



Spring Term Issue 3

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Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Unfortunate family circumstances have kept me away for two days this week but I have heard of all manner of exciting learning taking place. It is at times like these that I am reminded of how strong the team is and I thank them all for the extra effort that they always give when any member is absent. Travelling 'up country' (only as far as Nottingham) also served as a good reminder of how unique the Cornish climate is with the sub-zero temperatures coming as quite a shock.

I must admit I do quite like the cold but I know that Godrevy Class will probably be quite glad that we are experiencing relatively milder conditions when they travel to the beach today and use the sand to draw out a life size plan of the Titanic. Miss Shaw believed it was the only way that the children could fully comprehend the actual dimensions of the behemoth and she plans to follow up on the original drawing with some other mathematical work focussed on measurement. Earlier in the week Miss Shaw employed a different teaching technique to bring the past alive by inviting two friends of Mrs B, Tony and Elsa, to come and visit the class for the afternoon. A combined age of 184 meant the couple were well informed to answer the many questions that the children had carefully prepared. We are so grateful to both of them for giving the children the benefit of their experience but I know they enjoyed the afternoon and both remarked on how polite the children had been.

It is not the first time that the sand at Godrevy has been used as a canvas this week as Poldhu also enjoyed a morning there yesterday. They were experimenting with a wide range of materials for mark making and practising letter formation using a wide range of media. Eventually they chose stone configurations as the most striking way of sending their message; it had to be visible from a very long distance as they were trying to send a message to Zog's parents – Zog being the alien that has been stranded with them ever since his spaceship landed at the start of term leaving Zog's egg at the site. To make sure that his parents wouldn't feel too scared to return the class also made some aliens of their own using the wide variety of flotsam and jetsam that they had at their disposal.

This week Kynance's artistic pursuits have been confined to the classroom but they are no less creative because of this. Their superhero topic linked well to the colourful, brazen work of pop artists such as Andy Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein. Some of the images they produced would have not looked out of place in an exhibition by the artists especially Lichtenstein and I would be interested to hear what Scarlett and the rest of her Youth Speaks team think about them. Scarlett, Flora and Willow delivered an excellent rendition of their presentation titled What is art? and it is a shame both our teams couldn't have progressed to the next round of the competition. As it was on the night Emily, Sadie and Finley were judged to have the edge on the night by one mark and they will represent the school at Penwith College, next Tuesday, with their presentation on 'The World's Greatest Mistake'.

Rinsey also didn't get to take part in Outdoor School this week but their visit to Crenver Grove last week has helped inspire some very imaginative poetry. This work along with other creative writing will be able to be viewed at the class' Outcome Day on the 28th March. The Year 5's in the class also got to be creative at Hayle School this week during the transition day where they tried their hand at silk screen printing and then combined their creativity with scientific reasoning to make solar powered vehicles.

Parents that managed to get to Fit in 45 this week were also given a power boost of a very different kind when they donned Kangoo boots to take part in another session led by Nikki from Boogie Bounce. Just as with last week on the trampolines all present had great fun whilst getting fitter and we are extremely grateful to Nikki for giving up her time at no cost. Next week the group plan to take a gentle run around the village or do an easy aerobics session in the hall if the weather is not too favourable and as always you are all invited to join them. For those of you that are unable to make it and for those that don't get to take part in workout Wednesdays and Fitness Fridays remember we are also trialling the Fitter Futures programme which gives children access to a wide range of workouts that they can do at home and the best way to encourage them is to join in. Keeping active in the face of modern technologies is always a challenge but on this matter we agree with the government and believe it is important that children are active for at least 30 minutes every day outside of school. I know there are many that do a lot more and I know our football team will be giving everything they have for longer than that time tonight when they play Trevithick but Fitter Futures might give you some ideas if you are short of inspiration. As always your feedback is most welcome and if you have other ideas for how we can get children active please contact myself or Mrs Kent. I hope you all find something to get you moving this weekend and hope you have an enjoyable one whatever you are doing.

Mr Gardiner

THIS TERM'S THEME: *Be the best you*

HEADLINES: *Working with others*

WORDS OF WISDOM: *TEAM—Together Everyone Achieves More*

MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK: *Usher*

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK: *Sharing expertise*

QUESTION: *Can we see feelings ? Erin*

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Dates for
the Diary:

Diary Dates

January

Wed 30—Rinsey to Minack Theatre

February

Wed 6—**NO CLUBS**

Wed 13—Kynance visit Nexus

Mon 18—Half Term school closed

Mon 25—Return to school

Tue 26—Year 5 Transition event Hayle School

March

Thur 28—Rinsey Outcome Afternoon

Fri 29—Godrevy Outcome Afternoon

April

Fri 5—INSET—school closed to pupils

Mon 8—Easter Holidays school closed

Tue 23—Return for Summer Term

June

Wed 5—Year 5 & 6 Porthpean Camp

Mon 24—Year 3 & 4 Carnyorth Camp

Whole School Attendance Target

2017-2018: **96%**

This Weeks Whole School Attendance Figure:

95.95%

Another 24—from Mrs Lynes

As you are all getting so good at this we have decided to make things more challenging by including problems with 2 digits in them. The rules are still the same you must use all 4 numbers but you can only use each one once.

There is at least 1 solution can you find more?

3

16

17

11

Workout Wednesdays

Steps this week:

65,594

Fitness Fridays

Steps this week:

78,173

Cornish Coastal Path Walk

68 MILES

Hayle to Mullion

If there were no...

If there were no trees I would miss the scars of the
ancient trees

The suit they are dressed to show their pride of the
woods

If there were no branches I would miss the stories
inside them and where they have journeyed from

If there were no leaves I would miss the crunching
under my feet as I take step to step

If there were no life in the woods I would miss the
singing of the birds and the words I never understand

If there were no moss I would miss the never ending
supply of different feels

Isabelle



STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Poldhu

Blossom for showing more confidence around the class-room

Felix for great teamwork on the beach

Kynance

Florence for excellent concentration in art

James for fantastic work in maths

Godrevy

Caja for amazing work with fractions

Jensen for great improvement in maths

Rinsey

Charlotte for good learning in algebra

Mate for excellent effort in poetry writing

Virtue Value Awards

Alexia, Rex, Lincoln, Max