



Spring Term Issue 5

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Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

This week was set to be a very busy one when it came to the after school period but the weather put a stop on the netball and football fixtures that we had planned for the end of the week. The week started a lot brighter and we therefore had a good turn-out at the cross-country event on Monday. All the children that took part gave their all and there is definitely a chance that some will qualify for the county finals. However, equally impressive was George's attempts to help a pupil from another school that sustained an injury. It transpired that the boy had a level 3 tear in his calf muscle and the parents of the boy and Neil Eddy, the School Games organiser, have both been in touch with the school to relay their thanks and praise for his 'magnificent sportsmanship'. As our PE focus this year is 'developing positive attitudes towards competition' and Mrs Kent has been actively promoting the School Games values using the Sport's Passports it was good evidence that it is impacting on our children.

Teamwork was equally evident the following evening on Tuesday when one of our Youth Speaks teams competed in the second round of the competition. I thought it was their most solid performance yet and to display such confidence and solidarity under the pressure of such a scrupulous audience was amazing. They were not selected to qualify through to the county finals but the judges themselves said that it had been an incredibly hard decision and commended all teams on the calibre of their presentations. All six of the children that started the competition (Willow, Scarlett, Flora, Sadie, Emily and Finley) should be proud of their hard work to memorise their parts and with the confidence they displayed when delivering them.

Wednesday saw the whole school focus on the works of a particular author that is often forgotten these days. Hans Christian Anderson was a Danish author who many of the children didn't know but over the course of the day they began to realise that they did know many of his stories such as The Little Mermaid. Others however, were not so well known but have now become firm favourites with The Emperor's New Clothes amusing many of the members of Godrevy. They learnt the story, made story maps to retell it and compared the text version to that of the animation. Poldhu meanwhile briefly turned their attention from space to beneath the ocean when they heard the tale of The Little Mermaid under the guidance of three dazzling mermaids in the class; making their own colourful tails and testing materials for their waterproofness. Kynance were also busy making but this time gigantic beds for a princess – the class had the most people in costume with a beautiful display of dresses but I have to say I was most impressed with Josh and Zach's imaginative adaptation of other costumes to be the pea! Finally, Rinsey learnt about a very different heroine in the form of The Little Match Girl and they have created a beautiful book of work in one day that will be housed in the library for all to see.

So we have kept busy although not quite as active as we like with a couple of PE lessons having to be cancelled as well as the aforementioned matches. Workout Wednesday and Fitness Fridays were well attended though and we have already reached the step target of 625,000 which means we have walked, skipped, scootered etc. the equivalent of the entire Cornish Coast Path in 5 weeks. Godrevy once again recorded the most steps and Bethany and Isabelle deserve a special mention as they did just short of 20,000 steps between them over the two days! There are also pedometers for adults and you are welcome to join in with any activities (we have never won the trainers for the most steps) – please remember though that when we are inside due to the weather children and adults need to stick to the rooms where the activities are taking place to ensure that we know where everyone is and so teachers that are not leading activities can prepare their classrooms. For those of you wanting to do a little more exercise at home there is still a couple of weeks left to try the online support programme, Fitter Futures. Once the trial period is over we will decide whether to purchase a year subscription but if we don't there may be a rather more amusing alternative becoming available in the future with myself and Mrs Kent scheming ways to get the staff involved in making our own videos. Whilst mentioning Mrs Kent I shall finish by congratulating her for once again getting the school shortlisted for the Time to Move award; it is the third year in a row that she has done so fingers crossed it is third time lucky. I will also take the opportunity to thank all staff as in testing conditions like these it needs everybody to pull together and after carrying out learning walks this week I can happily say that they are doing so with style. Thank you all for your continued support and have a lovely weekend – looks blustery but not too wet so should be OK for a bit of fresh winter air.

