



Autumn Term Issue 8

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Newsletter



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I hope you all had a good half term break and are enjoying the first frosts and clear mornings that we have come back to. The children all certainly seem rejuvenated from their time away and have come back fully charged for the run up to Christmas. Yes, it has only just turned November and I am mentioning Christmas although apart from Christmas Crafts Clubs it is not interfering too much with our learning as yet; there has been lots of music being played in classrooms particularly Rinsey who have been inventing their own notations to record and write compositions but not a carol to be heard yet.

Mrs Eustice has informed me that Kynance are also going to be composing next week and were responding to music linked to their 'Enchanted Lands' topic this week. I also had fun composing poems with them on Wednesday when I covered the class and we learnt about adverbs by creating nonsense poems – they demonstrated that nothing is as limitless as a child's imagination with 'giraffes dancing **wildly** on planes' and 'bananas jumping **quickly** in to elevators'. However, according to Seren their geographical work linked to Katie Morag was the highlight and I have heard some very imaginative mnemonics for remembering the compass bearings. On that subject Godrevy embarked on another geographical voyage of the palette with a visit to Japan and although it wasn't the most popular I was disappointed that they were not put off by raw fish and there was little sushi left for me to Hoover up!

Poldhu's new topic of 'Celebrations' took off to a scary start this week with them focussing on Halloween; carving pumpkins, building haunted houses and finding witches and ghosts whilst developing number recognition. I had the pleasure of witnessing some of the latter activity myself when Miss Shaw and I were joined by a maths 'Mastery Specialist' to take a learning walk around the school. It was fantastic to see the progression of maths skills in all classes with a real emphasis on developing reasoning and helping children construct mental images and a deep understanding of number. This was part of a project we are involved with associated with the NCETM (National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics), Miss Shaw is taking the lead and in the Spring Term she will explain how we have developed through the project during the open afternoon. On that note remember that this term's open afternoon is on Wednesday next week and as usual you are all welcome to come and take part in the children's learning and join them in class from 1.30. On this occasion we have also invited prospective parents for next year's intake and at 2.30 you will have a chance to meet them over tea and coffee before I give a short presentation about our vision and values and this year's school improvement plan.

Another day to remember next week is Friday as it is a non - uniform day organised by the PTFA who would welcome any donations of chocolate or bottles that will be used in the tombola at the Christmas Fayre on the 30th November. As always we are extremely grateful to them for organising these events and the support that they give to the school for both raising money and helping make the school a hub of the community. Thanks in turn go to all of you for supporting the events and making them a success – this was certainly the case on Wednesday with a hall full of ghouls of every description at the Halloween disco – I know that it clashed with many older children's plans for 'trick or treating' but this helped give space for the younger children to show off their best moves and special thanks go to Archie and George for organising the dance competition. Whilst on the subject of fund raising we have sent home a sponsorship form for the Ramble for Pudsey on Friday the 16th in aid of Children in Need. However, we are aware that there are so many fund raising events and other activities that tug on the purse strings at this time of year so it is entirely up to you whether you want your children to collect money for the event. You will be invited to join us and details of the route will be sent out next week. Finally, also on the subject of money, I am delighted to say that Mrs Kent and her amazing Breakfast Club have been recognised as the best providers in the South West and been awarded a sum of £1000 to spend on equipment to make Workout Wednesdays and Fitness Fridays even more successful. This could be difficult as the enthusiasm of participation has already doubled and the cumulative steps we have all made has got us as far as Shap (close to my old home in the Lake District) so well on target for getting to John o Grotes before Christmas. The adult step count is also increasing so thank you all for your support too. I hope you find time to add plenty more steps to your personal tally during the weekend although if you are planning on doing so I would get them in soon as the 'rain's a coming'.

Mr Gardiner

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

HEADLINES: *Creative enterprise*

WORDS OF WISDOM: *Train people well enough so they can leave, treat them well enough so they won't want to*

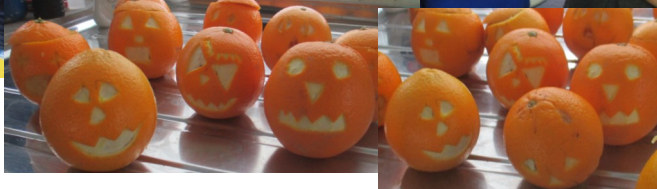
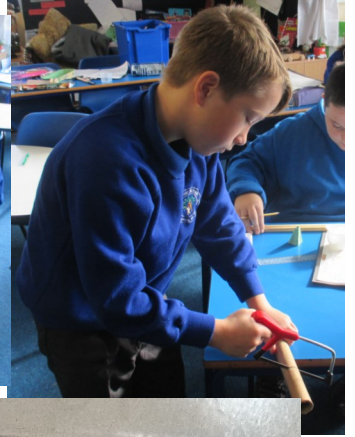
MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK: *Will Smith*

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK: *Being able to think creatively*

QUESTION: *Why do people buy things they could make themselves? (Alfie Y)*

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Diary Dates

November

Mon 5—Menu Change

Wed 7—Open Afternoon

Fri 9—Non uniform PTFA bottle & chocolate

Wed 14—NO CLUBS—STAFF TRAINING

Fri 16—Children In Need Ramble for Pudsey

Tue 27—Rinsey Project Outcome pm

Fri 30—Christmas Fayre

December

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

Dates for
the Diary:

Whole School Attendance Target

2017-2018: **96%**

This Weeks Whole School Attendance Figure:

96.91%

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?

16

7

2

13

Would you like the opportunity to perform on the Minack stage in our Easter 2019 production of 'The Secret Garden'?

We are holding auditions on the **afternoon of Sunday 18th November** here at the Minack.

The younger childrens' roles are for age 10, so children in years 5 and 6 are invited to apply.

Following the auditions on the 18th, children may need to be available for recall on **Saturday the 24th of November**.

If anyone is interested in more information, or to sign up for the auditions, please contact Lucy Manning at: education@minack.com

Workout Wednesdays

Steps this week:

74,967

Fitness Fridays

Steps this week:

66,049

Lands End to John

O'groats Walk

67 MILES

Chorley to Shap



STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Poldhu

Alexia for always challenging yourself

Noah for a fantastic attitude

Kynance

Elsie for trying her very best all of the time

Oliver for excellent science knowledge

Godrevy

Greta for brilliant effort in art

Leah for amazing explanations during discovery maths

Rinsey

Alex for reading

Lacy for handwriting

Virtue Value Awards

Riley B, Jessica, Brendan, Alex