

Autumn Term Issue 11

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Vewsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

It's Thursday as I write, the sun is shining on a cold crisp day and yet we are not running Outdoor School. The reason for this is that we have been kindly offered a free day to explore incredible worlds through the medium of virtual reality. I am sure that many of you, like me, would argue that nothing is more incredible than what nature has to offer herself but we thought one Thursday away from our special places wouldn't hurt and it has given the opportunity that won't come very often. The day was provided by Reality Cube VR Events, a company that specialises in providing virtual reality experiences from meeting dinosaurs to exploring the outer realms of space. Reality Cube is owned and run by a parent of a former pupil hence us being offered the day for free.

Kynance Class have been doing some more exploration of the island of Col linked to their story of Katie Morag and learning which of the island's features are natural and which were manmade. Through the study they will also develop map reading skills and it was reassuring to see the Geographical learning that is planned after we had a staff meeting thinking about the curriculum and ensuring that subject identity was not lost through a topic/project based approach.

Godrevy's topic has also had a strong geographical focus as they have travelled around the world in search of their favourite cuisine. I have some representatives with me as I write and they will now share their opinions. Olivia says that the Russian cake made out of cheese was her favourite whilst Kayleigh preferred the welsh cakes and Erin liked the coconut cakes from Jamaica. For a savoury option Erin also liked the sweet potato soup from Jamaica and Harriet, like me, was a fan of Ireland's Cheesy Colcannon. All of them were fans of the burgers yesterday when they travelled to the USA and are now enjoying learning about the America's different states. As for their dislikes only Olivia liked elements of the sushi whilst the other three were not fans but she will not be eating chilli laden curry again in a hurry.

Poldhu Class were also learning about the USA this week when their celebration topic turned its attention to Thanksgiving. I saw them acting out the voyage of the pilgrim fathers on the field, ending up at the fire pit for a rather minimal Thanksgiving feast of toast and smores. Needless to say they will soon be focussing on a different celebration involving a special child, some wise men and a group of shepherds. In fact, they have already been rehearsing their roles and learning songs for our own version of retelling the story. If past years are anything to go by it is likely that tickets will go faster than they will for Kylie at Eden (don't worry you've got no competition from me for that one) so be sure to get yours quick when they go on sale next week.

In Rinsey Class the children have finally finished their prototypes for a pig feeder to help Mr Eustice keep his swine herd happy. These along with other work linked to their topic, Machines – Friend or Foe? will be on show to the public when they create their Machine Museum at the Hayle Heritage Centre next week. There will be a private viewing on Tuesday and the museum will then stay open 10 – 4pm from Wednesday to Friday next week. If you get the opportunity, please take the time to pop in and see the results of their hard work as it is the public audience that helps give purpose to their learning. Today (Friday now) they are busy making again but this time their creations have a more artistic bent as they put together wreaths for the Christmas Fayre.

All classes will be selling products at the Christmas Fayre next Friday and there will be a host of other stalls there too. As always the PTFA have put together a fantastic event and we hope you can all join us for BBQ, mince pies and mulled wine. Even if you are not able to make it be sure to get some raffle tickets because the range of prizes is amazing but there are some equally good ones in the Luxury Lucky Dip so try your best to be there. The children are donating the monies they earn to charity as part of our PSHE theme 'What's it Worth' whilst the PTFA continue with their fundraising towards the climbing structure which should be under construction shortly into the new year (the observant ones amongst you will already have noticed that the climbing wall now has a whole new host of route possibilities). On the subjects of fund raising and charity, can I say a big thank-you to all of you that supported the ramble for Children in Need last week; so far we have raised £457 so thank you for your kind donations and I must make a special mention of Oska in Poldhu who managed to raise an impressive £84 through his individual sponsorship.

As I write the Y3/4 badminton teams have returned in the thunderstorm that is currently above us and I have been informed that they finished 3rd and 4th in the tournament. Later it will be the Y5/6 teams turn to represent the school whilst earlier in the week on Tuesday 9 gymnasts put in some impressive performances at Phoenix Academy. All performed admirably and Willow just missed out on qualification in the club gymnasts by a fraction of a point finishing 5th, whilst Harriet was an impressive 4th out of 60 in the non-club competition. All in all, it's getting busy and about to get a whole lot busier – be sure to make sure you have all the important dates in your diary and we look forward to seeing you at one or more of the upcoming events. Have a great weekend.

Mr Gardiner

THIS TERM'S THEME: What's it worth?

 ${\it HEADLINES: Inequality-distribution of wealth}$

WORDS OF WISDOM: The law grinds the poor and rich men rule the law

MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK: Rachmaninov

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK: Being able to share

QUESTION: Are some charities useless? (Valentino)







Diary DatesNovember

Tue 27—Rinsey Project Outcome—Exhibition at Hayle

Heritage Centre private viewing 2-4pm (also open Wednesday 28-Friday 30 November 11am-4pm)

Tue 27—No Xmas Craft Club KS2

Wed 28—Parent/Teacher Consultations

Thur 29—Year 5 Transition event Hayle School

Fri 30—Football match V Troon (H)

Fri 30—Christmas Fayre

December

Wed 5—Rinsey visit Nexus

Wed 5—Christmas Lunch

Thur 6—Kynance Project Outcome pm

Tues 11— Christmas Performance

Wed 12—Christmas Performance

Thur 13—Poldhu Project Outcomes

Wed 19— Godrevy Project Outcomes

Thur 20— Last day of term

January

Mon 7—Return for Spring Term

Wed 16—Rinsey visit Nexus

Fri 18—Youth Speaks competition

Wed 23—Year 5 Transition event Hayle School

February

Wed 13—Kynance visit Nexus

Mon 18—Half Term school closed

Mon 25—Return to school

Tue 26—Year 5 Transition event Hayle School

<u>April</u>

Fri 5—INSET—school closed to pupils

Whole School Attendance Target

2017-2018: 96%

This Weeks Whole School Attendance Figure:

96.83%

Another 24—from Mrs Sicolo

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

3

6

30

Workout Wednesdays

Steps this week:

65,729

Fitness Fridays

Steps this week:

55,245

Lands End to John

O'Groats Walk

57.28 MILES

Dunfermline to Pitlochry





STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Poldhu

Sean for an incredible independent storymap

Oska for super effort with handwriting and spellings

Kynance

Millie for being really helpful at lunchtime

Jack for thinking of his own scientific question to test

<u>Godrevy</u>

Harriet for great effort with handwriting

Chloe for brilliant effort in division

Rinsey

Charlotte for working hard in maths

Archie for working well in English

<u>Virtue Value Awards</u>

Oliver S, Isabelle, Olivia L, Martha



