



Spring Term Issue 10

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Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

What a fantastic week! Fantastic weather, fantastic changes as Spring starts to really kick in and fantastic effort and learning opportunities for the children. Miss Mogridge wasted no time getting outdoors and I was distracted from some mundane paperwork for many minutes earlier in the week whilst members of Godrevy Class explored fractions of amounts by grouping twigs beneath my window. A day later and the class were listening to a story in the sunshine and this evening (Thursday) I have just seen a contented 'Forest Skills Club' return to the building with smiles on their faces. Miss Mogridge was drawn to us because of the school's vision, particularly enhancing learning with outdoor experiences, and we are so happy to have her; she comes with a great deal of experience and forest leader training so I have no doubt that we are about to embark on a wonderful symbiotic journey together.

With the advent of clubs starting again, Mrs Haddy's class benefitted from her impressive artistic abilities and had their first art lesson with a bunch of fresh Spring daffodils acting as the stimulus for some impressive still life paintings. Mr Eyriey has become so impressed with Mrs Haddy's skills that he decided to stay and join the club as a pupil himself. I think he was aiming to emulate Mr Buckley who has produced some accomplished landscapes under Mrs Haddy's tutorage but unfortunately for him, due to the popularity of Miss Mogridge's club, he will be needed to assist her next week.

Mrs Eustice and I were not so heavily subscribed for running club but we had a very eager band of 12 runners who completed a pretty tough muddy two-mile circuit in good time. Meanwhile Mr Buckley felt he had drawn the slightly easier straw after he took Godrevy Class for basketball whilst Mr Eyriey tried to explain the rules of football to a very enthusiastic Kynance Class! Kynance were equally enthusiastic this evening at Bug/Eco Club as was apparent by the tired looks on Mrs Mckie's and Mrs Tate's faces. Mrs Backhouse, who is not yet required for club provision but has a Zumba routine ready to go, will have to refocus them tomorrow but I am sure her plans will do the trick.

Finally, our youngest children have shown they can be calm and excited in equal measure with the start of their clubs this week: Mrs Barber said that film club was a joy with all the children engrossed in the movie, and their popcorn! Meanwhile, Miss Gaylard and Mrs Jones had many a jubilant child proudly thrust the product of their endeavours into their faces in their art club as if it was the next Mona Lisa and who knows, maybe it is and maybe they are the next Leonardo, and maybe one of Mr Eyriey's footballers is the next Lionel Messi, and maybe one of Miss Mogridge's band of forest lovers is going to teach a future generation just how important it is to connect with nature.

The important thing is they are getting the opportunities. They are getting the opportunities because we are back in school but more importantly they are getting the opportunities because there isn't a member of this team that won't go the extra mile (often unpaid) to try and provide an unforgettable experience. We wanted to restart clubs in some format as soon as possible despite conflicting advice. We love our job and we love the elements that make it fun; as soon as we are able to restart trips we will be out there, residential are on hold but we're not cancelling, class teams are already holding planning meetings to decide how they will transform classrooms for next term and make the topic as exciting as possible. As always, we are grateful for the support you give us and please feel free to contact if you have other suggestions for what could be done under the current circumstances. It has been a strange year but dare I say it; there does seem to be a light at the end of the tunnel. We have found new ways of doing things and the children have shown incredible resilience and flexibility – my biggest regret this week is that we did not record Rinsey singing at the virtual 'Songfest' but believe me; they did us proud. Hopefully a few of you read this to hear how well things are going, hopefully a few more look at the pictures or check in on Facebook but hopefully you all hear first-hand from the children that 'It's good to be back!'

Have a great weekend

Mr Gardiner.

THIS TERM'S THEME: *Wide World*

HEADLINES: *Understanding democracy*

WORDS OF WISDOM: *Learn the wisdom of compromise, for it is better to bend a little than to break*

MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK: *Black Lodge Singers*

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK: *Being able to compromise*

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Diary Dates



March

April

Easter Break—Fri 2 Apr 2021 to Fri 16 Apr 2021

Mon 19—Summer term begins

May

Mon 3 May 2021—Bank Holiday

Fri 28—INSET day (School Closed)

May half term Mon 31 May 2021 to Fri 4 Jun 2021

June

Mon 7—INSET day (School Closed)

Tue 8—INSET day (School Closed)

July

Thur 22—INSET day

Fri 23—INSET day

Mon 26 July 2021—Summer Holidays start

Whole School Attendance Target

2020-2021: **96%**

This Weeks Whole School Attendance Figure:

95.63%

INSET DAYS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2020/2021

Friday 28 May 2021

Monday 7 June 2021

Tuesday 8 June 2021

Thursday 22 July 2021

Friday 23 July 2021

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



STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Poldhu

Amelie for fantastic storytelling

Coen for a fantastic attitude to learning

Kynance

Alexia for a brilliant alternative story ending

Rupert for excellent effort in phonics

Godrevy

Macee for being a kind and supportive friend

Oska for enthusiasm learning about WW1

Rinsey

Emily for good progress with maths

Caja for excellent interest in space science

Virtue Value Awards

Bethany, Lottie, Millie, Enzo