



Staffing news

Today we thank Miss Dade for her work teaching Shells class. She has been a wonderful support to the class through the most difficult time due to the pandemic. We will still see her after half term as she will join the team in Starfish for a couple of weeks.

Miss Warwick will join us as the new teacher in Shell's after half term. Miss Bradley will work with her for the first few weeks before beginning her maternity leave. Miss Warwick may be a familiar name and face to some of you as she has taught in Surfer's class in the past.

Miss Ryan will also be joining us as a teaching assistant in Surfers and Mrs Coombe will be re-joining our administrative team working in the reception area three mornings a week.

Weekly Attendance

Whole School	91.76%
Pebbles	89.86%
Shells	94.97%
Starfish	85.00%
Footprints	97.78%
Waves	92.51%
Surfers	95.17%

Well Done Footprints !

Cross Country

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the 2nd Cross Country Race of the season. Race 2 saw the children really working hard on Helston's longer course. They put in a huge amount of effort and we are very proud of them all.



360 children took part many of whom are now working towards their endurance medal including over 20 from our school. Each pupil also scores points towards the end of season total.

The next race is on Tuesday 9th November at Porthleven. and more information will be sent out after half term.

E safety news

A survey for parents will be emailed home today which you can also access by clicking on this link:

<https://forms.gle/J8cU1DyhKWZgSUrz7>

Please take five minutes to complete the survey. It will help us to support you in protecting your children whilst on line.

There has been much written and talked about the new Netflix programme Squid Games and the levels of violence portrayed within it. It is now producing games for the Roblox platform. Many of the children are telling us that they have access to Netflix at home and some are saying they watch the series. This programme has been identified as one that is unsuitable for primary aged children with some local authorities writing directly to parents about the dangers of children watching this violent programme and mimicking its content on playgrounds and out of school.

We have also sent an E-safety newsletter to you that gives advice on how you can put parental controls on computers and phones. This is very simple to do and gives you information on what your children are accessing on phones and through the internet.

Netball at Mullion School

On Tuesday 5th October 8 of our Year 5 children represented our school at a Cluster Sports netball competition. It is great that we are able to start competing again and congratulations to our team who came second.



Chicken Pox

Parents have informed us of children being ill with Chicken Pox. Please be vigilant over the half term and for the next few weeks. This is a normal but uncomfortable childhood illness. We appreciate your cooperation in not sending your children to school if you suspect that your child is unwell.

Children are able to return to school once the spots are dry and no new ones are appearing.

Parent Meetings

We hope that in the new half term we will be able to hold a series of informal coffee morning meetings for parents. This is dependent on the COVID infection rates and advice from Public Health England. Please look out for invitations. It would be great to meet many of the new parents as well as parents who are familiar with our school.



Helston RFC

Well done to six of our children who played rugby away at St Ives this weekend with our Under 10s winning their match.



Ellis is in the under 11s and has been playing for Helston for 2 years. Noah rejoined the Under 10s and Devon and Oscar have been playing for four years. Lexie is in the under 9s returning for her 3rd season of rugby and Ryan is in the under 7s. It's his first year and he is really enjoying it!

Welcome to the DIGITAL autumn issue of BlackbirdPie

What's On in Cornwall

All magazines are FREE to view.

If you haven't already, please sign up and you will be emailed each issue and details of our competitions.

Have a great half-term,

Vanessa, Simon and the Blackbird

Here is the link:

<https://www.blackbirdpie.co.uk/>



Watersport Activities October half-term

Sailing | SUPing | Kayaking | Mega SUP

Wet 'n Wild Sessions

Spend time on the water finding a sport you love, trying a range of activities with a wet 'n wild session. One thing is for sure you are likely to get wet!

For ages 8-14



Helford River
Mon-Thurs PM
£30 per session

Trevassack Lake
Mon-Fri AM
£30 per session

Family Fun

Spend some active, fun quality time together as a family (for up to 8) with your own tailored wet 'n wild session.

6 yrs +

At Trevassack Lake from £110 for a family of 4



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Summer Reading Challenge

A huge congratulations to; Jayden, Heloise, Tyrus, Jessica H, Evie H, Betsy and Lincoln who took part in the Cornwall Library's summer reading challenge over the holidays. It is wonderful to see such dedication and a love of reading. They all read at least 6 books over the holidays!

Alternative Sports Club

The KS2 Sports Club is very oversubscribed. Go Active can increase the numbers to 28 so for those children who haven't got one of the first 25 places we will pick names out of a hat after half term.

There are still spaces on the KS1 Club so if you do want to book please secure your place by paying on Parent Pay and returning the form to school. Once the 25 spaces have gone, Parent Pay will stop taking payments.

Halloween Raffle

Thank you to the PTA for the wonderful Halloween Hampers. The raffle was drawn at midday today and 6 lucky children have won a hamper. The PTA also provided sweets for all the children who didn't win. We will let you know how much money was raised after half term.



