



Summer Term Issue 6

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Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I'm writing on Thursday so the beautiful weather I describe may be a distant memory by the time you come to read it if the current weather forecast is anything to go by. However, even if Porthpean Camp does have a damp ending tomorrow, I doubt it will do much to lower the spirits of the Year 5's and 6's that are there because they were amazing when I joined them last night and Miss Shaw texted to say how impressed she was with their behavior today with several of the instructors making positive comments about them. I wish I could have joined them for what looked like a glorious day on the water in the sunshine, judging by the pictures, but I did get the pleasure of sharing their company for the cliff walk last night and there was hardly a moan despite the multitude of steps they had to climb. According to the staff team there were some great performances at the archery targets and at the climbing wall earlier in the day which bodes well for the high ropes tomorrow and although you never know how well the nerves will hold out on the 'leap of faith' there is certainly no lack of determination.

Another person that commented on the positive behaviour of our children was Alison Smith who works for the conservation charity Plantlife. The charity work nationally and internationally to save threatened wild flowers, plants and fungi and at the moment they are carrying out an audit of woodland in the South West with the ultimate aim of increasing biodiversity in the area. Our school is helping with this work by carrying out an audit of Crenver Grove and today Godrevy were busy making their scientific measurements. Guided by Alison and our own nature specialist Mrs Tate, the children used quadrats and species identification guides to discover what species could be found on the wood's floor and then using a canopy scope they looked for correlations between light infiltration and range of plant life. All very complex stuff but as said Alison was really impressed with their careful approach to the task and their overall behaviour. Next time Rinsey will be continuing with the audit and soon, once the field research equipment that student council won the money for arrives, we will be able to carry out further investigations including finding out what small mammals dwell in the wood we all love.

The final person to remark on the children's behavior was the lovely Mrs Firth: a supply teacher that covered Poldhu Class today and will be in tomorrow whilst Mrs Lynes and Mrs Barber brave the rain. She found the children an absolute delight to teach and thoroughly enjoyed making seagull sandwiches with them for the Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch. As a forest school practitioner, she was also amazed at the school's wonderful grounds and was excited to hear of our plans to develop them further. It is nice to hear such positive affirmations and it is a testament to how kind, caring and responsible the children in our little community are and how lucky we are to be able to serve them.

It is now Friday and looking out the window I am no longer jealous of Miss Shaw, Mrs Barber and Mrs Lynes. I have been in their position many times before and know how a wet Friday after two nights at camp can be wearing. You have had little sleep as your ears are always alert for the little knock that means a middle of the night trip to the toilet and yet it is your job to be bright, smiley, calm and to keep the spirits high. It is worth it because you know that it is making lifetime memories for both you and the children but that is not to say it is easy. I don't have a single doubt that the three of them will manage it though and I thank them all for their dedication to the cause. For those of you with children in the class you will have to wait till next week to relay your own thanks, if you wish too, as I will be sending them home for a well-earned rest as soon as they return. I imagine all the children will sleep well tonight too and the good news is, whilst there is a good chance of showers over the weekend, it looks like the sun will also make a reappearance. Have a good weekend whatever you are doing and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday for another busy week including an open afternoon on Thursday with a book quiz and 'pasty tea' straight after school. We hope to see as many of you there as possible and please don't be put off if you don't know your J K Rowling from your Julia Donaldson – there will be others you can join with that do.

Hopefully see you there,

Mr Gardiner

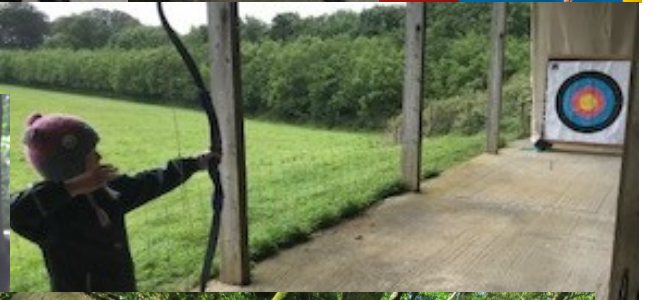
THIS TERM'S THEME: *Footprints*

HEADLINES: *Climate Change*

WORDS OF WISDOM: *I want you to act as if the house was on fire (Greta Thunberg)*

MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK: *The Sherlocks* **VIRTUE OF THE WEEK:** *Being able to make connections*

QUESTION: *When is it right to panic ?*



Diary Dates

June

Wed 12—**No clubs**—due to staff training

Wed 12—Tempest CLASS photos

Thur 13—**OPEN AFTERNOON & Book Quiz**

Fri 14—Non Uniform for the PTFA—bottles please

Wed 19—Carnyorth Camp meeting (Year 3 & 4)

Thur 20—Sports Day

Fri 21—Year 5 & 6 Surf Day

Mon 24—Rinsey to Caerhayes Castle

Mon 24—Year 3 & 4 Carnyorth Camp

Fri 28—Poldhu outcome afternoon

Fri 28—Kernow King Production

Fri 28—PTFA Summer Fayre & Community market

July

Mon 1—School Council Cake Sale

Wed 3—Year 6 transition day at Hayle School

Wed 3—Year 5 Goblin Car Race Day

Wed 3—Kynance outcome afternoon

Wed 3-5—Poldhu Activity Days

Wed 10—Godrevy outcome afternoon

Wed 10-12—Kynance Activity Days

Mon 15—**NO CLUBS THIS WEEK**

Tues 16—Summer Performance 2pm

Wed 17—Summer Performance 2pm & 6pm

Mon 22-Thur 24 INSET DAYS

SCIENCE FACT

Why do our eyes run when cutting onions?

Last weeks answer: Natural gas is odourless, the chemical mercaptan is added to give it the distinctive odour



INSET DAYS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/2020

Wednesday 4 Sept 2019

Monday 1 June 2020

Tuesday 2 June 2020

Wednesday 3 June 2020

Dates for
the Diary:

Whole School Attendance Target

2018-2019: **96%**

This Weeks Whole School Attendance Figure:

95.32%

Another 24—from Mr Gardiner

As you are all getting so good at this we have decided to make things more challenging by including problems with 2 digits in them. The rules are still the same you must use all 4 numbers but you can only use each one once.

There is at least 1 solution can you find more?

4

4

10

2

Workout Wednesday

Steps this week:

21,319

Fitness Fridays

Steps this week:

35,597

Miles = 27



STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Poldhu

Noah for great work in maths

Blossom for being excellent at adapting to change

Kynance

Macee for concentrating on capital letters in writing

Brandon for working hard at your number bonds

Godrevy

Kayleigh for excellent tangram work

Leone for trying hard in all lessons

Rinsey

Max for being amazing all week at camp

Abigail for trying everything and being amazing at camp

Virtue Value Awards

Zach, Lacy, Agnes, Olivia A