



Spring Term Issue 03

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Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

It is Friday morning and a quick glance at the stats on Seesaw tells me we are on 1500 submissions of work for the week; I'm going to give it till lunchtime before copying the table into this newsletter and I'm hoping for another 100 so using my powers of telepathy I invite you all to start working! Well maybe not quite yet; it is only 8 o'clock although that does seem to be several people's preferred way of working; starting early and then having the afternoon off to do their own thing. Due to a very hectic week, I have not been able to look at as many of your individual efforts as I would have liked but I have penciled in next Tuesday for my virtual walk around our virtual school and I will make sure I comment on something by every single one of you out there. However, I have had the time to comment on all the responses to the assembly task about taking risks and it was a pleasure to do so – what a brave adventurous and resourceful lot you are. Pictures and videos of your adventures before lockdown restrictions was like something from an adventure film festival: Eleanor cold water swimming, Oliver leaping fearlessly from a pier, Jack clinging to a cliff 50 feet above the sea, Aoife sailing across to the Scillies, Alexia cruising the slopes on her snowboard and Grace and Olivia stood on the summit of Snowdon to name just a few. Meanwhile many of you proved that lockdown doesn't have to stop us taking risks and having adventures with Lily getting rid of the stabilisers on her bike, Chloe getting rid of a lot of her hair – you look great Chloe and my highlight of the week was Jago daring to do exactly what I said in assembly and sleep beneath the stars but in his tent in the back garden!

In school we have also had an exciting week and Wednesday was the most exciting of all. Trying to recruit the best teacher to fill a role in our school is never easy. Trying to recruit someone to replace such an amazing teacher as Miss Shaw makes it even harder. Trying to do this when we have six children in the class and not being able to have any of the candidates in school (with the added complication that one of them is currently in Sydney) made the prospect of the day pretty daunting to say the least. Amazingly despite the terrible weather on the day doing its best to disrupt internet connections that we were so reliant on we did manage it and I believe we hit gold! The whole process was only possible because of a huge amount of effort from a lot of different people so I must thank them all. First of all to the 6 candidates that had to give their upmost for; a video of an activity that children could do at home (sorry they didn't get to all of you that volunteered but certain files could not be uploaded onto seesaw – we could view them though), a formal interview with myself and governors, a less formal staffroom interview to see if their personality fitted the team, marking some anonymous samples of work, a medium term plan for a topic and a live Zoom lesson with our six children. It was pretty full on and they all did brilliantly. My next thank you goes to the six children that were in school that had to spend a morning, with very little breaks, sitting through six maths lessons – they were still giving their full attention by the sixth and produced some fantastic work. Finally, to the staff who facilitated the activities; Miss Shaw observing all lessons and tweaking video files to view on different software, Mrs B quickly rearranging Zoom calls when the internet failed us, Mrs Barber and Mrs Tate making our candidates feel so welcome, all other staff in school bending over backwards to cover provision for other children and perhaps most admirably governors, Mrs Woolcock and Mrs Tovey who began the day with me before 8 in the morning to interview the candidate in Sydney, didn't stop all day and finished our deliberations close to 7 in the evening. The annoying thing is we have to wait until certain pieces of paperwork are completed before we can officially announce who we have appointed but rest assured we are very happy. Right I need to write the final six questions for the quiz so I will leave you and hopefully see many of you in real time at 2.30 for the quiz and/or at your convenience for the Friday recorded Celebration Assembly on Seesaw. I might, have five minutes to have a play on my new favourite addition to our Outdoor Learning environment – Mr Lester has finished the first 'Heavy Metal' section of the Music Wall, I can't wait till you can all come back to have a play with it! In the meantime you could have a go at making your own at home and video yourself cracking out a few rhythms – maybe I can persuade staff to give you an example on Seesaw?! "Miss Shaw!" "Mrs Skeggs!".... Have a great weekend, Mr Gardiner

