



Autumn Term Issue 9

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Newsletter



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

It doesn't happen very often but the rain and threat of heavy downpours has stopped Rinsey from taking their learning to Outdoor School in Crenver Grove today (Thursday as I write). I have just popped my head in to make sure they are not too upset about being class based for the day and found that Mrs Haddy has replaced the motivational factor of the outdoors with that of sugar by basing her lesson on ratio and proportion on the contents of Skittles packets – not something I would usually condone but every now and again and on a dull and dreary day like today maybe there is a place for 'tasting the rainbow'!

Godrevy Class experienced the opposite extremes of the palate yesterday when they created dishes from Nepal. A Gurkha chicken curry, cucumber pickle salad, tarka daal and a spicy potato salad were bravely sampled by all and I have just popped my head in there too and the reviews were surprisingly, overwhelmingly positive. Even the, hotter than expected, spicy potato salad was liked by many and it proved to be a fantastic experiential learning experience for the whole class: Miss Shaw says she is pretty certain that when it comes to teaching measures in mathematics she won't need to cover the difference between a teaspoon and tablespoon again, with the latter being used to administer the chilli to the dish, causing many to dash for the emergency milk.

Meanwhile, all the colours of the rainbow and several more beside were being used in Poldhu Class to create Rangoli patterns and make colourful lamps. The creations were linked to the class topic of Celebrations and the Hindu festival of Diwali and due to the excellent parent support there were some fantastic end products, bringing light to their creative corner. Today I know they are exploring colour further by making 'fireworks in a jar' using oil and other mixed media. Earlier this morning they had the members of Kynance join them to tell the story of Katie Morag, who lives on an idyllic island in Scotland. To help retell the story Kynance class used story sacks that were filled with props that they had put together with parent support during the open afternoon and the Poldhu team told me that they helped bring the story to life.

I hope me waffling on in the hall didn't prevent any parents of children in Godrevy from getting back to class to sample the dishes. It was, as always, so good to see so many of you there and I know that the parents of prospective children that had come to look at the school were really made to feel welcome. Thank you for your continued support with the open afternoons and for the positive comments that were left afterwards; we are starting to feel like a community with a collective pride in what we do.

Speaking of pride, there was certainly no shortage of it when the representative from Kellogs came in to take pictures of Workout Wednesday and speak to the children involved in breakfast club. As I announced last week Mrs Kent's club had been recognised as exemplary and although the rain yet again tried its very hardest to spoil the morning we still managed to give him several photographic opportunities to evidence this. We will have to repeat this exhibitionism next week when representatives from the Youth Sports Trust and teachers from other schools visit on Wednesday to see how we thread physical activity into the start of the day and in core curriculum lessons after our sport and PE provision was recognised as innovative for the second year running.

This year our action plan for PE is largely focussed on developing positive attitudes when taking part in competitive events and we are already seeing evidence that children have made strides towards achieving our aim; quite literally on Monday this week when our cross country runners gave their all at St Ives, cheered each other on and clapped in all competitors, particularly those at the back of the pack. Mrs Kent and Mr Buckley have also noticed a massive improvement in the intra school football and dodgeball competitions especially in relation to respecting the referee and I am sure the football team and hockey teams will act as great ambassadors for the school if their matches go ahead tomorrow. Mrs Kent assured me that the parents who enthusiastically took part in the boxercise session during 'Fit in 45' this morning were also extremely respectful of each other although after taking the photograph of them 'gloved up' I'm glad I wasn't taking part (do remember you can come along to any session and Mrs Kent is always looking for alternative activities if you have a contact). So lots to be proud of and smile about despite the weather and maybe as we edge closer to winter we will see a return of bright crisp days although as my mum used to remind me you don't appreciate one without the other and the grass seed on the amphitheatre is sprouting nicely because of the wet so there's always a positive. Have a great weekend.

Mr Gardiner

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

HEADLINES: *Spending and saving*

WORDS OF WISDOM: *It is the things we work hardest for that will reward us the most*

MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK: *Macy Grey*

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK: *Being able to save for the future*

QUESTION: *Why do we have to spend money when most of the important things are free? (Solas)*

Aiming for the
Stars



Dates for
the Diary:

Diary Dates

November

Fri 9—Reawla Park Grand Opening 4pm

Mon 12—Godrevy to Trink Dairy

Tue 13—Poldhu to Pizza Express

Wed 14—NO CLUBS—STAFF TRAINING

Fri 16—Children In Need Ramble for Pudsey
Leave school 1.30pm

Fri 16—Football V St Johns (A) KO 3.30pm

Tue 27—Rinsey Project Outcome pm

Thur 29—Year 5 Transition event Hayle School

Fri 30—Christmas Fayre

December

Wed 5—Rinsey visit Nexus

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

January

Mon 7—Return for Spring Term

Wed 16—Rinsey visit Nexus

Fri 18—Youth Speaks competition

Wed 23—Year 5 Transition event Hayle School

February

Mon 18—Half Term school closed

Mon 25—Return to school

Fit in 45—Thursday 15 November

Glow YOGA with Claire

Donations to Children In Need

Whole School Attendance Target

2017-2018: **96%**

This Weeks Whole School Attendance Figure:

96.79%

Another 24—from Mrs Barber

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?

24

6

12

4

Workout Wednesdays

Steps this week:

57,992

Fitness Fridays

Steps this week:

88,015

Lands End to John

O'Groats Walk

69 MILES

Shap to Beattock



STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Poldhu

Charlie B for a fantastic week

Sophia for always giving 100%

Kynance

Evie for always giving 100%

Finian for working really hard on his handwriting

Godrevy

Brendan for amazing work during 'BARVEMBER'

Erin for great enthusiasm when cooking

Rinsey

Alex for being exceptionally helpful

Lacy for excellent effort in ratio maths

Virtue Value Awards

Isaac, Aoife, Greta, Emily