



Autumn Term Issue 05

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Newsletter



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Dear parents and carers and children,

First of all, apologies for the confusion and mixed messages regarding sports day and for those of you that for some reason did not receive text messages. There was a misunderstanding between us that sports day was to be cancelled when Mr Eyrie and Mr Buckley had actually just re-amended the format so there was no need for different classes to be in close proximity. As for the reliability of communication methods we are looking into different apps etc. that other schools are using to see if they are more effective than ours – in the meantime thank you for your patience. The good news is that as I write I can see the whole school engaged in a pre-race warm up (separated in class bubbles) and all the children, and most adults, seem to be having a great time. It is a shame we have not been able to invite you on this occasion and that the planned PTFA events have had to be put on hold; we want to be a real 'community school' but I am sure you can all understand that in the current climate it would be seen as reckless to carry on regardless. I am no expert but one would hope that with so many now vaccinated, and with an increasing number of people having acquired resistance from having had the virus, that the waves will diminish in time. Again, thank you for your patience and understanding and for the responsible attitude so many of you have taken to get PCR tests when necessary and wait for the results to keep our community safe; we know this often entails sacrifices and possibly missed income but it is greatly appreciated.

The biggest relief for us all in school is that the children seem largely emotionally unaffected – some have had family members contract the virus and seen that for most children the symptoms are not as bad as feared and for others they have just adapted to the 'new norm'. Most importantly though there is a feeling of strength in being together and whether it is a product of being apart for so long I am not sure but I have really noticed how much children are looking out for each other since we have returned. That is not to say that there are not upsets and bad days for some – the 'black dog' can come to any of us but there are safety nets in place to provide support. We have our own *superhero* pastoral lead/learning mentor, Mrs Tate to help children who are struggling with any personal, social and/or emotional issues and all staff fully subscribe to the ethos that a child needs to feel emotionally secure to be able to learn and prosper. We also have specially selected 'Gwinear Guardians' that look out for acts of kindness during the week and then award the person they have noticed in Friday's celebration assembly and it is always one of the highlights of my week. Finally, our PSHE/SMSC (Personal Social Health Education/Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development) curriculum is as important to us as any subject. Both Poldhu and Kynance classes have used the fantastic book 'The Worrysaurus' to explore issues associated with anxieties in PSHE lessons this week whilst in assembly I spoke to how we overcome barriers. Mrs Eustice's assembly explored a virtue linked to the theme – this week was how teamwork can help us overcome barriers using various animals as inspiration. Meanwhile, Mrs Gilroy's assembly always uses a news story to follow up on what we have spoken about; this week's story was of how a group of young black children set up a business, creating dolls that better reflected their cultural identity.

If you wish to get involved with this aspect of your child's education remember there are always four optional homework tasks linked to it on the homework sheets that are on the website under [Classes](#) tab. You can also see the headlines for the coming weeks PSHE theme at the bottom of this and all other newsletters – this is what I discuss in my assembly. The virtue that Mrs Eustice will present is also there and the words of wisdom are included for you to discuss at home should you wish – you will be amazed at the depth of philosophical thinking that children are capable of. Not much room left to detail what classes have been learning in the rest of the curriculum this week but as always there have been many engaging experiences: Rinsey heading to the museum at Porthcurno to inspire their diary writing by looking at real examples from the war, Godrevy writing gruesome witch's spells based on their creations at Crenver Grove last week, Kynance have been equally inspired by recent visits to Crenver and Trevaskis and continue to explore seasonal changes in science. Finally, Poldhu have been using the fantastic grounds we are blessed with to explore their senses on sensory walks. There will soon be some Fairy Houses to discover on a walk around our wild border (created by last year's Rinsey Class) and the Green Man has finally been put in-situ (pictures to be in next week's newsletter after Potter Craig Underhill returns to see the creation he and Mrs Haddy inspired the children to make). As I said earlier, we hope to invite you in soon to come and see all that is fantastic about the school - hopefully we will be able to go ahead with open days – dates on p3. Until then you will have to take my word for it and I will finish with a big thank you to the fantastic team that make it so including the welcome return of Miss Austin and our fantastically versatile new member of staff Mrs McCotter who works across two classes through the week and then has to fill Mrs B's shoes come Friday! The day has not turned out as bright as we hoped but it hasn't stopped sports day being a success and if the mizzle continues I hope it won't stop you having a great weekend.

Mr Gardiner

THIS TERM'S THEME: *Going for Goals*

HEADLINES: *Persistence*

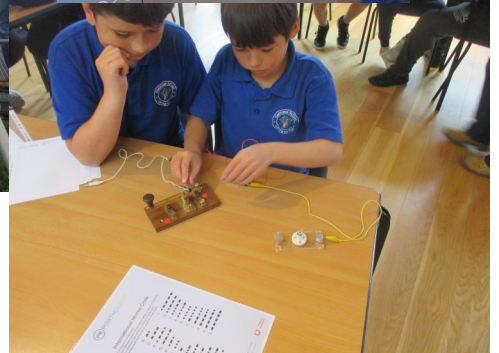
WORDS OF WISDOM: *Victory is always possible for the person who refuses to stop fighting*

MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK: *Blondie*

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK: *Being able to persevere*



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Diary Dates

October

Mon 11—Godrevy to Crenver Grove

Wed 13—Bikeability starts for Y5 (1 of 2)

Wed 20—Bikeability (2 of 2)

November

Wed 10— Open Afternoon (new intake)

Wed 17—Open Afternoon (all classes)

Whole School Attendance Target

2020-2021: **96%**

This Weeks Whole School Attendance Figure:

91.6%

**INSET DAYS FOR THE
ACADEMIC YEAR
2021/2022**

Monday 6 June 2022

Tuesday 7 June 2022

Monday 25 July 2022

Tuesday 26 July 2022

Josh and Jensen will be running in the “Pretty Muddy Run” tomorrow (Sat Oct 9) at Stithians Lake in aid of Cancer Research. They can still collect any last-minute sponsorships.

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

If your child is interested in music lessons (brass, recorder, etc) please have a look at the Cornwall Music Service Trust who offer these. All details can be found on their website <https://www.cornwallmusicservicetrust.org/> #worldclass-teachers



STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Poldhu

Beau for amazing maths facts

Jago for fantastic attitude in all of your learning

Kynance

Sid for fantastic effort all round this week

Ophelia for a great effort with her writing

Godrevy

Grace for fantastic effort rounding in maths

Aoife for brilliant contributions in our reading session

Rinsey

Chloe for excellent work in the Porthcurno workshop

Jack for great reading with the Dog Zombies

Virtue Value Awards

Eleanor, Florence, Riley, Harry