



Summer Term Issue 2

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Newsletter

Dear parents, carers and children,

At last we seem to have some proper Spring weather with a hint of summer's warmth in the mix too. It has made for some great days out to launch topics. I had the pleasure of teaching Godrevy last week was able to give them a geology lesson at the beach and a little bit of history about the lighthouse and the disaster of the SS Nile that highlighted the necessity for something to protect the ships from 'The Stones'. After that we were added in a little biology with a wander up to look down on Mutton Cave where the seals didn't disappoint and as we had been learning about Grey Seals in guided reading it was great to see them in the flesh with some very enthusiastic Meadow Pipits providing the background music. As a result of the morning the children were able to create excellent information texts about the beach on the lap-tops which have been refurbished as Chromebooks – a great week of work. Yesterday they returned to the beach, this time under the guidance of Miss McLennon, and to develop their ability to describe settings linked to their upcoming narrative work.

Last Monday Kynance was using the beach in a similar way with children creating animal sculptures out of sand and imagining what would happen if they came to life. The children did not know at the time but the idea was taken from a real published story called The Sandhorse which they have now been introduced to and that will form the stimulus for a 'storytelling'. Whilst at the beach the children were also introduced to the Geography aspect of their topic; looking at coastal features and how they are formed and let's be honest: there are few better places in the country to be able to do this.

Rinsey head to the beach today to look at the habitats there and compare contrast to what they already know about the Galapagos Islands from their topic launch. Last week Mrs Haddy as is often the case used some artistic activities to help children appreciate the beauty of biodiversity in the islands and elsewhere as part of her topic, 'Life on Earth'. Tomorrow will also need some creativity from the children as they have to create habitats for creatures of Mrs Haddy's creation to better understand the concepts associated with adaptation.

Poldhu will be focusing on life under the sea next half term so will definitely have some trips to the beach lined up then but this half term they are going 'Into the Woods'. To launch their topic, they first went to Tanglewood last week. There they found an enchanted wood full of fairy houses and other magical delights. On return to school it seems that some of the fairies may have followed them or we have our own resident population as they have started to receive letters from them. This has inspired some quality writing of their own as they write responses to their mysterious friends and this afternoon they will further develop their mapwork skills as they draw plans of where the fairies can best build houses in the school grounds. (It may well be that I may be able to help bring their designs to reality with a woodworking club next half term.

On the note of clubs, we are sorry for any confusion caused by the reshuffle over Easter which was only apparent when you actually opted to book on parent pay. It also meant, with Mr Buckley leaving that the offer for KS2 was much depleted. With this in mind we have had another reshuffle and have put running club back on the timetable on Monday and moved the KS2 sports club to Thursday. A timetable of clubs will be sent out today but please continue to book on parent pay. Running club will have a new format with every other week being Running XL where I will take children off site in the minibus a little before the end of the day so that children get to experience a variety of terrain to run on and explore some of the best trails in our local area. Many thanks to Ellie Jameson for helping to make running club possible this half term and to her and all the other parents for supporting and helping out at Coose Trannack this weekend – as always it was a brilliant event and the runners did us proud with great sportsmanship and this year two medals and several children scoring points for the school by getting in the top six. For once the event was also blessed with sunny weather and there looks more set to grace us this week to although the weekend ahead is not looking so favourable so make the most of it. Have a great week whatever you do.

Mr Gardiner

THIS TERM'S THEME: Journeys

HEADLINES: Making Choices and Decisions

WORDS OF WISDOM: Every Choice Has a Consequence

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK: Being Able to Make Sensible Choices

MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK: Berlioz

FESTIVAL /CELEBRATION: Passover



Diary Dates

April

Tues 24—Rinsey Outdoor Learning

May

Mon 13—SATs week

Fri 24—Sports Day

Mon 27 to Fri 31—Half Term Break

June

Wed 12—Godrevy to Camp Kernow

Wed 19—Kynance Activity Days

July

Tue 2—Rinsey to London

Wed 10—Poldhu Activity Days

Fri 19—Last day of Summer Term



Whole School Attendance Target 2023-2024: **96%**

This Weeks Whole School Attendance Figure:

93.4%

INSET DAYS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/2024

Monday 3 June 2024

Monday 22 July 2024

Tuesday 23 July 2024

Wednesday 24 July 2024

HEAD LICE:

One case this week.

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.



STARS OF THE WEEK

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

Poldhu

Ruben for amazing us with your fantastic swimming!

Aubrey for super number fact knowledge?

Kynance

Rowan for being an enthusiastic mathematician and great efforts in his writing

Florence for fantastic independent writing and a great attitude in RWI

Godrevy

Rupert for excellent work on his information sheet in ICT

Sophie for great work in PSHE

Rinsey

Oska for excellent nature knowledge

Blossom for great shape understanding

Virtue

Aoife, Anu, Holly, Ella T

Mathletics—Well Done Everyone!

Felix, Edvard, Ethan, Harvey, Elinga, Molly-Mae, Ophelia, Arthur,

Ruben L, Isaac, Iris, Cohen, Georgie, Holly and Lila