



Summer Term Issue 02

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Newsletter



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

The leaves on the lime trees are emerging, as are those on the many trees we planted in the wild border last year and although I loved the extended dry spell we had, the recent showers will really boost the Spring growth. It is at this time of year when we can really count our blessings for having the grounds we have and it was lovely to see Gardening Club and Forest Skills Club making the most of it yesterday. Miss Mogridge, who runs Forest Skills Club, also got to visit our favourite woods for the first time with her class this week and they had a fantastic afternoon exploring sound; playing a game called 'Grandma's Keys' and carrying out experiments to see how sound travels through solids and air. They finished the afternoon meeting the owner of the woods and carried out a litter picking clean for him to help preserve it in its natural beauty for other visitors.

The woods didn't have to wait long for new visitors with Poldhu making a return to Crenver Grove yesterday. They arrived to find 'Wanted' posters stuck to the trees and have decided to help by setting a trap for the elusive Gruffalo. They know the story really well now and have been doing a lot of drama activities linked to it this week. They have also been studying some easier to find minibeasts both in the grounds and at the woods and have explored the different adaptations they have to live where they do.

Kynance Class know their story really well too; if you have a child in the class go on the Kynance Class tab on the website where you can find their story map and they will be able to use it to tell the story to you. They are now making their own innovations based on the story and I have seen several children from the class with brilliant examples. They have also used the story to inspire their science learning and spent Monday afternoon exploring the properties of different materials to try and make a waterproof cape for Little Red Riding Hood. This afternoon their subject focus turns to Geography and they will be honing their map reading skills in the school grounds in preparation for creating their own maps of fairytale kingdoms that will be navigated by programmable Beebots.

Finally, Rinsey Class have been helping to improve the school's programming ability by being the first to start using the new class suite of laptops. We are having a few teething issues but hopefully with the support of our ICT provider we will soon have them up and running so that we can have a mobile ICT suite to deliver whole class lessons using the computers. This afternoon I'm working with the class again and we are going to be designing houses after being inspired by our visit to a little woodland walk near our house in Truro. I thought the little houses that sprang up in the woods during lockdown were a brilliant symbol of optimism in a dark time and decided to task Rinsey Class with the job of enhancing our own wild border in a similar way. I think Poldhu class will appreciate them once in place as they are aware of how many homeless fairies there are in the area having had so many visit their class and leave messages in recent times!

So, lots of awe, wonder and magic and that's the way we like it because it inspires learning that is both enjoyable and enduring. However, as an outdoor loving school let's not forget that we don't have to look to the imaginary for such inspiration; the swallows are back in force now and I don't know about any of you but it still blows my mind to think that they arrive on the back of an 8,000 mile journey, travelling about 200 miles a day for around 40 days, not bad for an animal that is little bigger than your hand. We will once again keep fingers crossed that a pair choose the verandah as a nesting spot but with so many excited children it may prove to be a little too noisy. If you are heading out on your own nature walk this weekend remember there is a homework task to hunt for different species of plant using the Seek app or another form of identification. Please feel free to email me any pictures of species you come across as I am doing an assembly about biodiversity on our return and I might be able to use them in it. I'm hoping that I will be able to top up my species portfolio on my Seek account but at the moment I am unsure on where I will be as I am being taken on a surprise adventure! I hope you have a great weekend whatever you do and look forward to seeing you all next week.

Mr Gardiner.

THIS TERM'S THEME: *Footprints*

HEADLINES: *Biodiversity*

WORDS OF WISDOM: *In all things of nature there is something of the marvellous*

MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK: *Toto*

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK: *Being able to appreciate nature's beauty*



Diary Dates

March

May

Mon 3 May —Bank Holiday

Mon 24 May—Godrevy visit Geevor

Fri 28—INSET day (School Closed)

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

June

Mon 7—INSET day (School Closed)

Tue 8—INSET day (School Closed)

July

Mon 19—No Clubs this week

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:

95.88%

INSET DAYS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2020/2021

Friday 28 May 2021

Monday 7 June 2021

Tuesday 8 June 2021

Thursday 22 July 2021

Friday 23 July 2021



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

Marshall for a great effort with your name writing

Coen for a great attitude to learning

Kynance

Elizabeth for such a positive attitude in class

Lola-Pearl for excellent independent writing

Godrevy

Rex for a brilliant story in literacy

Callum for fantastic work all week

Rinsey

Olivia for excellent writing

Trey for excellent effort in maths

Virtue Value Awards

Jack, Harvey H, Zack, Amelie T