



Spring Term Issue 05

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# Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

5 weeks in and you are still going strong – we look like hitting 1500 submissions of work on Seesaw this week and Tapestry is getting plenty of responses. At this point I must apologise to Poldhu as I promised to send you all a video this week like I did for the rest of the school last week but I have run into a couple of technical hitches and had other things demand attention. I am on it though and will get to you by Tuesday at the latest. I have been looking at your work though and although I would have most liked to join in with those of you that made cakes it is your report writing that impressed me most; the egg in the classroom continues to be a source of mystery from afar and its latest transformation with its gleaming gold shell has certainly inspired you to write well.

However, we do know all of you will be struggling with parts of home learning. On Tuesday next week I will also try and get to comment on some work from everyone in the school – not videos this time as the recording and uploading proved to be a bit time consuming to say the least and I do have other commitments. I do want to acknowledge the effort you are putting in though and I hope you all know how proud your teachers are. We also know how tough it is for you all and we know how fed up you all must be with lockdown. I think in the first lockdown online learning was so new and at times exciting because it was so different to what you were used to in school. When we started this second round of home schooling we all knew what we were doing and we started off brilliantly with many of you doing nearly every task set. Now it feels like it has been going on so long and we are so used to the routine that it is hard to give our best. I know this feeling from when I run long distances; there always comes a point when my enthusiasm drops and I start to question – why bother. There is a little negative voice inside all of us and a part of us that doesn't like hard effort and learning to stand up to that part of ourselves is one of the most important lessons to learn in life. Sometimes just being stubborn helps – in next week's Monday assembly I will speak a little about the great Captain Tom who sadly passed away this week and one particular quote he made: "I'm from Yorkshire we just get on with it". This does sum up the attitude of many Yorkshire men and women that I have met but you don't have to be from there to think like them – there's work to be done, part of me really doesn't want to do it but I will just get on with it! Maybe, more important but hard to see is why just getting on with it is important but remember your efforts will bring rewards in the long term and the short term and we will do everything in our power to help you.

Like I said to begin with though you are still going strong and despite the difficulty many of you have said you have faced you are not just getting on with it but enjoying it and excelling. We are already seeing some amazing writing that could end up in our Outcome Project of the Gwinear Book and for those of you that feel you have already produced something worthy there will be a special activity set on all class pages on Monday next week. One of my weekly highlights is seeing the responses to the Musician of the Week and there is always someone that surprises me because I had assumed that the musician would not be their cup of tea. This week I chose someone I really like and have been listening for the last few weeks. I do like unusual voices and quite like sad sounding songs with minor chords (I will spare you another favourite, Lisa Germano who is much bleaker) but I was surprised to see how many of you liked Saint Saviour. She certainly divided opinion with many finding her voice 'too high' or 'too hard to hear the words' but many shared my enthusiasm with Alfie summing my thoughts up perfectly with the comment "I really like her songs; her pitch is on point her voice is something else and Rock Pools is amazing". That is the beauty of music though – there is something for everyone – next week it is Donna Summer, the queen of disco – not a genre I tend to lean towards but who can question her influence. I hope it appeals to some and I hope you enjoy the weekend with the weather that looks like it will appeal to all – particularly tomorrow. Enjoy.

Mr Gardiner

**THIS TERM'S THEME:** *Journeys*

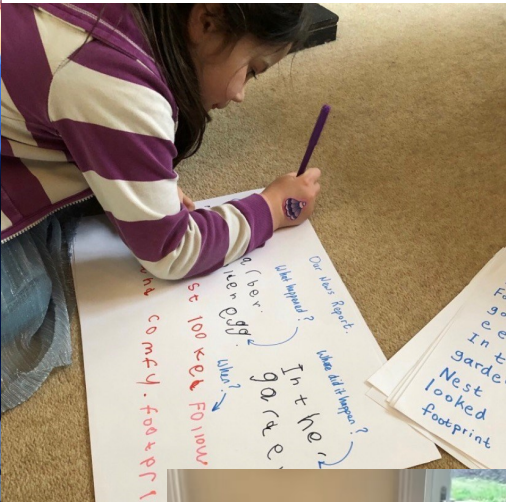
**HEADLINES:** *Moving on—resolving conflict*

**WORDS OF WISDOM:** *Forgiveness says you are given another chance to make a new beginning*

**MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK:** *Donna Summer*

**VIRTUE OF THE WEEK:** *Being able to forgive*









## **STARS OF THE WEEK**

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

**Poldhu**

***Ivy for a fantastic attitude to all your learning***

***Taylor for super maths work to 10***

**Kynance**

***Callum for such fantastic writing***

***Felix for working so hard on ALL your learning***

**Godrevy**

***Alfie for amazing effort with your spelling***

***Charlie for superb suspense writing***

**Rinsey**

***Erin for excellent science work***

***Chloe for great work, especially coding***