



Spring Term Issue 7

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Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

What an amazing few days we had at the start of the week. Spring feels just around the corner although yesterday certainly still had a wintry feel and the weekend is looking pretty wet. Unfortunately, Outdoor Class is usually scheduled for Thursday so it was yesterday that Poldhu were due to travel to Godrevy and credit to them all they did! They waited until the heaviest downpour had passed then went on a dinosaur hunt searching for fossils and exploring the rock formations which were laid down even before the dinosaurs in the Devonian period. Afterwards they went in search of some elusive but very much alive animals and were rewarded with a mass gathering of seals at the bay. This is the best time of year to see the seals (the larger grey seal at Godrevy) as they have not long had their pups and whole families can be seen relaxing together.

From the extinct to the living to the never has lived. We are aware, as is nearly every school in the country, that there is growing concern about a certain character that has attained viral status on the internet. As with a lot of such viral phenomena the hype is a gross exaggeration of the reality and more reliable media sources such as the Guardian recognise that the resulting hysteria could have worse consequences, quoting charities such as the Samaritans who state that: "These stories being highly publicised and starting a panic means vulnerable people get to know about it and that creates a risk." This said it is out there in the public domain so I gave a myth busting assembly on Wednesday to prevent a game of Chinese whispers spreading fear in school and a link with advice for yourselves as parents can be found on the school website (under Parents E Safety tab and Safeguarding tab).

Today it is Godrevy that have left the building and they are currently en route to Cornwall's Regimental Museum in Bodmin where they will be learning about trench warfare in World War 1 and trying on some of the uniform from the period. Yesterday they were the focus of much attention from outside visitors with a teacher from another school and a maths mastery expert observing the class and Miss Shaw's math's teaching. Miss Shaw is part of a program organised by the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics and her involvement is really helping us to refine our practice and give children the best foundations for a deeper understanding of key principles in the subject. She has also spent a great deal of time developing support materials for you as parents, in particular a fantastic interactive calculation policy. We will be giving information on how to access this and other resources shortly and it will be the focus of the presentation on the open afternoon on March 20th. In the meantime, remember that the online Matheletics program that we subscribe to also has good support materials and lots of opportunities for children to practise key skills.

In Rinsey there has also been some very complex mathematical problem solving around equivalent fractions and a great deal of high quality English work. Within the one week they have covered two different genres of writing with a persuasive piece on keeping an alien alive linked to their topic of space (Infinity and Beyond) and equally meaningful explanation writing linked to the Geography elements of the topic when describing the water cycle and the temperate biomes found on our own planet. The Year 6's in the class have also learnt a few phrases from another language after a transition day at Hayle school on Tuesday.

Kynance have also been involved in writing linked to their topic and preparing pieces for their Outcome day on April 3rd. As part of learning about super heroes they have thought about how they can maximise their superhero potential by eating a balanced diet that includes super foods. At the Outcome you will be able to read their instructions on how to make your own 'Super Smoothie' and also explanations on how to keep your mouth healthy so that you have a grin that any superhero would be proud of.

So busy as always and as always there has been lots of physical activity with the first of the equipment arriving that Mrs Kent purchased from her Breakfast Club award. On Thursday she was incredibly impressed with the netball team who played against Weeth and showed tremendous teamwork and improvement despite losing the match. The netball team's match did mean that for once numbers at Running Club were depleted but we still had double figures of dedicated hardcore members some of whom are close to running 50 miles in the club over the course of the year and many having covered over the marathon distance of 26 miles. For any children unable to come to running club you are more than welcome to join us at Coose Trannock in two weeks on Saturday 16th. As I have said before it is a fantastic inclusive event with races for all ages and it would be good to have as many of you there as possible (please return slips to Mrs B if you wish to come and we will register you). A much closer date for all to be aware of is next Thursday when everyone is invited to dress up as their favourite character for World Book Day. We are using the event as a launchpad for a reading challenge that Mrs Sicolo is organising and we do hope to get as many pictures as possible showing your children completing challenges such as reading to my pet and reading in an unusual place (see ARE YOU A SHARE A STORY READING STAR? sheets). If you are short of a book to read be sure to check out the verandah at the end of the day as Student Council will be selling off unwanted books (donations welcome) for a minimal charge as part of their fundraising agenda and we will also use the opportunity to hold a book swap for adults (again donations welcome). Until then have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone's alter egos next week.

THIS TERM'S THEME: *Journeys*

HEADLINES: *Making choices and decisions*

WORDS OF WISDOM: *Life is a journey and you choose where to go*

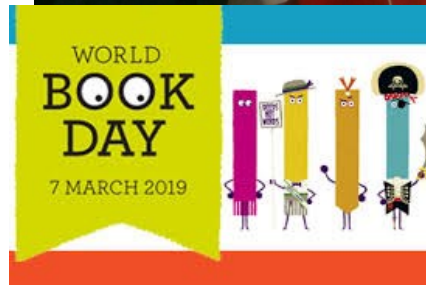
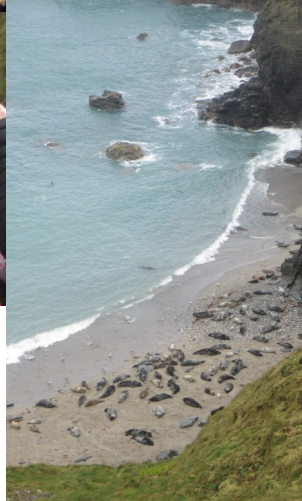
MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK: *Tom Jones*

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK: *Making sensible choices*

QUESTION: *Is life an endless journey? Harriet*

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Diary Dates

March

Tue 5—**Menu Change**—Pasty day

Thur 7—**WORLD BOOK DAY**—Change to menu

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

Mon 1—**NO CLUBS THIS WEEK**

Wed 3—**Kynance Outcome Afternoon**

Fri 5—**INSET**—school closed to pupils

Mon 8—Easter Holidays school closed

Tue 23—Return for Summer Term—**NO CLUBS this week**

Mon 29—**CLUBS BEGIN THIS WEEK**

May

Sat 4—Gwinear Show

Wed 22—Open Afternoon Whole School

Mon 25—Half Term

June

Mon 3—Return to school

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

Mon 15—**NO CLUBS THIS WEEK**

Tues 16—Summer Performance 2pm

Wed 17—Summer Performance 2pm & 6pm

Mon 22-Thur 24 INSET DAY

Can we walk the Senda Pirenaica Trail over the Pyrenees from Cabo Higuer to Cap de Creus before Mr Gardiner does it for real in the Summer holidays?

ONLY 522 MILES!

Dates for
the Diary:

Whole School Attendance Target

2018-2019: **96%**

This Weeks Whole School Attendance Figure:

95.57%

Another 24—from Mrs Barber

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?

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Workout Wednesdays

Steps this week:

66,541

Fitness Fridays

Steps this week:

91,994

Senda Pirenaica Trail

75 Miles

**Cabo Higuer to
Jaurrieta**



STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Poldhu

Jack M for getting so stuck into our space topic

Lanza for brightening our day with your cheeky attitude

Kynance

Oliver for fantastic effort in maths

Rex for working on your independence in lessons

Godrevy

Leah for amazing effort and enthusiasm to all learning

Olivia for brilliant progress in maths

Rinsey

Emily for an excellent attitude to learning

Mate for a good attitude to learning especially maths

Virtue Value Awards

Felix, Grace, Lincoln, Finley