



Spring Term Issue 6

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Newsletter



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Well we all survived Ciara and now we can batten down the hatches for Dennis. Hopefully there will be more breaks in the weather like we had yesterday when I took Godrevy C lass to their namesake beach. We had a wonderful time exploring the geology of the cove and I was incredibly impressed with their ability to ask geographical questions and use their newfound knowledge about rock formation to give hypotheses for the origin of different rocks. The official explanation is quite astonishing with the majority of the rock in the cliff face being Devonian mudstone - some of Britain's oldest rocks; over 400 million years old, pre-dating most dinosaurs and originally laid down in oceans and then thrust up as a mountain range at the time Pangea was created. If any of you are parents of members of Godrevy you may want to take them there over the half term for further elucidation including the reason why there are bands of white in the rocks.

Members of Poldhu Class will probably still be turning their attention to the sky over half term in a search for Fargal's relatives who still haven't returned to pick him up. He seems to be doing fine though and has grown considerably since staying with the class. Members of the class have now been inventing their own alien stories after learning the tale of Aliens Love Underpants which they should be able to recount to you. This week he has probably added several more pounds after the class made their own pasties linked to the week's PSHE focus on being proud to be Cornish and they will have to make sure he doesn't get hold of the love potions that they are concocting today to celebrate Valentine's Day and reinforce work on capacity.

Kynance Class have continued their focus on the Amazon rainforest and as well as being able to retell the story of the Great Kapok Tree they should now also be able to enlighten you with their understanding of the amazing animals that live in the different storeys of the rainforest. One such creature is the Toucan and I was given a very detailed account of its characteristics and lifestyle by Grace earlier in the week when she showed me her fantastic homework of a Toucan mask which sadly was a little too tight for me to squeeze into. Her homework was one of many brilliant examples from the class with so many children inspired to make the extra effort: we have had several impressive Christ The Redeemers, a brilliant model of the Nitero Contemporary Art Museum and very detailed model of Sugar Loaf Mountain complete with interesting facts. I'm sure their efforts will be rewarded in homework certificates today and hope that the half term provides a bit of extra time for others to demonstrate their creative talents.

Rinsey Class have got serious in their efforts to crack the case of the chocolate thief before half term arrives. They have been using their forensic science skills to evaluate different powders from the scene of the crime. They have also enlisted the support of the local constabulary with three officers arriving earlier in the week, taking finger prints of all suspects; my lawyer has advised me not to say any more about the incident.

We hope that all of you have a wonderful half term and manage to find some quality family time in Cornwall or further afield. For those of you travelling abroad we have sent advice linked to the current Coronavirus (we sought assurance from Camborne School today before sending children due to their international programme). Next half term we are also planning on giving you much more information in regards to your child's safety; this time with regard to the minefield that is online safety. Thanks to a link given by a parent we have enrolled on the National Online Safety Certification Programme which looks excellent. We will launch the parent portal side of this on the open afternoon (Wednesday 18th March) so please try and make it so that you are able to take full advantage of the resources and training that will be provided. It looks like being an unsettled week but as I said there will hopefully be breaks in the rain to enjoy and we can look forward to the longer days that come with Spring next half term. Have a great week whatever you do.

Mr Gardiner

THIS TERM'S THEME: *Journeys*

HEADLINES: *Growing up*

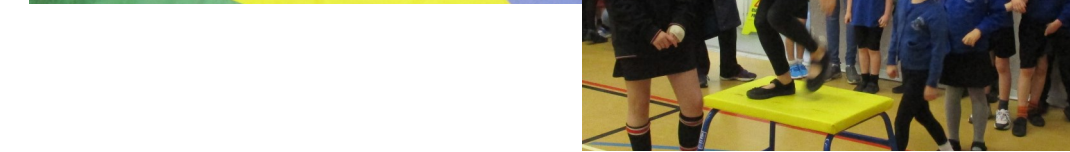
WORDS OF WISDOM: *Growing old is mandatory, growing up is optional*

MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK: *Kate Tempest*

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK: *Being prepared*

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Diary Dates

February

Mon 17-Fri 21—Half Term

Mon 24—Cape Cross Country running

Tues 25—Reception start swimming sessions

Wed 26—Kynance to Eden Project

Wed 26—NO CRAFT CLUB OR JOHN MUIR

March

Mon 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



Whole School Attendance Target

2017-2018: **96%**

This Weeks Whole School Attendance Figure:

94.23%

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?

5

7

10

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SCIENCE FACTS!

Question: What are metamorphic rocks formed by?

Last weeks answer: Like many plants, most species of grass produce a bright pigment called chlorophyll. Chlorophyll absorbs blue light (high energy, short wavelengths) and red light (low energy, longer wavelengths) well, but mostly reflects green light, which accounts for your lawn's colour.



INSET DAYS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/2020

Friday 22 May 2020

Monday 1 June 2020

Tuesday 2 June 2020

Wednesday 3 June 2020

Workout Wednesdays

Steps this week:

59,570

Fitness Friday

Steps this week:

37,408

Total Miles =

46.39



STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Poldhu

Eleanor for super independent writing

Jago for fantastic constructing with 2D shapes

Kynance

Rory for working really hard in your maths booklet

Tyler for being a superstar learner

Godrevy

Alfie H for trying really hard with your reading

Elsie for always trying really hard in all your learning

Rinsey

Greta for amazing spelling

Scarlett for excellent effort in redrafting

Virtue Value Awards

Megan, Felix, Brandon, Oliver M