



Spring Term Issue 2

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# Newsletter

Dear Parents Carers and Children,

If variety is the spice of life we have certainly had no shortage of flavour this week. Kynance began the week with some thespian activities on one of Britain's most unique stages at the Minack; their workshop was directly linked to the topic with three groups creating improvised performances around the topic of superheroes – thank you to the parent volunteers that supported the visit and helped make it such a success. Today they are at Crenver Grove looking for some real life superheroes in the form of minibeasts that play vital roles in the woods ecosystem. Joining them was Dr Allison Smith who is part of the Plantlife project: 'Building Resilience in South West Woodlands'. She shared some of her expert knowledge about mosses and lichens but was primarily there to discuss with Mrs Tate how the school will be involved with the project in the summer and it looks like providing some excellent scientific learning opportunities for our children particularly those in KS2.

Rinsey also had the benefit of expert knowledge related to their Science and topic focus of Space when they visited the Nexus project on Wednesday this week. They clarified their understanding of how the rotations of the Earth and Moon, their orbits around the Sun and the Earth's tilted axis creates the phenomena that we experience including night and day and the four seasons. They also travelled to the woods the following day on Thursday and Mrs Haddy used the abundance of life there (even this time of year) to illustrate how unique our planet is. They wrote reflections on what the world would be without trees and also used the IPADs to start storyboarding their graphic novels.

Poldhu's scientific explorations also involve space, albeit on a slightly more basic level, and their Space Station role play area is being well used by prospective scientists, writing reports about the aliens that are now residing with them. They are also now designing their own aliens and thinking about how they would feel on such a strange planet linked to our work in PSHE.

Godrevy meanwhile, continue to be inspired by the world 100 years ago and as well as learning about the Titanic in historical terms they have used the ship's immense dimensions to inspire work in mathematics. They have also been getting creative by making their own toys with moving parts inspired by examples of toys from that period of history. In English they have been honing their ability to construct an interview and are now waiting with anticipation for a visit next week by Mr Clee; a friend of Mrs B who is now 99 years of age and has kindly offered to come and share his memories of childhood with the children in the class.

So as you can see we are active in all areas of the curriculum and as always no more so than in PE. Our Year ones have made a fantastic start to their swimming sessions. Mr Buckley has now started a hockey league at lunchtimes to offer another opportunity for competition and exercise on top of the two hours of high quality curricular PE. Mrs Kent has been adding to our variety of opportunities; using the breakfast club grant that she was awarded to buy new equipment for Workout Wednesdays and Fitness Fridays such as 'Pedal Gos'. For myself and Mrs Skeggs, we were amazed to have a record turnout for Running Club with nearly a quarter of the school taking part despite the weather. Fortunately however, because of the excellent parent support that we get for the club, there is still room for others to join if you wish to. Finally, for those that would like other physical challenges that you could do in your own time at home – be sure to check the 'Fitter Futures' website resource that the school has signed up to and see whether you can find a way of squeezing in those important 30 minutes of exercise.

Variety then is the word of the week and the weather has certainly been no exception in this regard. Let's hope that we have a little more stability this weekend although it doesn't look too good until Sunday. However, I know I will be starting my weekend with a smile as the two Youth Speaks teams compete tonight and I must say we are incredibly proud of the dedication and professionalism with which they have prepared for the competition. They have created two outstanding presentations and I pity the judges that have to decide between them. For those of you attending the competition I look forward to seeing you tonight and to everyone else I look forward to seeing you on Monday and hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Gardiner

**THIS TERM'S THEME:** *Be the best you*

**HEADLINES:** *Looking after myself*

**WORDS OF WISDOM:** *Life begins at the end of your comfort zone*

**MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK:** *Catatonia*

**VIRTUE OF THE WEEK:** *Being able to be safe*

**QUESTION:** *What goal have you set yourself to reach?*

Aiming for the  
**Stars**

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Dates for  
the Diary:

## Diary Dates

### January

Wed 23—**NO John Muir Club**

Wed 23—Year 5 Transition event Hayle School

Thur 24—fit in 45—Kangoo Jump

Fri 25—Football match V Trevithick (A)

Wed 30—Rinsey to Minack Theatre

### February

Wed 6—**NO CLUBS**

Wed 13—Kynance visit Nexus

Mon 18—Half Term school closed

Mon 25—Return to school

Tue 26—Year 5 Transition event Hayle School

### April

Fri 5—INSET—school closed to pupils

Mon 8—Easter Holidays school closed

Tue 23—Return for Summer Term

### June

Wed 5—Year 5 & 6 Porthpean Camp

Mon 24—Year 3 & 4 Carnyorth Camp



Whole School Attendance Target

2017-2018: **96%**

This Weeks Whole School Attendance Figure:

**95.94%**

*Another 24—from Mr Gardiner*

*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?*

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## Workout Wednesdays

Steps this week:

**58,371**

## Fitness Fridays

Steps this week:

**48,326**

## Cornish Coastal Path Walk

**51 MILES**

Trevoze Head to Hayle



## **STARS OF THE WEEK**

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

### **Poldhu**

***Jack for following instructions during cooking***

***Oska for super effort during swimming***

### **Kynance**

***Chloe for working really hard in maths***

***Alfie for listening well during carpet time***

### **Godrevy**

***Josh for great efforts with reading***

***Rosie for great determination and team working***

### **Rinsey**

***Max for settling in brilliantly***

***Sadie for excellent attitude to learning***

### **Virtue Value Awards**

***Alexia, Charlie L, Kayleigh, Finley***