



Autumn Term Issue 7

16.10.2020

# Newsletter



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

One week to go until half term and we are certainly feeling the grip of Autumn with the Lime trees all but stripped of their leaves which makes extra work for our cleaner Chrissie. She has been an absolute star since we came back; working above and beyond to keep the place spotless and as 'corona virus safe' as possible – thank you Chrissie we are so lucky to have you. Another person that has never been shy of going above and beyond is Mrs Sicolo and she has been doing so for a lot longer than my years served here. In fact with the exception of Mrs Skeggs she is our longest serving member of staff and so it is going to be a huge loss to us when she leaves us at the end of this week. However, mindful as ever she has been training the newly appointed Mrs Jones in the skills of library management so we will hopefully be able to maintain many peoples favourite room in school to the same high standard. She has also devised a whole school progression of cooking skills for teachers to use so that she leaves a sustainable legacy of culinary expertise. More importantly she has also agreed to come back from time to time when we could really do with the benefit of her talents such as during breakfast around the world week so it isn't good-bye for good but we will miss her and I know many of you will too – she has never been one for the lime-light but I will try and drag her out onto the playground next week so that you can give your best wishes.

If anyone was in doubt of Mrs Sicolo's prowess in the kitchen they should have been here on Wednesday for Godrevy Class' latest culinary adventure creating dishes from Thailand and Korea with a green curry, corn fritters, prawn pancakes and a spicy salad on offer. I was hoping there would be a little left over but it must have tasted as good as it smelt. Poldhu Class have not been cooking but they have been tasting after a visit to Trevaskis Farm earlier in the week to look at the food grown there and to bring back their own apple. They are also becoming more familiar with the class story of the Gingerbread Man and many are starting to be able to recount it off by heart – I will ask Mrs Barber to put the storymap on the website so you can practice at home. Whilst thinking about Poldhu Class I must apologise to you all for not giving you the great news before that Mrs Lynes has had a baby girl; I have yet to meet Mila Honey Lynes but she looks adorable – see picture in the newsletter with her proud sister Esmae.

We are missing Mrs Lynes EYFS expertise but after seeing Poldhu in action this week they are definitely in capable hands with Mrs Barber and Miss Gaylard has been a brilliant addition to the team there. We have also struck gold with Mr Eyriey and Mrs Jones who are now getting fully into the swing of life at Gwinear. Mr Eyriey is helping me run a football competition for Rinsey Class this afternoon whilst Mrs Jones, being a qualified teacher and therefore able to cover a class, is currently relieving Mrs Haddy this morning so that she is able to carry out an audit of reading across the school as English coordinator. I haven't had full feedback yet but she seemed pretty happy at break and commented on how much a lot of children are reading at home which is great news; it is the most important home support you can give. The football competition we are holding this afternoon will be one of many as Mr Buckley, myself and Mr Eyriey decided that, with the absence of external competitions to take part in due to Covid restrictions, we would hold a mini tournament at the end of every PE block so that children could still take part in friendly competition and learn the principles of good sportsmanship. Mr Buckley said they were clearly evident on Thursday when Godrevy had a hockey tournament and this morning the class are further demonstrating their cooperative skills by planting the trees Mr Lester bought in. We now have two edges of the field planted and the trees for the third edge will be arriving soon. In years to come we hope the twin line of trees around the whole perimeter will make a fantastic wild border with a path threaded through and the learning areas periodically spaced to provide an outdoor learning environment that is second to none. In this environment we want to nurture children that truly want to make a positive change to the environmental future of our planet and judging by the sea of green in every classroom today they are certainly looking like developing that way – thank you all for supporting the day and I am delighted to say that as a result of your efforts 70 trees will be planted in a country that can support tropical forest growth (see website <https://www.justonetree.life/> for details of how the money will be used). Speaking of trees, Kynance have just returned from the woods at Crenver Grove where I hear they had a delightfully messy time making nature sandwiches. I am sure they are not as healthy as the smoothies they made earlier in the week – sounds like I missed out on another tour for the taste buds then after speaking to Alexia and Lanza who described their mango and raspberry combination – but I bet they were just as much fun to make and will hopefully inspire some more detailed instruction writing. Right I must get my whistle. Have a great weekend whatever you do – looks like a bit of rain tomorrow but nothing that should stop you getting out.

Mr Gardiner

**THIS TERM'S THEME:** *Going 4 Goals*

**HEADLINES:** *Black Lives Matter*

**MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK:** *Joan Armatrading*

**WORDS OF WISDOM:** *We're all in this together*

**VIRTUE OF THE WEEK:** *Making the future better for others*

**QUESTION:** *If it's a small goal does it still count? Sophia*

Aiming for the  
**Stars**

www.gwinear.cornwa

ll.sch.uk







## Diary Dates

### Diary Dates

#### October

Wed 21—Kynance to Minack Theatre

Mon 26 to Fri 30—Autumn half term

#### November

Tue 3—Flu Vaccinations

Fri 6—Muddy Puddles Sponsored Walk

#### December

Mon 21 to Fri 1 Jan 2021—Christmas holiday

Mon 4—Spring term begins

#### February

Mon 15 to Fri 19 Feb 2021—Spring half term

#### April

Fri 2 Apr 2021 to Fri 16 Apr 2021—Easter Break

Mon 19—Summer term begins

#### May

Mon 3 May 2021—Bank Holiday

Fri 28—INSET day

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

#### June

Mon 7—INSET day

Tue 8—INSET day

#### July

Thur 22—INSET day

Fri 23—INSET day

Mon 26 July 2021—Summer Holidays start

Dates for  
the Diary:

Whole School Attendance Target

2020-2021: **96%**

This Weeks Whole School Attendance Figure:

**94.93%**

## INSET DAYS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2020/2021

**Friday 28 May 2021**

**Monday 7 June 2021**

**Tuesday 8 June 2021**

**Thursday 22 July 2021**

**Friday 23 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



## **STARS OF THE WEEK**

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

### **Poldhu**

*Sophie for amazing storytelling*

*Enzo for a fantastic story plan*

### **Kynance**

*Lily for super writing and an excellent attitude to learning*

*Alexia for super writing and an excellent attitude to learning*

### **Godrevy**

*Grace for trying really hard with her reading comprehension*

*Benjamin for being a great member of his guided reading group*

### **Rinsey**

*Zack for being a ray of sunshine*

*Rosie for excellent reading, maths and art*

### **Virtue Value Awards**

*Florence, Ethan, Olivia A, Arthur*