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Newsletter

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Dear parents, carers and children,

Today we are reminded of the real reason we became teachers: we love dressing up and have never really grown up. However, our efforts to impersonate our favourite stadium stars or invent a new persona of our own imagination paled into insignificance compared to the children's. From Kiss to Slash, Janis to Jimi; we had enough musicians to run our own Woodstock. Many including myself added a bit of variety with nods to musicians from other genres and there was certainly a good dose of punk hairstyles in the mix. This is only fitting as we have long celebrated the beautiful diversity that exists in music through our 'Musician of the Week' and do remember you are welcome to make suggestions if you think we have missed someone children should be exposed to. You can view a list of previous musicians attached to this newsletter. It was kindly compiled by Mrs Kent who still visits to help with the school's displays and is currently working on our musician display. To make the list she trawled back through all the newsletters we have archived in folders so there may be a few missed weeks but it is pretty comprehensive and thank you once again for supporting us Mrs Kent.

The reason we are all dressed as rock stars is to launch our new maths online support programme; 'Times Table Rockstars'. Mrs Haddy, who now coordinates maths across the school, thought it would be good to have another way of learning multiplication facts in a fun way and it certainly seems a hit with many members of her class who have been piloting the programme. It is now a national expectation for schools to try and teach all times table facts up to 12×12 by the end of year 4 and for once I strongly agree with the rationale behind this drive (although once facts up to 10×10 are learnt I think time is better spent developing the skill to partition and calculate any two-digit by single digit product e.g., $14 \times 6 = 10 \times 6 + 4 \times 6$). What cannot be denied is that so much of maths is dependent on knowledge of multiplication facts; to be able to divide you need to know them, to convert fractions you need to know them, to calculate area you need to know them etc. etc. All children (except EYFS) will now have logins for the Times Table Rockstars website and can practise as and when they want.

We will still continue to award 'Karate Bands' for achieving each times table but hopefully this will make it more fun to learn them. Remember, that your child also has a login for Mathletics which has many games and incentives to learn and is much broader than the Rockstars website, covering all aspects of the primary maths curriculum. Mathletics also has online teaching tutorials so if there is an area of maths your child is struggling with but you are not sure how to support you can go on the site and watch videos of how to approach particular problems. Remember also, that the school's [calculation policy](#) can be found on the website (under policies tab). It was created by our previous maths coordinator, Miss Shaw, and is extremely comprehensive. She used her technical wizardry to have the children themselves demonstrate the strategies that we teach to approach different operations in different year groups; unfortunately, a few of the clips do not now link and we will sort that soon but it should still be pretty clear. Finally on the subject of maths and home support; for those of you that have limited devices to access the internet we do have some in school that we can loan out and if you are unable to access the internet at all or prefer not to have too much screen exposure we can print paper booklets for home practice using Mathletics – just ask your teacher if you would prefer it this way.

We do hope that you will find some time to take advantage of any of the resources described and there is no doubt that, as with all 'fact based' learning, little and often is the key to success and regular revisiting is vital; just because a times table is learnt it doesn't mean the associated facts have been embedded in the long-term memory. Having said all of that we would not want maths practice to be at the expense of reading at home which is still the most important support you can give but hopefully it will give some variety for you all. Right time to line up some tunes for this afternoon's assembly – catch me at the gate if you want to suggest a musician and have a great weekend whatever you do.

Mr Gardiner

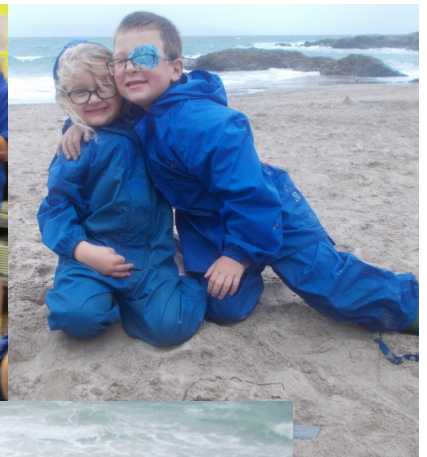
THIS TERM'S THEME: *Going for Goals*

HEADLINES: *Overcoming Barriers*

WORDS OF WISDOM: *In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity*

MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK: *Local Natives*

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK: *Working with others*



Diary Dates



October

Mon 4—Tempest photographer in

Mon 4—PTFA meeting

Tue 5—NEXUS Open Evening

Wed 6—Rinsey to Porthcurno

Wed 6—PTFA Parent Coffee Morning

Thur 7—Y6 Transition Hayle School

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

Wed 20—Parents' Meetings

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:

