



Summer Term Issue 13

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Newsletter



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We approach the final four days and although it has not been the summer term we would have wished for we have all worked together to make the best of a bad deal. In our values statement on the website we stress the importance of developing a 4th R in children which can represent a range of different qualities one of which is resilience and you have all shown that in fine style. Faced with the challenge of school closure everybody did their bit to make online learning work and having evaluated the involvement on Seesaw and Tapestry to report to governors I think we can say it was a success. 100% of children engaged in online learning at some time over the 13 week period since Easter, over 90% of children responded to over 100 activities set with some children submitting over 300 pieces of work. There was no shortage of quality either with many children producing some of the best work we have seen from them; we know this has often required parents' time and valuable support for which we are extremely grateful.

As I have said before it is a shame in many ways that you don't have the privilege to see the vast array of the school's collective effort and you have only got to see a selection of highlights in the weekly celebration assembly and newsletter. However, the wait is over and I am delighted to announce that the School's Art Gallery is now open (the link is on the school facebook page). It may only be one aspect of the work produced over this period but I think it perfectly showcases the variety of creativity of our children. There are 205 (I think) pieces of work within the gallery in 5 different rooms and every time I visit I find a new favourite. I had the pleasure of hanging quite a few of the pictures up but most of the credit has to go to Miss Shaw who has worked tirelessly to bring the project to fruition – if you want to say thank you I last saw her in the portrait gallery where she was amused by Edward's self portrait featuring the haircut he desires after lockdown and if you wander around the museum I'm sure you will meet the other members of the team (thanks again to Miss Shaw's wizardry). The biggest thank you however, has to go to the artists that produced it and be sure to send messages of gratitude by adding a comment to the slide by clicking the comment button in the top right-hand corner of the picture's slide. Spare time to think as well that you are just seeing the collective response to 6 art tasks; imagine the wealth of work that has been produced in response to the 100s of tasks set on seesaw from brilliant maths investigations to wonderful creative writing. Like I said I think we can say it was a success and something we should all be proud of and celebrate.

THIS TERM'S THEME: What's It Worth

HEADLINES: The value of art

WORDS OF WISDOM: Art is too important not to share

MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK: Bon Jovi

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK: Appreciation of effort

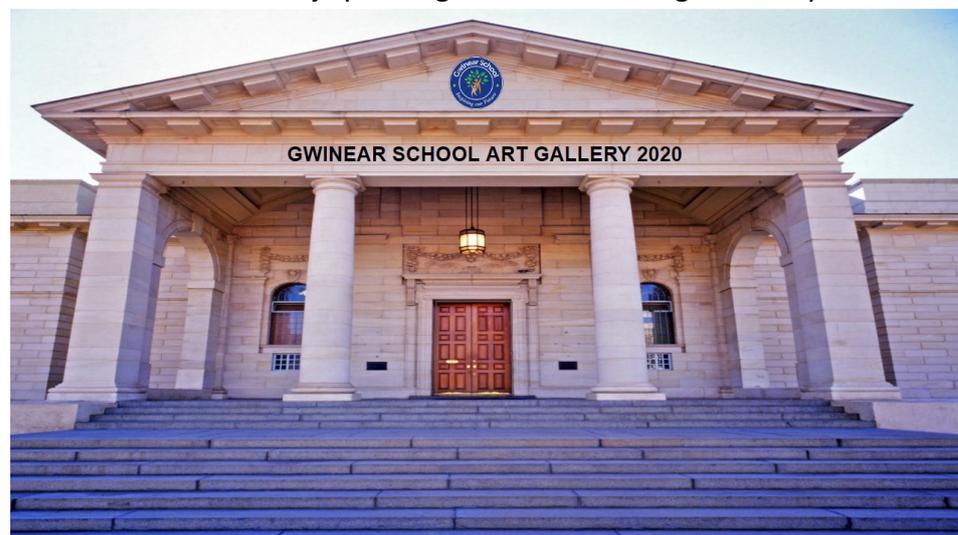
Question: Which is your favourite piece in the gallery ?

Another group that have something to celebrate are those teams that reached the podiums in response to Mr Buckley's virtual sports day. This year Seychelles won bronze, Barbados were awarded silver but the winners by a slender margin were Sweden - medals will be posted as soon as we get them (our supplier is not quite as efficient as usual). Again, it wouldn't have been possible without your efforts, although many children were able to complete the tasks in school due to our 'rotation return'. Well done to everybody for participating with such enthusiasm and good sportsmanship and thank you to Mr Buckley for making it possible. More thanks are due for another individual who has helped keep Kynance Class busy with some fun activities to compliment their core learning; every week Mr Barr has set a challenge for the class, there have been some fantastic responses and it is clear how much the children have enjoyed doing them so thank you Mr B.

Hopefully, Mr B will be joining our governing body in September and we will be fortunate to have him as part of a strong leadership team and that brings me to a final thank you to our governing body. Cathy, our chair, apologised to Ingrid and Jack at last night's Governor meeting because when they first became governors they thought their commitment would be no more than 4 meetings a term! With the recent crisis it has meant that we have been meeting pretty much every other week, decisions about school opening that have huge implications have had to be made collectively and for two weeks I decided to leave them to it by incapacitating myself. It is a huge responsibility to stand in their position and it has meant a great deal of hours given to the cause and they don't get paid for their effort so on behalf of the community and sincerely from me, thank you Cathy, Jenny, Jayne, Charlotte, Ingrid, Jack, Miss Shaw and also to our clerk Kerry for keeping us in order.

No more thank yous this week but there are several more congratulations to finish with. Firstly, to Mrs Backhouse who has quickly been promoted from her role as teaching assistant to that of class teacher to job share in Class 2 next year with Mrs Eustice. The reason for this is the source of more celebration because Miss Austin has confirmed what several people had suspected - she and her partner Josh are excitedly awaiting the arrival of their first child! She will return for some minimal contact work in September so you will be able to personally give your regards before she leaves us for a while. Finally, with Mrs Lynes also leaving us for a while to have her second child and Mrs Barber stepping up to full time we have also employed Miss Gaylard, who has been working in Poldhu Class periodically over the last two years, to help support the team for three days a week. So, the team is revamped and soon we will be recharged too - we still have four days to go though so we will see many of you in person for one last time. In the meantime, you can find most of us virtually in the gallery - I'm going to join Miss Shaw in the portrait room because I want another look at Jenson's Ninja painting. Have fun viewing and see you next week.

Mr Gardiner







STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Poldhu

Sidney for great enthusiasm with circus skills

Rupert for great ideas when den building

Kynance

Jack for amazing sports day achievements

Alexia Stone for a fantastic performance in our talent show

Mille for amazing all round effort

Grace for amazing determination in kwick cricket

Godrevy

Brandon for trying really hard with his learning

Caja for excellent effort with year 5 and 6

Oliver for being an amazing team leader and helping younger pupils

Rinsey

Oliver for smashing writing

Solas for lovely work on her days in school

Abigail for great word work and sculpting