



Autumn Term Issue 4

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# Newsletter



Dear Parents Carers and Children,

What a wild end to the week but it's not stopping us getting out. Godrevy are getting ready for their trip to Trink to find out how the milk we drink at school is produced. Unfortunately, I think there may be a few disappointed faces as several children have made the connection between ice cream and cows and are expecting a sample; the complimentary milk and cereal is unlikely to be received with the same enthusiasm. There was no shortage of enthusiasm for the food they created on Wednesday with pizza, pasta bake and cake, proving popular throughout the class. Due to Mrs Sicolo being away last week the class had to combine well known dishes of France and Italy and I wish I had not been teaching myself because I would have loved to sample the fusion of cuisine. Over the course of the term the class will cook dishes from all over the world whilst learning about the countries from which they originate and this time they are producing a blog rather than a book to share their culinary adventures and favourite recipes with you all.

Although I missed sampling Godrevy's produce I did enjoy my afternoon in Kynance Class and was delighted to see that they are just as enthusiastic about their topic of superheroes. Their visits from local superheroes in the form of a paramedic and a policeman had paved the way brilliantly for me to introduce a superhero from history in the form of Florence Nightingale. The current crisis has reiterated the ideas Florence introduced and I'm sure even she would be impressed with the class' rigour with handwashing although I'm not sure she would find the bandaging skills as praiseworthy – we had fun though. I was impressed with their writing skills and Mrs Backhouse has informed me that they are attempting a first sustained write with a retelling of Supertato today so hopefully I will soon see a lot more.

In Poldhu class our youngest children have been exploring their senses and after doing so in the classroom and their outdoor area they went on their first visit to Outdoor Class yesterday. I wish I could have joined them because the excitement for the bus trip was palpable never mind getting into the mud at Crenver Grove. Mrs Barber said they were incredible in the woods with brilliant behaviour despite the wealth of distractions and judging by the pictures it looks like much curiosity was sated. Next week, for a contrast, they hope to visit the second of our three Outdoor classes at Gwithian green where they hope to find the last of the blackberries – let's hope the old wives tales are not true because we will be into October.

Rinsey Class have continued their topic of machines and mechanics and this week they are trying their hand as structural engineers. This has provided a good context for maths work involving triangles which is now being applied to build houses. They will need to be strong ones as they have also invented a host of monsters to attack their town but fortunately they have got their trebuchets from last week to defend themselves. All of the design projects have provided excellent stimuli for Mrs Haddy's 'slow writes' in which children are applying their skills of sentence variation using DADWAVERS (Description, Action, Detail, Where, Adverb, Verb, Estimation of time, Rhetorical questions, and Summary). Again, I look forward to reading some of the work that is produced and it is so reassuring to see how involved all children are with their respective topics. As always summaries of topic coverage can be found on the website and keep an eye on class tabs to see what is going on and find out how you can get involved – some teachers will also use Seesaw for this end. You can also see assemblies that are being shown in school on Seesaw and therefore get involved with the PSHE/SMSC ideas being presented in school. So, I know that there is much to be worried about with the escalating problems we all face but being back in school is allowing us to provide so many rich experiences for the children we serve and our capacity to do so has just increased because from Monday we have two new members of staff joining us. It is always sad to see someone leave but with Mrs Tullet's parting we have now been joined by two dynamic TAs in the form of Mr Eyriey and Mrs Jones; we advertised for one post but on the day neither we (myself, teachers and governors) or the student council could decide between the two so with the extra funds available due to government intervention we have employed both. I hope you will all get to meet them soon across the divide of social distance at the gate and I know you will all make them feel welcome. Finally with regard to social distance at the gate we will now have a larger coned area inside the school gate from which you can pick up your children at the end of the day and/or after clubs -please respect this boundary and maintain safe distances from each other within it to help us keep everyone safe.

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

**HEADLINES:** *Overcoming barriers*

**MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK:** *Snow Patrol*

**WORDS OF WISDOM:** *The biggest obstacle you'll ever have to overcome is your mind. If you can overcome that, you can overcome anything*

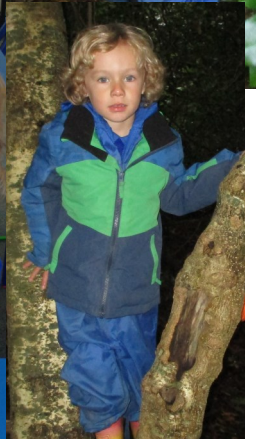
**VIRTUE OF THE WEEK:** *Being able to persevere*

**QUESTION:** *Do you finish goals or do goals finish you?*

Aiming for the  
**Stars**

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## Diary Dates

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#### September

*Mon 28 Return to hot menu for lunch*

#### October

*Mon 12—Tempest Photos 1pm*

*Mon 26 to Fri 30—Autumn half term*

#### November

*Tue 2—Flu Vaccinations*

#### 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*



Whole School Attendance Target

2017-2018: **96%**

This Weeks Whole School Attendance Figure:

**93.65%**

### 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**

*Ophelia for being a very helpful member of the class*

*Taylor for a fantastic attitude to learning*

### **Kynance**

*Megan for her excellent independent writing*

*Noah for a super attitude towards his learning*

### **Godrevy**

*Evie for amazing effort in math*

*Zach for trying really hard with his writing*

### **Rinsey**

*Lola for excellent concentration and attitude to learning*

*Oliver for good effort in maths and reading*

### **Virtue Value Awards**

*Enzo, Lanza, Finian, Erin*