Mr Gardiner

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

HEADLINES: *Responsibility*

WORDS OF WISDOM: *You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today*

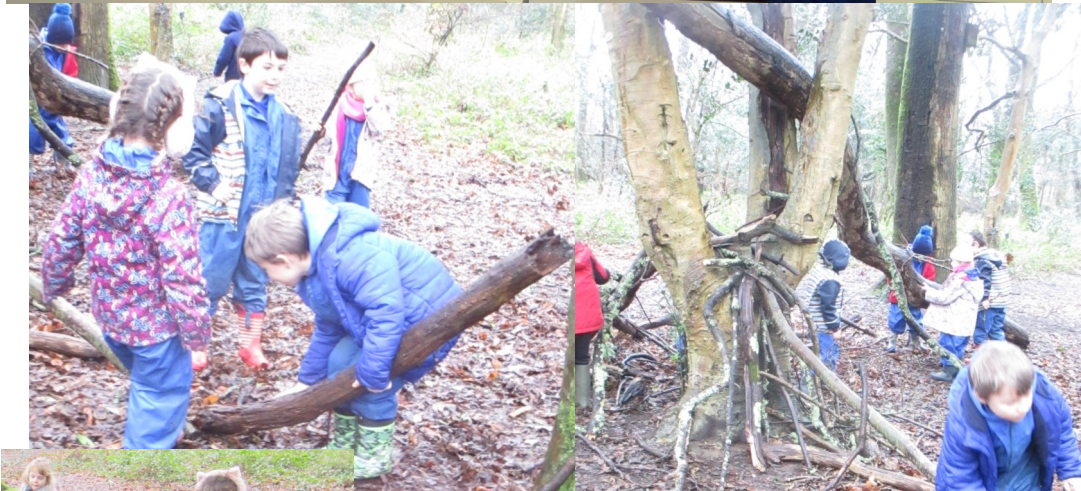
MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK: *Jon Hopkins*

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK: *Being responsible*

QUESTION: *Can you see feelings? Sophia*

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Stars

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As well as recycling batteries, we now have the facility to recycle crisp packets. Please bring them in and do your bit for the environment

Diary Dates

Dates for
the Diary:

February

Wed 13—Kynance visit Nexus

Mon 18—Half Term school closed

Mon 25—Return to school

Tue 26—Year 6 Transition event Hayle School

March

Fri 15—Rinsey visit Falmouth Art Gallery

Sat 16—Coose Trannack races

Wed 20—Open Afternoon Whole School

Thur 28—Godrevy Farm & Country day

Wed 27—Poldhu Outcome Afternoon

Thur 28—Rinsey Outcome Afternoon

Fri 29—Godrevy Outcome Afternoon

April

Fri 5—INSET—school closed to pupils

Mon 8—Easter Holidays school closed

Tue 23—Return for Summer Term

May

Sat 4—Gwinear Show

Wed 22—Open Afternoon Whole School

June

Wed 5—Year 5 & 6 Porthpean Camp

Thur 20—Sports Day

Mon 24—Year 3 & 4 Carnyorth Camp

July

Wed 3—Poldhu Activity Days

Wed 10—Kynance Activity Days

Tues 16—Summer Performance 2pm

Wed 17—Summer Performance 2pm & 6pm

Mon 22-Thur 24 INSET DAYS

Whole School Attendance Target

2018-2019: **96%**

This Weeks Whole School Attendance Figure:

95.86%

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?

5

15

2

4

Workout Wednesdays

Steps this week:

73,566

Fitness Fridays

Steps this week:

56,311

Cornish Coastal Path Walk

61 MILES

Portloe to Plymouth

We made it!!!

We've walked the Cornish Coastal



STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Poldhu

Agnes for super progress in your reading and writing

Sean for amazing writing numbers and attitude

Kynance

Heath for working scientifically

Jack for reading at home

Godrevy

Emily for great settling into school life

Leone for amazing independent writing

Rinsey

Finley for excellent effort in class

Lillian for hard work across all subjects

Virtue Value Awards

Oska, Macee, Katie, James