the best profession for combatting the lows because the children can brighten up any day and require so much attention that there is little room for introspection. Their enthusiasm is infectious and all teachers love feeding this and watching the resulting energy explode into a frenzy of activity, we just need to ensure it is directed at the intended learning. This week I have had the pleasure of spending some time in Kynance observing both Mrs Eustice and Mrs Backhouse teaching and what a team they make; the organisation in the class is fastidious and the children were moved seamlessly through learning experiences to develop mathematical reasoning. The new addition of Mrs Jones to the team certainly helped the well-oiled machine do its work and I was left in no doubt that they are in safe and capable hands.

Next week I will spend some time with both Godrevy Class and Rinsey – again with a focus on mathematics. However, although this is my focus for looking at the schools provision this term children in all classes are certainly not being sold short of opportunities to develop in the wider curriculum. In Godrevy they continue to develop their culinary skills and this week demonstrated that we can manage to some extent without Mrs Sicolo's expertise – the week's focus on the USA meant that the menu of burgers and pancakes did not present too much of a challenge but, judging by the relish with which they were devoured, they were successful. They are also developing many ICT skills as they have decided to forgo the usual outcome of a recipe book this time and are instead developing a blog that you will soon all be able to view.

Rinsey meanwhile, continue to develop their DT skills and took things to the next level this week with the use of a cam shaft to create a moving toy. Their topic of 'Machines – Friend or Foe' continues to also inspire some creative writing; this week concentrating on persuasion to buy various forms of AI devices. I have no doubt though that they are being prepared for the high expectations of Y5/6 maths – I have already seen some excellent work using bar models to understand the complex topic of fractions and I am looking forward to going in next week when I believe they will be starting to investigate perimeter and area.

Finally, our youngest children in Poldhu have continued to learn about different celebrations around the world and this week focused on the Hindu festival of Diwali. The story of Diwali is full of many a magical character to spark children's imagination although one or two were a little worried about the reality of the 10 headed evil King Ravana. The festival also inspired some creative work making Rangoli patterns with rice as has another story: The Scarecrow's Wedding which led to the class designing wedding dresses and suits as well as writing some excellent invitations.

Of course, the celebration that they have yet to focus on will soon be upon us all and although we might be waiting for another week before we start to fully embrace the festive season, there are preparations underway with nativity scripts being evaluated and ideas being discussed on how we will be able to share it with you virtually. Classes are also beginning to make the products that will be sold in the virtual Christmas Fayre – a catalogue will soon be available so that you are able to place orders and Classes will then know how many items they need to produce. If any of you wish to put an advert in for things you can produce and sell or know of anyone that would like to put an advert in please let us know by contacting the office direct. We will need a picture of the product with a short description and the cost by the end of next week (Friday 27th). Orders will then be processed through the week ending 4th December with a pick-up date scheduled for Monday 14th December giving classes and any of you taking part time to build, create, cook your wares. The weather for the weekend doesn't look like a continuation of the grey although with less of the wet stuff but maybe it will be conducive to coming up with a little creative enterprise at home. Have fun whatever you do.

Mr Gardiner

THIS TERM'S THEME: *What's it Worth ?*

HEADLINES: *Inequality and the distribution of wealth*

MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK: *Dire Straits*

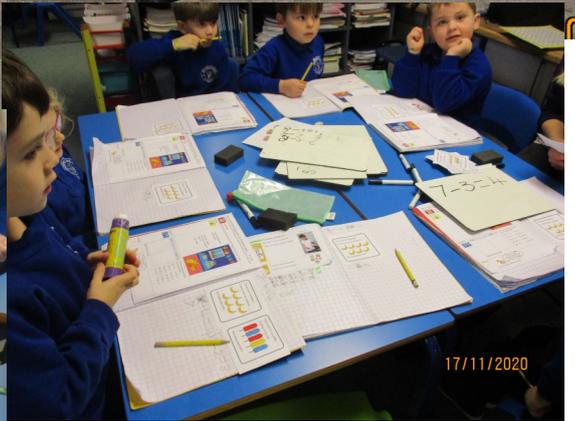
WORDS OF WISDOM: *Sharing money is what gives it its value*

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK: *Being able to share something*

QUESTION: *If anything got older would it get more expensive ? Greta & Rosie*

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Diary Dates

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November

Fri 27—Adverts in for Virtual Xmas Fayre

December

Fri 4—Order in for xmas fayre

Mon 14—Pick up xmas fayre orders

Wed 16—Xmas lunch

Mon 21 to Fri 1 Jan 2021—Christmas holiday

January—2021

Mon 4—Spring term begins

February

Mon 15 to Fri 19 Feb 2021—Spring half term

April

Fri 2 Apr 2021 to Fri 16 Apr 2021—Easter Break

Mon 19—Summer term begins

May

Mon 3 May 2021—Bank Holiday

Fri 28—INSET day

Mon 31 May 2021 to Fri 4 Jun 2021—May half term

June

Mon 7—INSET day

Tue 8—INSET day

July

Thur 22—INSET day

Fri 23—INSET day

Mon 26 July 2021—Summer Holidays start



Whole School Attendance Target

2020-2021: **96%**

This Weeks Whole School Attendance Figure:

95.29%

Please remember although children do not have to wear full school uniform they **MUST** have appropriate footwear for doing PE everyday and school jumpers or shirts should still be worn, it is also important to remember a water bottle as we are unable to give out cups



MUSIC STATION

Pipes, buckets, bin lids, spoons (metal & wooden), saucepans, old tins, bins, bamboo pipe, beaters, triangles, washboard, trays, strings (like guitar), cymbals, shakers, bells

NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please be aware that due to several children and a member of staff having severe allergies to nuts the school has a policy whereby no products containing nuts should be brought into school including in personal lunch boxes. With some products it is not always obvious that nuts form part of the ingredients so please check labels carefully. Thank you



STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Poldhu

George for a great attitude to learning

Lily for great number bond work

Kynance

Lola-Pearl for always being ready to learn

Sophia for a great version of her superworm poem

Godrevy

Callum for trying really hard to write independently

James for great progress with his reading comprehension

Rinsey

Rosie for amazing homework assignments

Mckenzie for really excellent crafting

Virtue Value Awards

Rex, Amelie T, Eleanor, Trey