



Sumer Term Issue 7

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Newsletter

Dear parents, carers and children,

We knew we had several hurdles to cross before the end of term finish line but the start of the week added another to the course with a visit from OFSTED. As with many schools, we were long overdue an inspection due to the delays caused by COVID but it still always seems able to surprise when you 'get the call'. Once you do there is little time for any extra preparation these days as the inspectors arrive less than 18 hours later and we try and get some sleep before they do! Results of inspections are confidential until the report is published which will hopefully happen before the end of term but I did want to say a few thank yous now in the direct aftermath. Firstly, to the team of staff and governors that serve your children; I have never been as proud to be a part of such a dynamic force and everyone of them, including those not here for the day, should be proud too. A special thank you to chair of governors Cathy who made herself available for the entire ordeal but unlike us is not paid a penny for doing so. Next the children that represented the school so perfectly – under the new framework there is a lot of focus on pupil conferencing as part of 'deep dives' and the inspectors remarked on how confident and articulate the children were, whilst all children were polite and welcoming as the new adults moved around the school. The final thank you is to all of the parents/carers that took the time to complete the surveys; we don't get to see all of the results but the lead inspector made a point of reading a couple of comments out because of how positive they were and I have to admit to having to suppress a few tears.

One member of staff escaped direct scrutiny from the inspectors, although she did need to leave evidence of her practice, as Mrs Barber had already arranged to take the class to the National Maritime Museum. The inspectors said not to change what was planned and could see the educational value in the trip which was well supported by the children who excitedly recounted their meeting with Oshi the sea sprite when I was on lunch duty yesterday. Godrevy were also out and about linked to their topic yesterday with a visit to [King Edward Mine](#) which has a fantastic little museum in which they were able to see a working model of a man engine that they had learnt about whilst studying the Levant mining disaster. Today, Kynance is travelling a little closer to home to Godrevy beach. They are doing some PSHE work linked to our week's virtue of 'using resources wisely' followed by a beach clean to try and rectify issues caused by those that did not use them so wisely! For this week Rinsey have stayed in school although I will be starting a project with them this afternoon to enhance our outdoors; building new fairy houses for our grounds. Even more exciting plans will also be discussed at the end of the day when we look at the programme for The Isles of Scilly trip at the start of July in the pre-camp meeting.

All classes have had or will have pre-camp meetings before we whisk them off so there will be a chance to raise any queries at them but if for some reason you are unable to attend don't hesitate to contact the class teacher or myself. Kynance will be first to go, the week after next, and having had their meeting they are already piqued with excitement. All classes are also excited having had some sports day practice and that is even closer on the horizon with several hurdles to cross – literally. Fingers crossed for some good weather, remember to bring your trainers and remember that the day will be followed by a summer fayre (see pg. 4) arranged by the PTFA so bring a bit of money for the raffle, etc. As always, the PTFA and friends have worked incredibly hard behind the scenes and all the funds they raise go to support projects we might otherwise be unable to do as well as helping perpetuate the community feel of the school so I will finish with a big thank you to them. It looks like being a dry weekend if a little cloudy so perfect conditions for a bit of running practice. We hope to see as many of you as possible next Thursday and hope you have a great weekend.

Mr Gardiner

THIS TERM'S THEME: *Footprints*

HEADLINES: *Spaceship Earth*

WORDS OF WISDOM: *To walk in nature is to witness a thousand miracles. Mary Davis*

MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK: *Tina Turner*

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK: *Being able to use resources wisely*



Diary Dates

June

Tue 13—Godrevy to Wheal Martyn

Thu 15—SPORTS DAY

Thur 15—NO CLUBS

Fri 16—Godrevy camp meeting 2.30pm

Mon 19—21 Kynance Activity Days

Thu 22—Menu change (see right)

Fri 23—Y5/6 Football Tournament

Wed 28—30 Godrevy Camp

July

Mon 3—7 Rinsey Camp

Wed 5—School Nurse in school

Wed 12—14 Poldhu Activity Days

Mon 17—NO CLUBS THIS WEEK

Thu 20—Move up day

Thu 20—Year 6 treat day

Fri 21—LAST DAY OF TERM—leavers assembly

Whole School Attendance Target

2020-2021: **96%**

This Weeks Whole School Attendance Figure:

93%



Sports Day

Thursday 15 June

(picnic lunch & the PTFA Summer Fayre)

INSET DAYS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2022/2023

Monday 24 July 2023 Tuesday 25 July 2023

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 (**including Nutella**) containing nuts should be brought into school including in personal lunch boxes. With some products, i.e. chocolate bars, it is not always obvious that nuts form part of the ingredients so please check labels carefully. Thank you.



Gwinear School PTFA

invite you to our

Family fun Afternoon

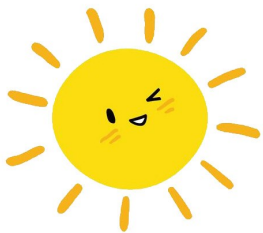
Thursday 15th June 2023

Join us at 11.30 for lunch - please bring a picnic

Cakes, refreshments and raffle tickets on sale from 11.30

Sports day begins at 12.15

Fun and games after sports day from 2.30-3.30 approx



Raffle

Games

Face-painting

Splat the teacher!

Tombola



Please bring change for stalls and refreshments



Gwinear School PTFA Raffle

To be drawn 3pm Thursday 15th June

£1 a ticket - prizes include:

Jubilee Pool Geothermal
Swim Voucher for 2

£10 Salt Bar voucher

£5 Mr B's Voucher & Bag

Family swim voucher for
Penzance pool

£20 Trevaskis voucher

Tarquin's Gin tour for 2

2 children's tickets to
Newquay Zoo

Saint Ives Liquor Co bottle
of Limoncello

Elliejam Design Print voucher

Penwith Pitch & Putt, Football
golf & crazy golf vouchers

Porthcurno Telegraph
Museum family ticket

Plus more!

Tickets will be sold on the day



STARS OF THIS WEEK

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

Poldhu

Catoots for great effort with your independent learning!

Ella for having a fantastic attitude in all of your learning!

Kynance

Isla M for fantastic results in reading

Sophie L for a huge improvement in reading

Godrevy

Myles for fantastic engagement in history

Felix for excellent questions on our trip to King Edward Mine

Rinsey

Fantastic knowledge and input about Myths!

Aoife for fantastic art work based on the Windrush Ship

Virtue

Evie, Blossom, Joey and Emily