93.48%

**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" on Sat Oct 9 at Stithians Lake in aid of Cancer Research. They will be in the playground after school on Thurs Oct 7 to collect 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

Daniel for fantastic counting to 10

Emily for super number sentences

Kynance

Arthur for fantastic storytelling

Lacie for fantastic storytelling

Godrevy

Evie being a brilliant helper

Noah for superstar learning behaviour all week

Rinsey

Alfie Y for excellent effort and improvement in maths

Finnian for an excellent learning attitude in writing

Virtue Value Awards

Harvey, Charlie B, Zack, Kacey

MUSICIANS OF THE WEEK

Ed Sheeran
Olly Murs
Jess Glynne
Jack Johnson
M People
Abba
Taylor Swift
Miles Davis
Evelyn Glennie
The Script
Clannad
Eric Satie
Left Field
Bee Gees
Adele
Jimmy Hendrix
Tchaikovsky
Michael Buble
Avicii
Lady Smith Black Mamboza
Bob Marley
Crowns
Santana
Justin Bieber
Edvard Grieg
Aretha Franklin
Earth, Wind & Fire
St Germain
Prince
Journey
U2
Phil Collins
Bob Geldof
PJ Harvey
Andrew Lloyd Webber
Eagles
Flats & Sharps
Queen
Madness
Beach Boys
Stevie Wonder
Massive Attack
AC/DC
Bob Dylan
John Legend
Electric Light Orchestra

Public Service Broadcast
Paolo Nutini
Bjork
Emeli Sande
Simon Garfunkel
Katherine Jenkins
Bruce Springstein
Nahko & Medicine for the People
Gypsy Kings
Sigur Ros
3 Daft Monkeys
Alvar Soler
Rusted Root
Little Mix
Enya
Texas
Jake Bugg
Ariande Grande
Krishna Das
Radiohead
Michael Bolton
Beyonce
Mika
The Mosquitos
Lesley Garrett
Carrie Underwood
Daisy Clark
Siouxsie & the Banshees
Shania Twain
After Hours Roarchestra
Vivaldi
Beuna Vista Social Club
Artic Monkeys
Buddy Holly
Alecia Keys
Crosby, Stills & Nash
Annie Lennox
21 Pilots
Gil Scott-Heron
Jimmy Cliff
Cranberries
Elvis
Scouting for Girls
Kaiser Chiefs
Yousson N'dour
Pavarotti
Aimer
Tom Gall

Andrews Sisters
The Blossoms
Coleman Hawkins
Led Zeppelin
Crowded House
Adam and the Ants
Debussy
Alison Moyet
Chemical Brothers
Van Morrison
S Club 7
Elton John
Disney Music
Pretenders
Beautiful South
The Correspondents
Kenny Rogers
Mark Kohn
T Rex
Will Smith
Macy Grey
Rachmaninov
David Guetta
Wham
James Brown
George Ezra
Catatonia
Usher
Rembrandts
Jon Hopkins
Tom Jones
The Corrs
Bon Jovi
UB40
Beirut
Lindigo
McSolar
Santana
Norah Jones
Eddy Grant
The Sherlocks
Johnny Cash
Deep Forest
Jerry Lee Lewis
Spice Girls
Christina Aguilera
Fleetwood Mac

Imagine Dragons
Hot Chocolate
B-52s
The Cure
Travis Scott
Chopin
The Kinks
Rodrigo and Gabriella
Glen Miller
Nat King Cole
Vishal Dadlani
Daft Punk
Manu Chao
High Kings
William the Conqueror
Kate Tempest
Talking Heads
Free
Ava Max
One Direction
Bach
James Brown
Snow Patrol
Pink Floyd
The Beatles
Little Richard
Saint Saviour
Mamady Keita & Sewa Kan
Clark
Toto
Of Monsters and Men
Johnny Flynn
Handel
Sibelius
O.M.D
The Black Keys
Four Tops
Fat Boy Slim
Paul Simon