



Summer Term Issue 03

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# Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

It might only have been a four-day week but we have certainly been able to pack a lot in. Rinsey Class are at the woods this morning to write some poetry inspired by the regeneration of the trees that is well underway there now. At this time of year, it is easy to believe that there is some magical force or spiritual guardian awakening all the residents from their winter slumber. It was such a mythical figure that inspired their artistic work earlier in the week when local potter, Craig Underhill, visited the class from his workshop in Reawla to help them create two heads and various limbs of the legendary 'Green Man/Woman'. It takes a lot to impress Mrs Haddy when it comes to artistic endeavours as she is a pretty capable art teacher herself (as supported by Mr Buckley who has taken up watercolour painting after lessons with her) but she was blown away by the work her children produced under Craig's guidance; as was I when I dropped into the hall to see how they were getting on. I will continue supporting their creative talents this afternoon with a mythical element linked to their dreams topic when we make templates for the fairy houses they are going to build. Both their houses and, once fired, their green people creations will end up in the wild border of our field to help further fire the imaginations of our younger children. For those of you that are worrying that there might not be enough focus on the core curriculum with so much art/DT taking place: do not worry in the afternoons this week I have seen some pretty complex algebra work from the class.

There has been no shortage of quality 'core learning' in Godrevy Class either with some impressive maths there too with a focus on multiplication and arrays. They have also produced some brilliant introductions to non-chronological reports about the flora that has developed in Cornwall in the advent of its mining history. Next week they will look more closely at real examples of this fauna when they visit Gwithian Green nature reserve and later in the term they plan to carry out surveys of mining sites to see what hardy plants manage to grow in the often toxic soils around mine sites. They have also been given opportunities to explore their artistic talents however; sketching different plants in preparation of their visit next week. Some members of the class have also been developing some rather more risky DT skills but their safety was assured with Miss Mogridge carefully supervising Forest Skills Club members to use a pruning saw.

Back to maths and after just visiting Kynance Class I'm believing any gaps caused by lockdown might be being closed as Year 2's are currently investigating equivalent fractions which for 6 and 7 year olds is a pretty challenging concept. Meanwhile, the Year 1's who were taking advantage of the sun to take their learning to the amphitheatre were extending their understanding of the value of numbers with many working up to and beyond 100. Their writing continues to be inspired by the Great Fairytale Disaster and Lanza, Alexia and Agnes have just told me all about their innovation with the big bad wolf being substituted by a witch. They have also continued their geographical learning; creating maps of the school grounds and several children came to show me some great history inspired work with annotated diagrams explaining the purpose of the features of a castle.

Finally, our youngest members in Poldhu Class also continue to be inspired by their class story and mysterious forest dweller the Gruffalo. This week however, it was the aforementioned fairies that have inspired their writing. As I said last week we seem to get many visitations from the ethereal creatures and this week many children have been excited to receive their very own personal replies to letters they have written for them. The class have also been getting creative too this time inspired by the minibeasts that they have been exploring and then like Rinsey class using their clay working skills to immortalize them. So, lots of creativity and lots of high-quality core learning all round. I have loved seeing glimpses and hopefully the pictures in this newsletter give you a glimpse too. Unfortunately, I have been in the office for much of the week, dealing with matters and attending meetings with Cathy, Chair of Governors, relating to the structure and maintenance of our buildings but there might well be some very exciting news to come and if the next couple of meetings go the way we hope we could make some great announcements in the weeks to come. Mr L Gardiner

**THIS TERM'S THEME:** *Footprints*

**HEADLINES:** *Developed and Developing*

**WORDS OF WISDOM:** *All knowledge is connected to all other knowledge, the fun is in making the connections*

**MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK:** *Of Monsters and Men*

**VIRTUE OF THE WEEK:** *Being able to make connections*







# Diary Dates

## March

### May

*Mon 10—Godrevy to Gwithian Nature Reserve*

*Thur 13—Poldhu to Gwithian Nature Reserve*

*Thur 20— Special Menu (see below)*

*Mon 24 —Godrevy visit Geevor*

*Fri 28—INSET day (School Closed)*

*May half term Mon 31 May 2021 to Fri 4 Jun 2021*

### June

*Mon 7—INSET day (School Closed)*

*Tue 8—INSET day (School Closed)*

### July

*Mon 19—No Clubs this week*

*Thur 22—INSET day*

*Fri 23—INSET day*

*Mon 26 July 2021—Summer Holidays start*



Whole School Attendance Target

2020-2021: **96%**

This Weeks Whole School Attendance Figure:

**95.89%**

**INSET DAYS FOR  
THE  
ACADEMIC YEAR  
2020/2021**

**Friday 28 May 2021**

**Monday 7 June 2021**

**Tuesday 8 June 2021**

**Thursday 22 July  
2021**

## 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

Join Us for a  
*Trip Around the World*  
Thursday May 20th

**Chinese Chicken Noodles**  
**Mexican Vegetable Burrito**  
**Fresh Seasonal Vegetables**  
**Belgium Waffles**

  
**Flag of China**  
4th Largest Country in the world  
Red symbolizes happiness in China  
Tea was discovered in China

  
**Flag of Mexico**  
Mexico City is sinking  
Mexico City is the oldest city in North America  
Home of the Worlds smallest volcano

  
**Flag of Belgium**  
One of the smallest European countries  
Belgium produces more than 220,000 tonnes of chocolate a year  
Robert Cailliau, co-inventor of the World Wide Web, is a Belgian





## **STARS OF THE WEEK**

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

### **Poldhu**

***Heidi for fantastic independent story writing***

***Ori for fantastic effort with your writing***

### **Kynance**

***Mia for showing great kindness to a friend***

***Alfie for a positive attitude towards learning***

### **Godrevy**

***Olivia SS for fantastic effort in maths***

***Josh for fantastic writing about mines***

### **Rinsey**

***Lola for fabulous effort in maths***

***Oliver for excellent participation in explaining writing***

### **Virtue Value Awards**

***Lola, Lily E, Ophelia, James***