January 16 - January 22 at Gwinear Community Primary School

1,655

Posts Added
(Last 7 days)

951

Comments
(Last 7 days)

2,035

Likes of Student Work
(Last 7 days)

256

Visits by Family Members
(Last 7 days)

THIS TERM'S THEME: *Journeys*

HEADLINES: *Travelling together, travelling alone*

WORDS OF WISDOM: *People who travel together grow together*

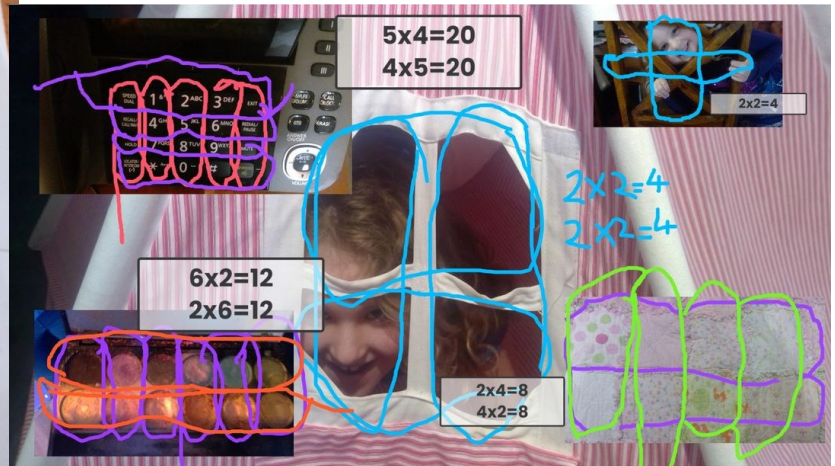
MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK: *Foo Fighters*

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK: *Being loyal*

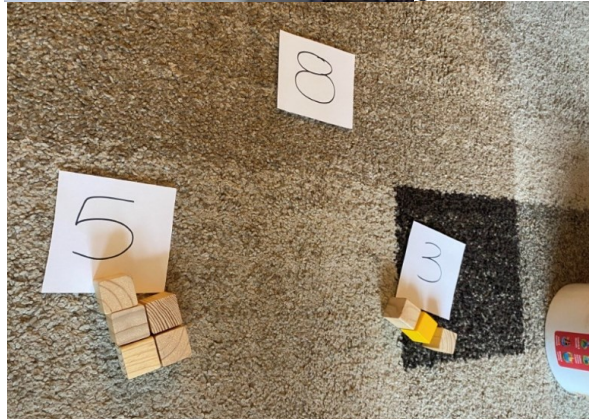
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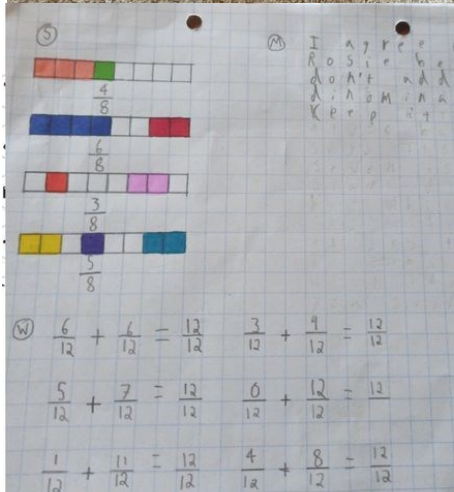
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**9.4/10, the music the beat
everything is good just the
voice makes it 9.4, thats my
opinion**



**Daddy and Jaxon used a white board and
pasta to practise subtractions**





STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Poldhu

Georgie for super maths work

Amelie T for amazing attitude to home learning

Kynance

Megan for such fantastic effort with home learning

Harvey for such amazing effort with home learning

Godrevy

Finian for great effort with all learning

Zach for great explanation /evaluation of musician of the week

Rinsey

Brendan for excellent art outcome

Leone for excellent art outcome