



Autumn Newsletter

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Kynance:

A super week again for Kynance. The children have settled well into full-time days (although I am sure that they are likely to be very tired when they get home!). This week, we have started our phonics lessons. Reading books have gone home. A reminder that these will be changed twice a week on specific days for specific children. Books with words will be sent home when the child knows a specific amount of sounds. Books will not be changed unless they have been read and written in the reading record three times. Home communication books have also gone home and, today, phonics books will be in your child's book bag. Please support with your child's sounds at home. Home maths books will be going out next week. A polite request that, at home time, please do not come into the EYFS collection point until the bell has rang, as this can make the children distraction and it becomes harder to dismiss them safely.

A final note to say that we are so proud of all of the children for their hard work, cohesive playing and great attitudes towards school.

Star of the week: Mara for trying very hard in her phonics and for seeking challenge at all times.

Community: Amaya for being a wonderful friend, a helpful pupil and for showing motivation to learn.

Gwithian:

A busy week for year 1! They have fully engaged into the animal's topic and have created some wonderful paintings and drawings of their pets and/or favourite animals, using their phonics to caption these pictures too. In maths they have worked hard to represent numbers to 10 using a variety of resources such as cubes, counters, cheerios and stones, as well as identifying the numbers on flash cards and on number lines. They have also begun learning to write the numbers 0-10 in words and count forwards from a given number to 10. Next week we will be moving on to counting backwards from a number within 0-10 and one more than a given number within 0-10. Thursday saw us celebrate International European Languages day, and so they learnt how to count in Spanish through songs which they performed in assembly, colours and some animal names. They also painted pictures of different animals that originated from Spain and created Spanish flags. Next week we are going to explore how to classify animals into carnivores, herbivores and omnivores as well as begin looking at the animal groups; mammals, birds, reptiles, birds and amphibians. Thank you for the wonderful homework this week; I can't wait to see what we get next week 😊

Star of the week: Kara for being a good friend and helpful member of the class.

TLA Community: Cristi for persisting and persevering at pre-cursive handwriting resulting in writing his name in all pre-cursive handwriting this week

Home learner: Isaac for practicing his times tables, amazing! Freddie for a fantastic 3D animal habitat for a cheetah - all totally handmade by him.

Sennen:

Sennen have had a lovely week learning all about our topic of Bounce. In Maths we have continued to learn about Place Value. Keep practising your 2s, 5s and 10s at home. Next week we will move on to Addition. In English we have consolidated our skills in nouns, verbs and adjectives ready to write our own story of The Frog Prince. We have enjoyed our Science investigation on finding out - which ball is the bounciest? Please bring in any cardboard boxes and bottle tops for our DT project next week - making balloon powered cars. Finally we really enjoyed our Spanish day, the children learnt how to count to 10, what life is like in Spain and created their own cubist art in the style of Picasso.

Star of the week: Zoe being a brilliant learner all week

TLA Community: Lois for Resilience - always working hard no matter what.

Fistral:

This week Fistral have continued with our Greek topic by looking at instructional writing. We have learned The Trojan Horse story and have been writing our own instructions for how to build The Trojan Horse.

We have also been looking at Ancient Greece and locating important cities and physical features.

In maths we have been ordering three digit numbers in ascending and descending order whilst in science the children have really enjoyed investigating the permeability of rocks and bringing in rocks from home to share with the class.

Star of the week: Star for showing great focus and pride in her work.

TLA Community: Abigail for always being helpful to both the adults and children in the class.

Home learner: Max for his super homework on Greek numbers.

Pentire:

In maths we have been increasing fluency and accuracy using number facts and place value with 3 digit numbers. In literacy, using persuasive writing to convince King Edward 'the Confessor' to use our helmet designs for his army.

Star of the week: Olly for always trying his very best.

TLA Community: Polly-Reliability always following instructions.

Home Learner: Peter for producing four pieces of homework within two days.

Summerleaze:

It's been an exciting week in Summerleaze, we're exploring a secret letter from Anne Boleyn to Henry VIII written the day before her execution and are starting to look at the different ways she tried to persuade him to cancel the execution. In maths, we are making a start with our addition and subtraction block looking at adding whole numbers using the column method. In our topic work, we are delving further into the Tudor period looking at the crimes and punishment of the era. Within science, we will be creating our own investigation looking at how water is absorbed by different materials.

