



Autumn Term Issue 3

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# Newsletter



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Autumn is definitely here and it won't be long before we are in the continual battle to clear the leaves from our iconic Lime trees as they collect under the verandah. However, whilst it does provide a perfect place for harbouring all forms of windswept debris it does also provide fantastic shelter from the elements for you as parents and I know this has been much appreciated over the last week. With this in mind we have decided to release Poldhu from the hall at the end of the day as with the other classes so that parents of reception children are able to benefit from a roof over their heads and also to make it easier for new parents to socialize with the existing school community. On this note there was a wonderful atmosphere in the hall yesterday at the PTFA coffee morning which was probably largely thanks to the abundance of delicious cake. If you were unable to make it the PTFA plan on making the mornings a regular event and will send out the date for the next one when it is finalised.

Despite the weather's efforts to dissuade, most of the school have been out and about over the course of the week. Yesterday Poldhu continued to explore their senses with a trip to Godolphin and an exploration of the grounds and their barefoot trail which has given us ideas of how to extend our own. On Monday Godrevy decided to take the minibuses to Reawla to take part in 'Experience Harvest' which is organized by our local 'Open the Book' group. Today they are out again at Tehidy woods which is allowing their classroom to have its switch around with the whiteboard moved so that Miss Shaw is better able to theme the class in her usual dramatic style. Kynance meanwhile haven't been off site but have had to take some of their learning outdoors as they have been finding out how to make concrete! Mrs Eustice, who has now switched leadership roles with Miss Austin and become the science coordinator, decided to really bring the class' work on materials alive and link to their topic on the Great Fire by building houses out of different materials that will be later tested for their resistance to fire. Finally, along with their swimming lesson at Carn Brea on Tuesday, Year 5's have been developing their bike safety skills and were out on the road with the bikeability trainers on Wednesday. So that the rest of the class didn't feel hard done by, Mrs Haddy helped them learn about the Aztec game Pok-a-Tok which involves getting a ball through a vertical hoop using any part of the body except hands, feet and head. The children in the class are all deeply involved with their topic and this morning were just as engrossed in a maths discovery lesson that I became equally puzzled by so I have substituted the usual 24 problem for it this week so that you can test out your own powers of reasoning. Judging by the met office forecast all but the hardest will be kept indoors this weekend so it will give you something to do. Remember also that there are the optional homework task sheets on the school website and plenty of learning games on the Athletics website. Whatever you do have fun and we will see you next week and hopefully see a little more blue sky.

Mr Gardiner

## 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

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

**HEADLINES:** *Overcoming barriers*

**WORDS OF WISDOM:** *Individually we are one drop, together we are an ocean (Ryunosuke Satoro)*

**MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK:** *Imagine Dragons*

**VIRTUE OF THE WEEK:** *Working with others*

**QUESTION:** *Does patience make us weaker or stronger? Tegen*

Aiming for the  
**Stars**

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*On behalf of all of the Governors may I take this opportunity to welcome you all back to Gwinear School and a very special welcome to our new families! Hopefully you have all now settled into a routine and the children are enjoying every minute of their time at school.*

*At the end of last term we were delighted to welcome two new Governors to the Governing Body: Ingrid Stone and Jack Tesseyman. Both have children at the school and are keen to get stuck in to their Governor duties! We also said goodbye to Malcolm Pearce who decided to stand down as a Governor after three years, thank you to Malcolm for his commitment and support.*

*We have a vacancy on the Governing Body for a Parent Governor and, with this in mind, there will be a letter coming home today to explain the process for being nominated as a potential Governor. We would be particularly interested to hear from anyone with experience of Strategic Planning, Employee Relations or perhaps a Legal background; similarly experience of being part of another Governing Body would be welcome.*

*I would be pleased to talk through the role with anyone who may have questions or might be interested in becoming a Governor; it really is a very rewarding role and a great opportunity to get involved with forming the strategic direction of the school. I can be contacted on my school email ([chair@gwinear.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:chair@gwinear.cornwall.sch.uk)) or I will happily give you a call or meet up for a chat. The deadline for nominations is 11th of October.*

*Whether you are keen to become a Governor or would rather be part of the PTFA or help as a parent volunteer there are lots of chances to become involved with the school and I am sure that you will be welcomed with open arms! Here's wishing you all a happy weekend, fingers crossed for some fine weather!*

*Cathy Woolcock (Chair of Governors)*



## Diary Dates

### September

Mon 30—Kynance to Minack Theatre

### October

Wed 2—Y5 Transition event Hayle School

Thur 3—**Menu Change**—please see notice under verandah

Thur 3—Tempest photographer in (Individuals & Family groups)

Thur 10—Y6 Transition event Hayle School

Thur 17—Open Afternoon

Fri 18—Non uniform for chocolate PTFA

Fri 18—Y1 Hearing Tests

### **Mon 21—Fri 25 Half term**

Thur 31—PTFA Halloween Disco 5.30pm

### November

Fri 8—School Nurse in Nasal Flu Vaccs

Mon 18—Godrevy to Truro Cinema

Fri 22—Non uniform for a bottle PTFA

Fri 29—PTFA Christmas Fayre

### December

Wed 11—Christmas Performance

Thur 12—Christmas Performance

### SCIENCE FACTS—TRUE OR FALSE?

When water is cooled, does it contract or expand?

**Last weeks answer: Salamanders** (and other amphibians and reptiles) are ectothermic. This means that they generally have to rely on the environment as a heat source, and for the most part cannot generate their own internal body heat.



### INSET DAYS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/2020

Friday 22 May 2020

Monday 1 June 2020

Tuesday 2 June 2020

Wednesday 3 June 2020

Dates for  
the Diary:

Whole School Attendance Target

2017-2018: **96%**

This Weeks Whole School Attendance Figure:

**95.10%**

Can you make 37 adding a combination of 10 digits using only 1s, 3s, 5s or 7s—if not why not ?

## Workout Wednesdays

Steps this week:

**51,973**

## Fitness Friday

Steps this week:

**47,731**

**Total Miles = 47**



## **STARS OF THE WEEK**

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

**Poldhu**

***Jaxon for really focusing on your independent learning***

***Callum for being a kind friend***

**Kynance**

***Lanza for showing great enthusiasm towards learning***

***Heath for having a positive attitude to learning***

**Godrevy**

***Josh for always having great enthusiasm***

***Chloe for being very mature and looking after her friends***

**Rinsey**

***Charlotte for trying very hard with her reading***

***Lincoln for good improvements***

**Virtue Value Awards**

***Olivia A, Alfie B, Alfie Y, Agnes***