



Spring Term Issue 10

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# Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Of all the subjects taught in primary school I think mathematics would come out as the most unpopular and I know of many adults that still claim to be scarred by their experiences in maths lessons when younger. With this in mind we decided not to advertise the fact that the focus of Wednesday's Open Day was going to be mathematics and whether this helped or not we do not know but we certainly were not short of people in the hall come 2.30.

Thank you to all of you that were able to make it; for those of you that were not able to Miss Shaw's presentation can be found on the website under the Parents Tab and Helping Your Child Learn Section ([https://www.gwinear.cornwall.sch.uk/website/helping\\_your\\_child\\_to\\_learn/183044](https://www.gwinear.cornwall.sch.uk/website/helping_your_child_to_learn/183044)). You will also find her excellent calculation policy here and large scale versions of the QR codes that can be scanned to see our own children modelling the progression of methods that we use. QR readers can be downloaded for free from the internet on to most modern phones and are simple to use but if you have any problems contact one of us and we will help get you started. Remember also that Miss Shaw has created an extra virtual class on our Mathletics subscription so that you can have your own login and play maths games online as well as access the support materials on the site.

As Miss Shaw said on Wednesday we aim to make maths fun and develop a deeper understanding of number using principles from an approach called 'Mastery' which has been highly successful in countries like China. To help generate this understanding we use lots of physical resources before moving to visual representations and then finally the more abstract algorithms. Examples of all these can be found in the calculation policy and I have seen great examples of deeper understanding on my travels around the school this week. Miss Shaw's own class, Godrevy have begun to develop their reasoning around money – is it possible to have three coins in your hand with a total of ten pence? You would be surprised how many people bring the threepenny bit back into circulation! Talking to Charlotte, Finley and Charlie in Rinsey Class I was pleased to find out that they too are developing a good understanding of perhaps Mathematics' biggest spectres: fractions and percentages – which is greater 80% or  $\frac{4}{5}$ ? (I know!) . Kynance meanwhile, have been using a variety of manipulatives to further develop understanding of subtraction and as a result many have discovered that we often don't actually take away when we solve problems such as  $42 - 39$ . Finally, Poldhu were taking part in a multitude of maths related dinosaur activities when I dropped in yesterday and have been working on their ability to estimate.

The weather is looking good this weekend, hopefully you will all be able to get out and enjoy what Cornwall has to offer.

Mr L Gardiner

**THIS TERM'S THEME:** *Journeys*

**HEADLINES:** *Coping with loss and arrivals*

**WORDS OF WISDOM:** *Stems make the oak grow deeper roots*

**MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK:** UB40

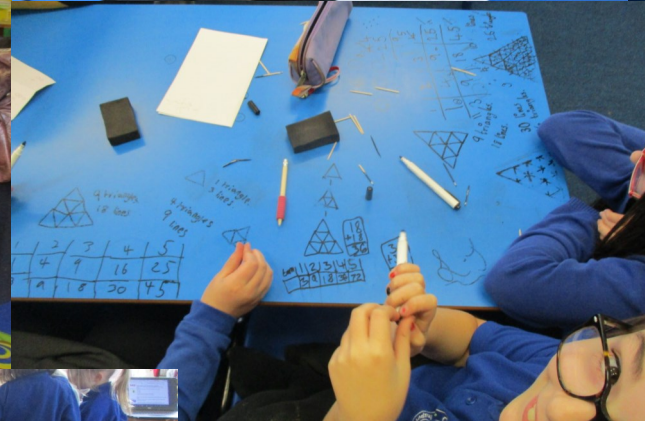
**VIRTUE OF THE WEEK:** *Being able to sympathise*

**QUESTION:** *Does a journey ever end? Jensen*

Aiming for the  
**Stars**

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Dates for  
the Diary:

## Diary Dates

### March

Thur 28—Godrevy Farm & Country day

Wed 27—Poldhu Outcome Afternoon

Thur 28—Rinsey Outcome Afternoon

Fri 29—Godrevy Outcome Afternoon

### April

Mon 1—**NO CLUBS THIS WEEK**

Wed 3—**Kynance Outcome Afternoon**

Fri 5—INSET—school closed to pupils

Mon 8—Easter Holidays school closed

Tue 23—Return for Summer Term—**NO CLUBS this week**

Mon 29—**CLUBS BEGIN THIS WEEK**

### May

Sat 4—Gwinear Show

Wed 22—Open Afternoon Whole School

Mon 25—Half Term

### June

Mon 3—Return to school

Wed 5—Year 5 & 6 Porthpean Camp

Thur 20—Sports Day

Mon 24—Year 3 & 4 Carnyorth Camp

### July

Wed 3—Poldhu Activity Days

Wed 10—Kynance Activity Days

Mon 15—**NO CLUBS THIS WEEK**

Tues 16—Summer Performance 2pm

Wed 17—Summer Performance 2pm & 6pm

Mon 22-Thur 24 INSET DAY

## INSET DAYS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/2020

Wednesday 4 September 2019

Monday 1 June 2020

Tuesday 2 June 2020

Wednesday 3 June 2020

Whole School Attendance Target

2018-2019: **96%**

This Weeks Whole School Attendance Figure:

**95.6%**

Another 24—from Mr Gardiner

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?

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## Workout Wednesdays

Steps this week:

**75,311**

## Fitness Fridays

Steps this week:

**68,042**

## Senda Pirenaica Trail

68 Miles

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Bagnères de Luchon



## **STARS OF THE WEEK**

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

**Poldhu**

***Felix for applying his knowledge independently***

***Jack for really focusing and producing some beautiful work***

**Kynance**

***Rex for always putting 100% into everything you do***

***Zach for sticking to a task***

**Godrevy**

***Bethany for great enthusiasm during our dance topic***

***Sophia for great work when creating silent movies***

**Rinsey**

***Gemma for really good partner work***

***Oliver for excellent attitude to helping others***

**Virtue Value Awards**

***Edward, Charlotte L, Peter, Oliver F***