



Autumn Term Issue 7

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Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Where did those weeks go? It doesn't seem 7 weeks since we came back and despite the nights drawing in it doesn't feel like we are closing in on winter. Looking back through the newsletters however, we have certainly fitted plenty in and we are all ready for a little respite before the festive season gets underway. This week Poldhu were making the most of Autumn's many hues by creating creatures of the woods out of natural materials. Back at school they were also creating and learning how to use instructional language whilst making potions in their outdoor water area. Kynance have also been busy constructing and the class is now full of many coloured castles which are now being fitted with clever mechanisms to lower drawbridges and in some cases the golden locks of an imprisoned princess. Moving mechanisms have been central to Rinsey's topic on 'Machines- Friend or Foe' but this week they were exploring the theme in a more creative manner through the medium of dance. The year 5s in the class also got the chance to develop their artistic talents during a transition event at Hayle focussed on etching. Finally, Godrevy have rounded off their half term with yet another country's cuisine. This week it was one for the carnivores with various dishes from South Africa including Bobotie and chicken marinated in spices. However, there was plenty of tofu for the vegetarians and cooking in the fire circle on our makeshift braai added a touch of authenticity to all dishes.

So we are well underway and much of the work that has been produced will be showcased in the Outcome Days that are timetabled for each class. Make sure you mark the dates in your diary and those of you that have children in Rinsey be aware that the original date has been changed to 27th October. Other dates to note are the 7th November when you are all welcome to attend the Open Afternoon to join in with your children's learning; we have also invited prospective parents for next year's intake so you will have a chance to meet them. Then of course there is the Christmas performance and the Christmas Fayre which is being planned by the PTFA in the hall as I write – it will be held on the 30th November and should therefore be a great launch into festivities. Before all of that however, there is the Halloween disco in the first week back so part of your holiday can be spent designing your outfit. Have a great week whatever you plan to do and I look forward to seeing you all in the chilly mornings of next half term. There is a lot to look forward to and potentially there are some incredibly exciting developments on the horizon as Cathy explains below.

Mr Gardiner

Last night was the first Governor's meeting of the new academic year and I was delighted to be elected Chair of Governors for another year, I would like to thank my fellow governors for their vote of confidence and very much look forward to another busy 12 months! For those of you that don't know me I have been a governor at the school for 9 years, since before my own children were old enough to be at the school! My twin sons are now in Year 7 at Hayle School and while they have settled well we are all missing the lovely family feel at Gwinear. I work for Cornwall Heritage Trust and am involved with Hayle RFC Mini Juniors as well as acting as PA and taxi driver to my boys. I am committed to my role as a governor and make sure that I am in school regularly because I am passionate about the ethos of Gwinear School and ensuring that every child has the best possible, all round experience during their time here.

It looks like it will be another busy year and we are hoping to see progress towards some really positive changes; planning permission has just been submitted for the replacement Reception classroom, work has already begun on the improvements to our fantastic outdoor area and we have received over 80 letters so far supporting our case for a car park! While the car park will be a slow burn I would like to thank you all for helping with our cause, we really appreciate it and fingers crossed we can move forwards with this.

Governors will have their work cut out this year, we are all assigned an element of the School Improvement Plan to oversee as well as our own responsibilities; you can find out more on the website about who the governors are and what roles they are assigned. Mr Gardiner is always available to provide assistance with any questions or queries, and should be the first point of contact for any day to day issues, however if you would like to speak to me about anything to do with the school please feel free to email me on chair@gwinear.cornwall.sch.uk.

I hope you all have a wonderful half term, a chance to recharge the batteries ready for the downhill race towards Christmas!! Cathy Woolcock

THIS TERM'S THEME: *Going 4 Goals*

HEADLINES: *Why do we have money?*

WORDS OF WISDOM: *Some people are so poor, all they have is money*

MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK: *T Rex*

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK: *Recognising the value of things* **QUESTION:** *Why are some people poorer than others? (Harriet)*

Aiming for the
Stars

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Diary Dates

October

Fri 19—Half Term

Tues 30—Swimming starts Y5

Wed 31—PTFA Halloween Disco

Wed 31—Tempest Photos

November

Mon 5—Menu Change

Wed 7—Open Afternoon

Fri 9—Non uniform PTFA bottle & chocolate

Wed 14—NO CLUBS—STAFF TRAINING

Fri 16—Children I Need Ramble for Pudsey

Tue 27—Rinsey Project Outcome pm

Fri 30—Christmas Fayre

December

Wed 5—Christmas Lunch

Thur 6—Kynance Project Outcome pm

Tues 11—Christmas Performance

Wed 12—Christmas Performance

Thur 13—Poldhu Project Outcomes

Wed 19—Godrevy Project Outcomes

Thur 20—Last day of term

Dates for
the Diary:



Whole School Attendance Target

2017-2018: **96%**

This Weeks Whole School Attendance Figure:

97.18%

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?

7

7

2

1



Workout Wednesdays

Steps this week:

90,046

Fitness Fridays

Steps this week:

84,389

**Lands End to John
O'groats Walk**

83 MILES

Cannock to Chorley



INSET days 2018/2019

Fri 5 April 2019

Mon 22 July 2019

Tues 23 July 2019

Weds 24 July 2019

Thurs 25 July 2019



STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Poldhu

Alexia for fantastic independent writing

Sean for an amazing pumpkin biscuit design with labels

Kynance

Jessica for working really hard on your riddle

Jowen for a super learning attitude on Thursday

Godrevy

Kayleigh for amazing efforts in writing

Trey for amazing mature attitude and great progress in all learning

Rinsey

Abigail for consistent hard work in all areas

Charlie for excellent progress

Virtue Value Awards

Jack B, Seren, Valentino, Willow