Star of the week: Kam for putting in some amazing effort with her maths and writing

TLA Community: Willow for showing great resilience when encountering new challenges

Home Learner: Keta for putting 100% effort into her inventive homework pieces

Marazion:

This week in year 6 we have focused on addition and subtraction in maths. In our English we have been exploring a diary entry of a doctor, dealing with patients suffering from the Plague. We've extracted the chronological events of his day, considered his feelings during each event and highlighted key features of a diary entry. In science we took swabs from around the school to grow our own bacteria! We have been learning about the different types of microbes and will try and classify those we have grown next week.

Star of the week: Chloe for her fantastic attitude

TLA Community: Zoe for being a reliable member of the class

Home learner: Ryleigh

School attendance: We finished the week with **93.6%** whole school attendance

Kynance 96.1%

Fistral 93.5%

Gwithian 96.2%

Pentire 93.5%

Sennen 92.2%

Summerleaze 95.8 %

Marazion 88.6%

Please remember to call the office: 01872 277635 before 9am to report your child off sick, with a reason for their absence.

Head of Academy weekly round up

This week, I have been spending time in each class gauging the level of focus and concentration among the children. It has been so heart-warming to see children across the full age range of the school listening attentively, focussing on the matter in hand and enjoying their learning at the same time. Our focus for this term is 'Resilience' and in my assemblies I have been reminding the children that making mistakes helps us learn. FAIL - First Attempt In Learning! We are all building our 'growth mind-set' to ensure that our children can bounce back from problems and have another go. This is much the same with our relationships in school. Sometimes things don't go to plan, but showing some forgiveness and empathy, we can move forward and repair broken friendships, often making them stronger than before.

Please keep an eye out for the opportunity to come in for an information meeting with your child's teacher. They are being scheduled for the next two weeks and will appear in the newsletter. If you cannot make this time and date, please make an individual appointment if you have any concerns or need to share information with us.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to express my thanks to FOTLA. They have agreed to fund replacement iPads during this academic year as ours are getting a little out dated. Please look out for the events which are listed in the 'Calendar of Events' section on this newsletter and offer your support whenever you can.

Have a wonderful, wet and windy weekend!

Mr Hadley

Notice board

Pets on site

A reminder that Dogs are not allowed (except assistance dogs) on the school grounds under any circumstances.

School day

A reminder that our school day **begins at 8.45am and finishes at 3.15pm**. Please sign your child in late at the office with a valid reason. Illness must be reported **before 9am**, leave a voicemail with the reason.

FOTLA Annual General Meeting Nominations

Nominations for the positions of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary need to be given in writing to Joanna Smith, current Chair of the committee by 5th October and need to be seconded by another member and should have the consent of the nominee. The current members are willing to remain in the post, however, the constitution states that anybody can apply for a role. Ballot papers will be issued to all parents for voting.

A reminder that all payments must be made via **parent pay**. We can no longer accept cash payments. Please speak with Miss Saunders if you require log in details.

Outstanding payments

Can you please pay for outstanding trips, camps, fees and lunches via parent pay relating to the previous academic year. Thank you.

Sailing-Summerleaze class

A reminder that Group 2 starts Monday 30th September. Read the letter for what is required.

Meet the teacher dates

Please check the calendar dates for your child's class session. Year 6 will be after October half term when Mrs Bowen is here.

Lost property

Please check the 2 boxes we have collected already this term in the reception area.

Calendar of events

October

2nd-Individual & sibling photos from 8.30am-School hall
2nd-Sennen class meet the teacher session from 2.30pm
2nd-Pentire class meet the teacher session from 3.30pm
4th-Summerleaze class meet the teacher session from 3.30pm
8th-Fistral class meet the teacher session from 2.30pm
15th-FOTLA AGM-9am The family meeting space ****ballot papers will be issued nearer the date****
21st-25th-Half term
31st-Whole school Nasal Flu vaccinations ****please complete form on line****

November

4th-7th Book fair
13th-Year 1 Hearing screening
14th-FOTLA Discos ****Neon theme****
20th-City of Lights Parade
22nd-Non uniform day-(donation requests for FOTLA Christmas fair)

December

6th-FOTLA Christmas Fair from 2.30pm
11th-EYFS and KS1 Nativity performance 2pm in the Hall
13th-Christmas Jumper day ****uniform to be worn with the jumper****
16th-KS2 Carol service at All Saints Church from 2pm (parents welcome)
18th-Christmas lunch
19th-Class Christmas parties after lunch
20th-Last day of term 1pm finish