



Autumn Term Issue 9

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# Newsletter



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We had the first signs of winter's approach this week and Barriper valley was coated in frost when I came through on the bike on Thursday. It is good to see so many of you still using pedal power to get to school – good for the health and it benefits those not so fortunate as it takes the pressure of the traffic congestion. Mind you it did not feel too hectic at the gate this week and the playground pick up system feels a lot safer in terms of facilitating social distancing – thank you all for helping us make it work and hopefully it will soon become a well engraved routine (think the challenge will be when the weather changes so get those brollies and/or waterproofs ready). Speaking of waterproofs, with the weather changing it is important that we can protect the children if we wish to maintain one of our defining characteristics of taking learning outdoors when it will enhance outcomes. Unfortunately, good waterproofs do not come cheap but the PTFA have come to the rescue with their idea of a muddy walk for muddy puddles. Thank you in advance to all of you that have supported the venture with sponsorship and apologies to the PTFA who, despite coming up with the idea, will not be able to join us due to tighter restrictions associated with lockdown. I am sure we will all have a wonderfully mucky time however and due to much research with running club I still know some good wellie swallowing paths even after a dry spell like we have had. For those aforementioned bikers the PTFA are also planning on coming to your aid as they are also planning on providing a cycle shelter for school and have enlisted the skills of some helpful parents to build it – hopefully this half-term, weather and restrictions permitting.

In school there have been many lessons taking place in the grounds. Mr Buckley and Mr Eyrie are back in action as a dynamic duo for PE lessons and I saw some excellent netball skills being developed in the playground yesterday. The day before saw the playground being used in a more unusual way with Godrevy Class solving mathematical problems to find out who stole the pumpkin. Miss Shaw had thought that as the children had missed out on the usual trick or treat evening that they could have some Halloween fun by knocking on the hall doors instead where they were greeted by two very naughty witches who had a passing resemblance to Mrs Skeggs and Mr Buckley. If the correct answers to problems were given the witches gave a clue to help solve the mystery. It all looked great fun whilst the learning was tangible and was another affirmation for me that we are doing the right thing keeping children in school.

Another such affirmation came when visiting Poldhu Class who are hugely excited about their new topic on celebrations and particularly intrigued by the villain Guy Fawkes. They had built a huge replica of the houses of parliament in their outside area which must have needed good cooperation skills but by the time I got there it was time to destroy it which was carried out with unbridled enthusiasm. Rinsey in the meantime, have continued with their DT heavy topic on machines and this week turned their attention to vehicles that can be powered by the wind. There was a fantastic array of designs and some promising chassis being built so I look forward to seeing them being tested. Maybe some of the vehicles will be suitable for the superheroes that Kynance have been creating; this week they invented their own characters and began to write their stories based on the tale they learnt about Supertato.

All in all, then it has been a great start back to the half term despite the slight delay in returning. Thank you once again for your understanding in relation to this and well done all for engaging with online learning via Seesaw on Monday and Tuesday with such enthusiasm. Bethany's enthusiasm didn't end with work provided by school and she has also accessed learning opportunities provided by Camborne College as part of their Super Saturdays programme and was rewarded by winning a challenge and her own invisible ink spy pen. For any Year 6's interested there are still three more themed days to come and you can register following the link: <https://www.cambornescience.co.uk/super-saturdays/>. I hope you all have a 'Super Saturday' and Sunday for that matter. I don't think it is due to be quite as bright as today but there doesn't look much need for a waterproof so you should be fine even if you haven't got a set of muddy puddles. As for us this afternoon, we look certain to stay dry and could be round in half the expected time if we could harness the wind out there. Have a good weekend and we will see you all next week.

Mr Gardiner

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

**HEADLINES:** *Being creative*

**MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK:** *Flogging Molly*

**WORDS OF WISDOM:** *Creativity is intelligence having fun*

**VIRTUE OF THE WEEK:** *Thinking creatively*

**QUESTION:** *Does money and expensive things bring you happiness ? Riley B*

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## Diary Dates

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#### November

**Mon 9—Flu vaccinations**

#### December

**Mon 21 to Fri 1 Jan 2021—Christmas holiday**

#### January—2021

**Mon 4—Spring term begins**

#### February

**Mon 15 to Fri 19 Feb 2021—Spring half term**

#### April

**Fri 2 Apr 2021 to Fri 16 Apr 2021—Easter Break**

**Mon 19—Summer term begins**

#### May

**Mon 3 May 2021—Bank Holiday**

**Fri 28—INSET day**

**Mon 31 May 2021 to Fri 4 Jun 2021—May half term**

#### June

**Mon 7—INSET day**

**Tue 8—INSET day**

#### July

**Thur 22—INSET day**

**Fri 23—INSET day**

**Mon 26 July 2021—Summer Holidays start**

Dates for  
the Diary:

Whole School Attendance Target

2020-2021: **96%**

This Weeks Whole School Attendance Figure:

**94.87%**

## INSET DAYS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2020/2021

**Friday 28 May 2021**

**Monday 7 June 2021**

**Tuesday 8 June 2021**

**Thursday 22 July 2021**

**Friday 23 July 2021**



## NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please be aware that due to several children and a member of staff having severe allergies to nuts the school has a policy whereby no products containing nuts should be brought into school including in personal lunch boxes. With some products it is not always obvious that nuts form part of the ingredients so please check labels carefully. Thank you



## STARS OF THE WEEK

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

### Poldhu

*Olivia K for super effort with your writing*

*Coen for a great attitude to your learning*

### Kynance

*Noah for super learning in maths*

*Agnes for boundless enthusiasm in her reading & phonics*

### Godrevy

*Callum for having a superb attitude for learning*

*Macee for amazing effort with home learning*

### Rinsey

*Erin for excellent work in measures/maths*

*Josh for excellent effort in persuasive writing*

### Virtue Value Awards

*Solas, Charlotte, Taylor, Mia*