

Mullion Community Primary School



This has been our first week of our new and improved lunch time arrangements. So far, they have been a hit! We have had happier children playing together with the new equipment and a much calmer dinner hall. One of the best parts has also been a huge improvement in safety with fewer accidents as the children are engaged in play and team work. We have lots more to do and are in need of more equipment like big cars and trucks and wooden trainsets. If anyone has any in good condition that they would like to donate then please bring them in!

Next week is Mental Health Week and the theme is 'Let's Connect'. We will be launching our whole school project called The Decider during the week which is a self-regulation toolkit to support all children in times when they need to manage their emotions. This will begin with an assembly on Monday followed by practice sessions in class during the week. Each class will also be learning about mental health in an age appropriate way and they will record their learning in their PSHE floor books. They revisit learning in this regularly as a toolkit so it is not just a one-week token gesture, this is about promoting mental health more widely. On **Friday 10th February**, we are asking the children to come to school under the theme of 'Dress to Express' and invite them to wear colourful clothing or express their sense of self in a way they feel comfortable. There is also a poster in this email about how you can join in with 'Let's Connect' activities together at home.

I would like to remind families that if you would like to speak with your child's teacher, you are welcome to do this at the end of the school day when they dismiss the children. In Pebbles and Shells, teachers are on the door. In key stage 2, class teachers bring the children out through the gate. Their priority will of course be to make sure the children leave safely so we would ask that you allow them to do this first. Your child's class teacher should be your first point of contact as they know your children best and are able to talk to you about any things to celebrate or concerns you may have. This is communicated to our SENDCo, pastoral team or leadership team as appropriate. Parents meetings are in the diary for the week of 6th March. This is an opportunity to find out about progress and explore their learning books together. We will share a google forms link with you where you can book your slot before half term.

Finally, we would like you to save the date for our first Grandparents Lunch! This is planned to take place on Wednesday 22nd March. We will send more details after half term.

Best wishes, Mrs Read



Playtime Fun!

We have launched our new lunch times to improve behaviour, safety and fun at lunch times. So far, it has been a huge hit!



School Council News

The lunch time equipment is now being used. We have had a £100 gift from our local Boots shop—a huge thank you for that! We will be giving feedback on how we think lunch times are going next week and coming up with the Do's and Don'ts for the playground!

Pupil News

Wow! After learning about Kandinsky in school, Betsy decided to continue her learning at home and produced this painting. It is wonderful to see such a high quality of artwork and Betsy has clearly applied skills she has learnt in her art lessons.



A School Snapshot

Last week, Surfers took part in a 'Futures Science' zoom last week with PHD student Molly, who specialises in cardiovascular research. They asked lots of questions to deepen their understanding of the circulatory system. Afterwards, they carried out an experiment too. They created a heart model to understand how a coronary heart bypass graft works.



To deepen their understanding of the circulatory system, this week Mrs Savage arrived at school with a selection of hearts— ox and lamb to be precise. Mrs Savage modelled the dissection whilst the children looked on and related their theoretical learning to real life examples. The children then got to explore for themselves as they donned gloves and worked as a surgical team.



In some recent Science pupil conferencing, the children said they wanted more experiments and hands-on experiences and Mrs Savage truly delivered. We hope this is what they meant!!



Reminders



Friday 10th
Non-uniform day
'Dress to Express'

Diary Dates

Monday 6th Feb	KSI Gymnastics Competition Penryn
Monday 6th Feb	Year 3/4 Football League Match at Helston
Tuesday 7th Feb	Year 2 Swimming
Friday 10th Feb	Dress to Express non-uniform for Mental Health
Monday 13th to Friday 17th	Half Term
Tuesday 21st February	Year 2 Swimming
Tuesday 28th February	Year 2 Swimming
Tuesday 28th February	KS2 Cross Country—Peninsula Qualifier, Mullion
Thursday 2nd March	NEU Teacher Strike
Monday 6th March	Year 3/4 Football League Match at Helston
Tuesday 7th March	Year 2 Swimming
Tuesday 7th March	Year 4/5/6 Netball High 5 League at Mullion School
Saturday 11th March	Coose Trannack Cross Country Race
Tuesday 14th March	Year 2 Swimming
Tuesday 14th March	Year 4/5/6 Netball High 5 League at Mullion School
Wednesday 15th March	NEU Teacher Strike
Thursday 16th March	NEU Teacher Strike
Monday 20th March	KS2 Cross Country—Peninsula Final, Helston
Tuesday 21st March	Final Year 2 Swimming
Tuesday 21st March	Year 4/5/6 Netball High 5 League at Mullion School
Wednesday 22nd March	Grandparents Lunch
Friday 31st March	Last Day of Term—Easter Holidays
Monday 17th April	Return to School for Summer Term