



Spring Term Issue 8

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# Newsletter



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We have had a varied week in many ways with a good range of learning experiences, weather that has switched from torrential rain to bright sun as if by the click of a celestial switch and the range of outfits yesterday rivalled any from previous World Book Days. The day serves as a good reminder of the myriad of worlds and characters contained within children's fiction and the value of exploring these can never be underestimated. There is much discussion as to which factors most influence children's progress in education and subsequent opportunities in life but there is no doubt that being able to read to an appropriate level is essential. As I have said many times before, it is also the single biggest thing that you can support at home and I would like to thank all of you that have regularly communicated this support through the new reading records introduced at the start of the year. As English coordinator Mrs Haddy has made the development of reading her key priority this year with a particular focus on matching the needs of the reader exactly to challenge level of book which has included £2000 of new books in KS1 to support phonics progression. Mrs Sicolo also plays an important part: regularly changing the school's library books (next change will be next Thursday) to ensure all children have access to a rich source of material including latest releases. Cathy Woolcock, our Chair of Governors acts as a critical friend in relation to this aspect of the school improvement plan and she has written a short comment following her recent visit into school.

Along with literacy development it is important that we provide for children's physical development and this week there were lots of opportunities for different groups of children. As with last week I had the pleasure of taking our youngest to the pool on Tuesday and this time Mrs Barber and I got in and joined in with the bubble blowing and guided the more nervous across their first 'feet of the floor widths' with the aid of their 'noodles'. On Monday Mr Buckley was able to encourage the football team from the sidelines when we played host to Penponds School thanks to Pippa stepping in to referee the game. I didn't envy her because it was nail-biting end to end stuff and she must have been sorely tempted to shout out a couple of instructions of her own. In the end it was probably the fairest result possible with a 2-2 draw as there was very little between them. Members of year 5 and 6 took part in a rather less competitive basketball festival on Wednesday but played with just as much enthusiasm and modelled good sportsmanship throughout. For those of you wanting to join in with physical activity, remember Wednesdays and Fridays start with exercise at 8.30 and you are always welcome to join in and I would like to thank all of you that have done as it sets such a good example to the children and the difference in their effort is considerable when parents are exercising too— a special mention this week to the dancers in the hall, with many 'outstepping' me and my runners. Also remember that next Friday sees us support Sports Relief by running as many laps of the field as possible in 30 minutes and again you are more than welcome to join in or if you are unable to run/walk for that time you can help by marking of children's laps. Finally, on the subject of sport, Coose Trannack is fast approaching and is still expected to go ahead in two weeks and we will soon be registering children so please get your forms back to Mrs B if you plan on joining us – we have 16 so far but it would be good to have as many as possible – it is a great event.

I say 'expected to go ahead', as once or twice the event has been cancelled due to the weather but as you are all aware we are also having to consider the shadow of the coronavirus. We continue to follow the advice from Cornwall County Council and the updates that are sent to all schools daily by the DfE (see link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan>). We are reluctant to stop interschool activities such as those described above and everybody's regular visits to supermarkets etc. probably constitute a more significant possibility for cross contamination. However, as can be seen in the case of Italy such events that bring large groups of people together may be at risk and there is even the possibility of schools having to close. Whatever unfolds we will keep you updated and if the worst comes to the worst find ways in which we can continue to support your child(ren)'s learning. To support us as a school the most important things you can do as parents is remind the children of good hygiene and sanitation particularly in relation to hand washing and please keep us informed if you feel there may be increased risk e.g. due to unavoidable travel to most affected areas by family members. For now, we will continue to make the most of all opportunities in school and out of school and serve the children the best we can with memorable experiences such as Godrevy's trip to Leach pottery this week which was enjoyed by all and should result in some brilliant outcomes judging by the budding skills they displayed. Have a great weekend whatever you do and fingers crossed for some warmer weather which could change many things for the better.

Mr Gardiner

**THIS TERM'S THEME:** Journeys

**HEADLINES:** Peer Pressure

**WORDS OF WISDOM:** When saying yes to others make sure you are not saying no to yourself

**MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK:** Free

**VIRTUE OF THE WEEK:** Making sensible choices

**QUESTION:** Does embracing difference always necessitate change? (anon – staff training)

Aiming for the  
**Stars**

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A message from our Chair of Governors, Mrs Cathy Woolcock

Each Governor has responsibilities for certain areas of the school and curriculum. One of my roles is to oversee literacy and this year reading is one of our focus areas for school improvement. Last Friday I undertook a monitoring visit with Mrs Haddy who is Subject Leader for literacy. We took the opportunity to listen to a selection of children read from Kynance, Godrevy and Rinsey - unfortunately we ran out of time before we got to Poldhu but hopefully we will visit them next time. All of the children we worked with were keen to share their books and show us their reading skills, they were happy to tell us all about the books that they enjoy and how often they read - both in school and at home. Without exception the children all told us that they really enjoy listening to stories as well as reading them. It was clear that one of the ways to engage with the children and inspire a love of books and reading is to read to them as well as with them. The teachers all read to the classes regularly but if you get the chance to start a book at home it will really help them and what better gift to give them than a love of reading and the amazing characters and stories they can find in the pages of books? If you need some inspiration don't forget that you can find some amazing books in the school library and the recommended reads are a great place to start!



## Diary Dates

### March

Tue 10—No KS1 Football Club

Fri 13—Rinsey visit St Erth Riverbank

Fri 13—Sport Relief

Mon 16—Football match V Trevithick (A)

Wed 18—OPEN AFTERNOON

Thurs 19—Poldhu Outcome Afternoon

Sat 21—Coose Trannack Run

Wed 25—Kynance Outcome Afternoon

Thur 26—Rinsey Outcome Afternoon

### May

Tue 19—Open Afternoon

Fri 22—INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED

### June

Mon 1— INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED

Tue 2— INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED

Wed 3—INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED

Tue 9-Fri 12—Rinsey London Trip

Thur 25—Sports Day

### July

Wed 1—Fri 3—Godrevy Camp Kernow

Wed 8—Fri 10—Kynance Class Activity Days

Wed 15—Fri 17—Poldhu Class Activity Days



Whole School Attendance Target 2019-2020:

**96%**

This Weeks Whole School Attendance Figure:

**94.36%**

*Another 24—from Miss Shaw*

*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?*

**8**

**5**

**7**

**8**

## Workout Wednesdays

*Steps this week:*

**44,696**

*Fitness Friday*

*Steps this week:*

**58,142**

**Total Miles = 48**



### SCIENCE FACTS!

**Question:** What is Sphenopalatine Ganglioneuralgia?



**Last weeks answer:** Ephebiphobia is a fear of teenagers



## **STARS OF THE WEEK**

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

**Poldhu**

***William for incredible independent writing***

***Enzo for fantastic independent number sentences***

**Kynance**

***Lanza for always listening carefully***

***Heath for being a superstar learner***

**Godrevy**

***Oliver for taking great care at Leach Pottery***

***Jensen for amazing effort during our dinosaur history topic***

**Rinsey**

***Valentino for much improved following of instructions***

***Archie for being enthusiastic about reading***

**Virtue Value Awards**

***Edward, Lincoln, Coen, Charlie***