



Autumn Term Issue 13

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Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

No escaping it now and, after witnessing the community spirit that the festivities generated at the Christmas Fayre, who would want to. It was a fantastic way to end the week and although it hasn't chased away the wet and the wind it certainly did a good job at warming the insides – maybe the cup and a half of mulled wine helped too. It was great to see the products of the children's enterprise scheme selling well, raising £87 for their charities and special thanks go to Mrs Eustice for managing this on the night and to all teachers and TA's for helping their children produce their goods. Everything else however, was down to the efforts of the PTFA and aren't we lucky? Amazing raffle prizes, a fantastic BBQ, a Santa's grotto to keep children engaged and a lovely range of stalls; we could not have asked for more. I am not sure of the final figure but know that over a £1000 was raised and the feeling of community was worth that again. I'm sure everybody appreciates the effort required to plan such an event not to mention the fact that many were here till the late hours to help tidy up and yes Benjamin did eventually manage to get Mrs Haddy's carpet clean. With all this in mind I would like to salute and thank the PTFA and the many parent volunteers that helped to make the evening such a success.

Since the fayre had got us started there has been no stopping us and on Wednesday the hall was once again full. This time the whole school was assembled for our much anticipated Christmas Dinner and Pippa and Claire did not disappoint us. They worked well beyond the hours they are paid for to ensure over 80 people were fed and all staff helped to serve to make service as efficient as possible. Being behind the scenes, their efforts are often not recognised but, as I eat lunch with the children every day, I know that we are so very lucky to have such a dedicated team in the kitchen and on behalf of all the children and staff I would like to thank them for their hard work over the course of the year.

No sooner had the hall been cleaned than it was full of activity again with a full run through of the play, A Wriggly Nativity. I have still yet to see the whole thing but can tell hearing the songs from my office that it is going to be a heart-warming spectacle. This afternoon we will have the first full rehearsal and I will dig the lights out so we will finally get a real idea of what it will look like on the nights. The children are certainly not going to be short of an audience as tickets for both evenings have now sold out and the afternoon performance is filling up fast. I look forward to seeing you all there and if you bring a little change along Miss Davies has kindly offered to manage refreshments and is going to donate all the money to CLIC Sargent (Young Lives vs Cancer).

Then as if it had not had enough use, come Thursday tables were once again laid in the hall in preparation for Kynance's outcome: An Enchanted Lands Banquet. As seems to be the case these days virtually all the parents of the children came to share some party food and see the amazing range of work that the class has produced over the term. I thought the quality of writing was excellent and there was visible progress in children's work across a range of genres. Like many adults however, my favourite part of the afternoon was trying to use the Bee Bots to navigate through the treacherous lands that the children had created and find the treasure on their fantastic Isles of Struay. All in all, it was a wonderful display of the children's hard work and testament to the incredibly committed team of Mrs Eustice, Miss Austin and Mrs Mckie.

With so much happening in school it is wonder that anybody got out this week but there is actually seldom a day that Geoffrey or Matilda were not in use ferrying someone. On Tuesday Year 5's spent the morning attempting to swim as far as they could for distance badges before getting padded up with the adrenalin flowing for a thrilling visit to the BMX centre at Blackwater. Meanwhile, Foundation Stage travelled to Camborne to get active with 10 different Christmas themed multi-skills activities. The following day it was Rinsey Class that headed to Camborne; this time to the Nexus Centre where they took part in a pulleys and levers workshop linked to their topic on machines. Finally, this morning it is Godrevy's turn to get active outside of school with an Athletics competition and all the younger children are getting coats on as I speak, ready to walk down to the post box to post their letters to the big man.

I will finish with a couple of notices: First to remind you all to return any library books that may be lying around so that we can check our stock – A book will then be able to be taken out in the last week for Christmas but it helps if we can log them all on the system first (Remember also that the children that win the draw for completed reading passports will get the chance to travel to Truro with Mrs Sicolo and I on the last Tuesday of term). Secondly, I am pleased to say that to make life easier we have arranged to make payments to the school possible by direct bank transfer; you should have received a letter with details on how to do this, the main point being that it needs to be clear what each payment is for.

So as you would expect at this time of year it is busy, busy, busy and the fact that we (touch wood) seem to be clearing the final hurdles with ease is testament to an amazing team and wonderfully resilient children. Thank you all for your continued support which roots us into the heart of the community and I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Gardiner

THIS TERM'S THEME: *What's it worth?*

HEADLINES: *Random acts of kindness*

WORDS OF WISDOM: *Every act of kindness creates a ripple with no end*

MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK: *Wham*

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK: *How our own choices affect others*

QUESTION: *Who is the Gwinear School random act of kindness fairy?*





Dates for the Diary:

Diary Dates

December

Tues 11— Christmas Performance

Wed 12—Christmas Performance

Thur 13—Poldhu Project Outcomes

Wed 19— Godrevy Project Outcomes

Thur 20— Last day of term

January

Mon 7—Return for Spring Term

Wed 16—Rinsey visit Nexus

Fri 18—Youth Speaks competition

Wed 23—Year 5 Transition event Hayle School

February

Wed 13—Kynance visit Nexus

Mon 18—Half Term school closed

Mon 25—Return to school

Tue 26—Year 5 Transition event Hayle School

April

Fri 5—INSET—school closed to pupils

Mon 8—Easter Holidays school closed

Tue 23—Return for Summer Term

June

Wed 5—Year 5 & 6 Porthpean Camp

Mon 24—Year 3 & 4 Carnyorth Camp



Whole School Attendance Target

2017-2018: **96%**

This Weeks Whole School Attendance Figure:

96.53%

Another 24—from Mrs Tate

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?

36

4

9

7

Workout Wednesdays

Steps this week:

33,198

Fitness Fridays

Steps this week:

64,813

Lands End to John

O'Groats Walk

46 MILES

Moy to Tain



STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Poldhu

Agnes for amazing creativity

Olivia for fantastic independent writing

Kynance

Benjamin for being very helpful in class

Eva for fantastic manners and being a lovely friend

Godrevy

Isabelle for beautiful singing for the Christmas play

Katie for trying really hard to improve your writing

Rinsey

Sadie for fantastic writing—ideas and composition

Scarlett for excellent spellings and coordinates

Virtue Value Awards

Charlie B, Heath, Solas, Freddie