



Autumn Term Issue 6

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Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

What a miserable end to a fantastic week with Storm Callum battering at my window as I write. Maybe he will lend a helping hand and help fell a couple of Leylandii – we have plans to replace the nine by the gate with more indigenous species and create an outside desk area in that corner of the field. Looking out now it is hard to imagine our grounds being used as an outdoor classroom but I am sure all of you that came on Wednesday could see the potential. It was a lovely afternoon and so nice to have so many of you join us; I think we had seventy adults. I am sure you will all agree that Pippa and Claire did a sterling job and coped admirably with the many hungry customers. The apple crumble certainly proved to be popular and judging by the empty plates the beef was enjoyed by all too. Many thanks also to Mrs B who managed to coordinate sittings and make sure the children could share lunchtime with their visiting adult without having to wait too long with rumbling bellies.

After such a feast at lunchtime it was a wonder that I had any space left in my stomach by the end of the day. However, Godrevy Class continued to amaze me with the culinary delights that they mustered together in the afternoon and I managed to squeeze in a lamb kofta, a feta parcel, some homemade hummus and a garnish of olive salad. Needless to say this week's focus country was Greece and thanks to Charlotte, Claire and Peter for supporting the children in producing such a fine plate of food. I am not sure that the products of Class 1's work in their mud kitchen were quite as tasty but they certainly seemed to be having fun creating them. Through their play in the 'kitchen' they are also developing their skills for using instructional language and writing recipes – you are welcome to try any at home!

Kynance Class have also been working with instructions but this time in the context of ICT. They have recently acquired some Bee Bots and have had a great deal of fun this week learning how to programme a series of directional instructions into them. I am sure Rinsey Class will be borrowing the Bees at some point as their current topic is focussed on machines. However, on Wednesday morning the class had a short break from the artificial world of robots and went to visit Tegen's herd of Alpacas. Mrs Haddy said the visit and Tegen and Mal's little talk about the intriguing animals inspired some brilliant non-chronological report writing and the children were delighted to be able to take a little of their soft wool home with them.

We should have asked Mal to come into Class 3 yesterday as he could have shared more of his expertise; this time in relation to bees. As part of Science Day Miss Shaw and Mrs Sicolo were guiding children on an exploration into the fascinating facts involved in the production of honey by bees. They then carried out some irreversible changes of their own to make a very different type of honeycomb which was enjoyed by the children but probably wouldn't be approved by their dentists. In the hall myself and Mr Buckley helped children better understand that gasses are made of molecules and that these can be used to power some of the world's most powerful machines as well as their not so powerful but entertaining balloon propelled rockets. Children with Mrs Lynes, Mrs Tate and Mrs Barber meanwhile, were discovering what makes a healthy lifestyle and learning about human anatomy by making their own Pizza People. In Class 4 Mrs Haddy and Mrs Tullett were brave enough to explore some volatile reactions and children got to make some very messy volcanoes. However, none of us could compete with Class 2 for the 'Wow Factor'; children had great fun exploring the properties of different liquids whilst making bubbles with Miss Austin and Mrs McKie but were then given a fantastic demonstration of the amazing properties. Being composed of carbon dioxide which is only solid at – 78 degrees and sublimates (turns straight to gas) it is a fascinating but potentially dangerous substance. Don't worry though as Mrs Drelinga has a PhD in chemistry and fully risk assessed the demonstration that delighted our children. All in all, it was a fantastic day and another one of those occasions where all staff did their best to make the day memorable but wouldn't have happened without the excellent coordination by Miss Austin assisted by Mrs Drelinga. Whist on the votes of thanks I would also like to mention Amelie in class 2 as I forgot to last week – she took it upon herself to bake and hold a cake sale in aid of the school's quest to develop the school grounds. Last week she presented her earnings to me and they have been added to the school council's fund raising pot. Finally, I know that another development that many of you would like to see is that of a car park to ease congestion at the start and the end of the day. I said before that Cathy Woolcock, the chair of governors, had composed some example letters that could be sent to the parish council and for those of receiving the electronic version of this letter you will find them attached. For those of you that receive a paper copy of the newsletter the letters can be found on the school website – parent zone – help and advice for parents or you can collect copies from the office. Let's hope Callum passes quickly and we have a better weekend and I hope you enjoy it whatever you do.

Mr Gardiner.

THIS TERM'S THEME: *Going 4 Goals*

HEADLINES: *Knowing when to feel proud*

WORDS OF WISDOM: *None are so empty as those who are full of themselves*

MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK: *Mark Kohn*

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK: *Pride*

QUESTION: *Does everything need to be achieved? (Willow)*

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Diary Dates

October

Fri 19—Half Term

Tue 27—Rinsey Project Outcomes

Tues 30—Swimming starts Y5

Wed 31—Tempest Photos

November

Wed 7—Open Afternoon

Wed 14—NO CLUBS—STAFF TRAINING

December

Wed 5—Christmas Lunch

Thur 6—Kynance Project Outcome pm

Tues 11—Christmas Performance

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Thur 13—Poldhu Project Outcomes

Wed 19—Godrevy Project Outcomes

Thur 20—Last day of term

INSET days 2018/2019

Fri 5 April 2019

Mon 22 July 2019

Tues 23 July 2019

Weds 24 July 2019

Thurs 25 July 2019

Dates for
the Diary:

Whole School Attendance Target

2017-2018: **96%**

This Weeks Whole School Attendance Figure:

95.27%

Another 24—from Mrs Haddy

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?

4

14

10

6

Workout Wednesdays

Steps this week:

70,099

Fitness Fridays

Steps this week:

42,540

Lands End to John

O'groats Walk

53 MILES

Weston Super Mare to

Cannock





STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Poldhu

Elizabeth for modelling great behaviour

Jack for sharing fascinating science facts

Kynance

Charlotte for excellent investigations in science

Rory for putting 100% effort in all of your work

Godrevy

Jensen for great enthusiasm during Science day

Olivia for being a great help to younger pupils on Science day

Rinsey

Oliver for being helpful in all activities

Tegen for showing her knowledge of alpacas

Virtue Value Awards

Rylee, Jack S, Daisy, Lillian