



Spring Term Issue 7

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Newsletter



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Invariably when we ask the children what improvement they would most like to see in the school grounds, it is the building of a swimming pool that is most popular and if things carry on as they are their wish could well be granted! After Tuesday I do think they have a good point though because it was a delight to be able to see the faces of our youngest children take their first school swimming lesson; some dived in headfirst and didn't reappear until they remembered they needed to breathe whilst others tentatively tiptoed into the unknown and could not be tempted to blow bubbles. As there are 21 in the class we need to use both minibuses to transport them which is going to give me a good excuse to get out the office as the second driver and see how they progress over the next few weeks.

The following day saw Kynance travel to Eden to find out all about the rainforest plants linked to their topic of Brazil. They also got to make houses out of sticks and fabric to see how some people around the world cope with flooding by making houses that float. I spoke to Olivia and Rory who loved the lizards and 'rock star' birds with red mohicans. They were also excited about seeing a real Kapok tree, which has recently had to be pruned to stop it breaking the roof, after learning the story of The Great Kapok Tree which they have now written their own versions of.

I also had the pleasure of teaching for longer than usual in two other classes this week. Yesterday afternoon I was trying to help deepen Y5 and 6 understanding of geographical processes associated with rivers. I am not entirely sure I was successful but we certainly had fun with a sand tray borrowed from Poldhu in which we explored the power of water to erode and deposit sediment. Mrs Haddy has got some real fieldwork planned linked to the theme with a visit to Hayle river and the reason I was covering her absence yesterday was because she was attending a planning meeting to get her class involved with an exciting poetry project based on the Red River that meets the sea at Godrevy – exciting stuff.

In the morning I had been working in Godrevy class and as well as being very impressed with their mathematical understanding of decimals, I was amazed at how much the children remembered from our geological visit to Godrevy beach. Unfortunately, I also had to break the sad news that our planned trip to the Jurassic Coast has had to be cancelled due to the accommodation we had booked now not being available. However, we are quickly revising the Outcome Day to take place in the more familiar setting of Godrevy beach but there will be plenty of entertaining discovery for you to take part in and knowing Miss Shaw there will be some computer wizardry thrown in too; this week the class have been exploring Berlin's dinosaur museum using a virtual app and children in the class have begun to share their learning with Seesaw (a private blog that can be accessed using any internet enabled device).

If successful it may be that other classes will begin to use Seesaw to share work and if you are a parent of a child in Poldhu do remember that you can see a wide range of your child's experience in school using Tapestry and contribute experiences from their learning outside of school. All Outcome days will soon be detailed in the newsletter we hope you can find the time to make them and remember that the 18 March is the next Open Afternoon. In the more immediate future we will be celebrating World Book Day next Thursday and we look forward to playing host to the strangest collection of guests ever assembled for a Pasty Lunch (it's also St Piran's Day). We will also be welcoming our newest member of staff, Mrs Verity Backhouse, who will be visiting Kynance Class for part of the day before starting her regular hours with us the following week. Mrs Backhouse is a many talented lady: a qualified teacher with many years of experience, an enthusiastic Zumba instructor and someone that was drawn to the school because of her mutual love of outdoor learning so I am sure she will fit in well with the rest of the team. The student council warmed to her instantly finding her 'smiley and enthusiastic', Kynance are excited to meet her and I am sure you will all endeavor to give her a warm welcome should you meet her at the door or in the playground. Have a great weekend whatever you do – there looks like being glimmers of sun between the showers so it's worth trying to get out.

Mr Gardiner

THIS TERM'S THEME: *Journeys*

HEADLINES: *Making choices and decisions*

WORDS OF WISDOM: *Life is a sum of all your choices (Albert Camus)*

MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK: *Talking Heads*

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK: *Being able to take risks*

QUESTION: *Are we only scared of others when we don't know our self? Mr Buckley (staff philosophy 4 children training)*

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Diary Dates

March

Mon 2—Football Match v Penponds (H)

Thur 5—World Book Day

Thur 5—St Piran's Day—menu change

Tue 10—No Football Club

Wed 18—OPEN AFTERNOON

Thurs 19—Poldhu Outcome Afternoon

Sat 21—Coose Trannack Run

May

Tue 19—Open Afternoon

June

Tue 9-Fri 12—Rinsey London

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

2017-2018: **96%**

This Weeks Whole School Attendance Figure:

94.35%

Another 24—from Mrs Mckie

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?

10

11

13

17

Workout Wednesdays

Steps this week:

47,158

Fitness Friday

Steps this week:

55,889

Total Miles = 49

SCIENCE FACTS!

Question: What is Ephebiphobia?

Last weeks answer: Metamorphic rocks are created by the physical or chemical alteration by heat and pressure of an existing igneous or sedimentary material into a denser form



INSET DAYS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/2020

Friday 22 May 2020

Monday 1 June 2020

Tuesday 2 June 2020

Wednesday 3 June 2020



STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Poldhu

Anu for a fantastic sand sculpture

Lily for being a kind and thoughtful member of the class

Kynance

Agnes for putting 100% into everything you do

Millie for working more independently in class

Godrevy

Alfie H for great proof reading and editing

Charlotte for having great enthusiasm with your writing

Rinsey

Daisy for excellent maths problem solving

Greta for fantastic maths problem solving

Virtue Value Awards

Eleanor L, Amelie G, Finian, Olivia A