



Spring Term Issue 4

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Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

What a lovely week we have had and all classes have taken advantage of the glorious weather. Godrevy's English/history lesson was taken to their namesake beach where the story of Theseus and the Minotaur was not only enacted (complete with Minotaur thanks to Mr Buckley's fancy dress wardrobe) but children were also able to make their own giant labyrinths. The topic has been a brilliant vehicle for teaching different story types and I have seen several children today for creating their own Greek style myths. I have also enjoyed taking guided reading sessions linked to various tales with this week being devoted to the twelve labours of Herakles. However, my favourite moment with the class came yesterday when I took the class for the last ten minutes to cover Mrs Gilroy. I arrived to see some brilliant artistic and thoughtful work linked to the tale of Pandora's jar with children drawing the escaping negative forces but with a modern twist so children thought of things such as corona virus, climate change and negative feelings such as jealousy; an English, history, art and philosophy lesson all in one!

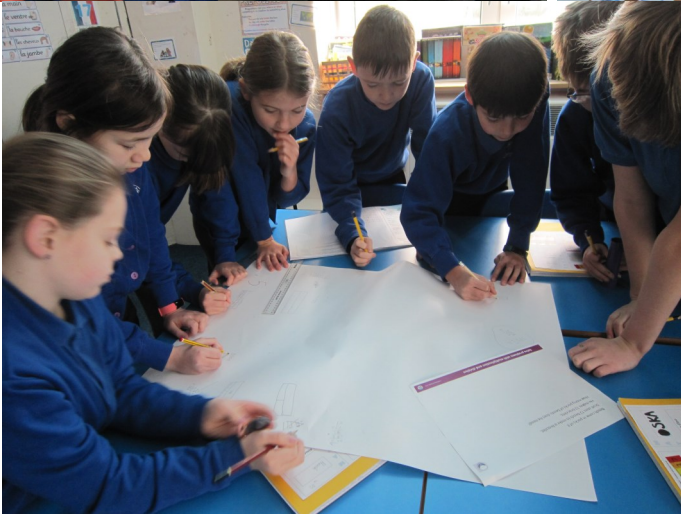
Kynance also took a visit to the beach on Monday with a more direct link to their topic on animals with a bit of rock-pooling and were treated to a visit by three local seals which gave a good opportunity to discuss the differences between mammals and fish linked to last weeks learning. They are now starting to write their own innovations on the story of Wild and this afternoon I saw some beautiful work exploring texture in art.

Rinsey have not been to the beach this week but have been using the school grounds and an app on the IPAD to make it feel like invaders were arriving on the field in a comic strip format. They are beginning to write their own martian invader stories inspired by the War of the Worlds. Their science work has also incorporated ICT as they used power-points with hyperlinks to explain how night and day are formed, why we have opposite seasons in the northern and southern hemispheres and why we see different phases of the moon. They are often concepts that are learnt and then later confused so be sure to keep checking on their understanding with a little quiz at home. On the subject of homework I have seen more brilliant examples from all classes and was particularly warmed by the random acts of kindness lists that have been shared with me this week.

On Tuesday, showing prospective new parents around, I was delighted to see members of Poldhu having a great time learning in the water play area. There was some excellent talk around capacity and further mathematical concepts of equality and weight were explored by filling buckets on either side of their giant scales. Their story about the aliens that love underpants is now becoming increasingly familiar and many should be able to retell the first half to you using the storyboard on the website. They have been creating their own traps to capture any other aliens that decide to visit the school so we should be safe for now.

Keeping safe and looking after ourselves was our PSHE theme this week and formed the focus of our assemblies. As part of this both me and Mrs Eustice spoke about the importance of internet safety in our assemblies this week. While doing so I remembered that it is a while since we reminded you all as parents about our subscription to the National Online Safety Association and the benefits that it gives to you as parents. A letter will be sent out today and I urge you all to take the time to read it. I am having to look further ahead for a weekly weather prediction (writing on Thursday as in hospital tomorrow finally having a metal plate removed from my arm) but it looks like a cloudy but dry affair so no reason to be stuck inside on the internet anyway! Have a great weekend whatever you do.

Mr Gardiner



Diary Dates



Whole School Attendance Target
2020-2021: **96%**

This Weeks Whole School Attendance Figure:

92.73%

January 2023

Mon 30—Cross Country running St Ives

February

Mon 13—Half Term

Tue 21—Shrove Tuesday - pancakes at lunch

Wed 22—Rinsey to Tolvaddon Lifeskills

Thu 22—Rinsey to Newquay Zoo

Mon 27—Cross Country running Cape Cornwall

March

Thu 2—World Book Day—special lunch menu

Mon 6—St Piran's Day—pasty lunch

Sat 11—Coose Trannack Run

**NEW INSET DAYS FOR THE
ACADEMIC YEAR 2022/2023**

Friday 28 April 2023

Monday 24 July 2023

Tuesday 25 July 2023

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 (**including Nutella**) containing nuts should be brought into school including in personal lunch boxes. With some products, i.e. chocolate bars, it is not always obvious that nuts form part of the ingredients so please check labels carefully. Thank you.



STARS OF THIS WEEK

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

Poldhu

Benji for great determination with his writing

Oliver B for a fantastic effort in Read Write Inc.

Kynance

Violet for brilliant work in her phonics

Amelie T for excellent effort in speed sounds

Godrevy

Sophia for outstanding progress in Read Write Inc.

Eleanor for excellent work in multiplication and division

Rinsey

Seren for excellent writing

Josh for excellent maths and decimals

Virtue

Brandon, Heidi, Isla M, Catoots