Diary Dates

November 1st	Inset Day
November 2nd	Back to School
November 9th	Cross Country Race 3 KS2 Porthleven
November 16th	Yr 5/6 Rugby League
November 26th	Peninsular Games Festival TBC
December 7th	Cross Country Race 4 KS2 Mullion Comp
December 17th	Inset Day
January 3rd	Inset Day
January 4th	Start of Spring Term

CLASS NEWS

Pebbles

Pebbles have been busy this month. Our routines are in place and it feels like the Reception children have always been part of our class. The completion of the garden has meant that we can enjoy being outside during all weather.



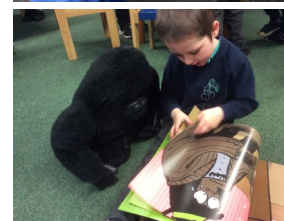
For Black History month we focused on teaching the children about diversity and inclusion through reading the books *The Colour Monster*, *Mr Big* and *Mixed*, taking part in music, dance and drama activities and learning how to mix colours using primary colours.



We have been learning that we live in Mullion which is a rural and coastal village. The Year 1 children walked around the village and identified human and physical features. We looked at Google Earth to see where Mullion is in relation to the World. The children were surprised to see how much of the World is ocean.



The class have made super progress in phonics and are enjoying being able to read by themselves. Our maths this half term has focused on number, counting how many, counting forwards and backwards, recognising number patterns and making comparisons.



In Science we have been learning about the different parts of the body and the children were able to name a huge amount of body parts.

With the weather changing we have been talking about how important it is to stay warm and dry. This week the children went on a 'bear hunt' around the school grounds in waterproofs and wellies followed by a picnic.

Mrs Higgins, Mrs Gardner, Miss Gearing

Shells



Shells have had plenty of learning to get stuck into over the last few weeks. We wrote letters about pet dragons and delivered a weather report in writing lessons. Both year 1 and year 2 have been developing their knowledge of number and place value in maths, in history we found it fascinating to learn about Rosa Parks and her legacy through drama and in art we have just completed our very colourful self portraits.



Miss Bradley caught up with some children online to ask what they were enjoying learning about. Betsy found comparing the UK and Trinidad interesting in her geography lesson, she said they have some unusual fruits in Trinidad! Emmy is enjoying counting up in 2's in maths to help her with her timetables. Harry's favourite subject is history and Rosie said learning about the weather forecast is fun! Rosie told us that today is a bit rainy, cloudy, windy and foggy.



Well done for such a super half term of hard work Shells!



Miss Bradley, Miss Dade, Mrs Griffiths

CLASS NEWS

Starfish



Starfish have had a super packed half term. We have been learning about Europe and its rivers and mountains. French has also been 'fantastique' this term with lots of fun learning through French games and conversations. A wonderful end of term and looking forward to the next.

Miss Hayhurst, Miss Johns, Mrs Reid

Footprints



Wow! We are at the end of our first half term together - it has flown by. I am immensely proud of all the children and their attitude to learning in school. They have shown enthusiasm and perseverance in Math and this week learnt about negative numbers for the first time. They have also completed their first independent write in the form of a travel brochure on Finland.

Unlike our Italian food experience, we didn't have a Finnish tasting menu, so this may be something they'd like to try at home! I have made a copy of this writing for you to share with them at home - it might be a nice idea to make an 'Aspirations' scrapbook over half term and add it to that. I always remember planning a holiday to Copenhagen in primary school and it's still on my list of places to visit!

After half term, we will still be exploring Europe in the form of the Roman invasions' impact on Britain. I will send a topic web home for you to use as a talking point with the children. Have a super half term and keep the fabulous daily reading going throughout as a way of creating calm and switching off from the world around!

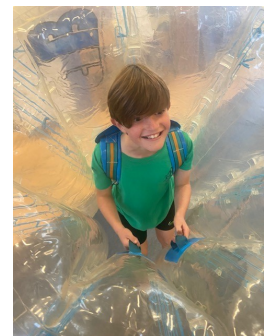
Mrs Read and Mrs Morris

Waves



We have had a fantastic few weeks in Waves class. The children have really enjoyed completing their learning about biomes of the world in geography and the life cycles of animals and plants in Science. This week, we learned about famous naturalists, such as David Attenborough, Steve Irwin, Sylvia Earle and Jane Goodall. The children were all extremely enthused to learn about their work and why it is so important to conservation.

During our P.E lesson this week the children had a zorbastic time!! A fun filled afternoon was enjoyed by all, despite the rain outside the hall was filled with laughter and bouncing bodies!! A wonderful end to a jam packed half term!



Mrs Clarke, Miss Francey, Miss Harding

CLASS NEWS

Surfers

We are so proud of our Year 6s this half term. They have stepped into their roles as leaders with enthusiasm, many nominating themselves for the position of House Captains of their Houses. They took the opportunity very seriously, and prepared and delivered speeches to their House, who then voted for their chosen leader. The votes were counted, and the child with the most votes in each house was appointed House Captain. The runner up was appointed Vice House Captain. It was great to see democracy in action, and our new House Captains and Vice Captains are now proudly wearing their badges around the school, happy to help. We can't wait to find out what exciting inter-house competitions and events they have in store this year! Well done to our new leaders:



Poldhu

House Captain Alexandra Vice Captain Alfie



Poltesco

House Captain Snowdon Vice Captain Jessica H



Predennack

House Captain Tobin Vice Captain Jack



Polurrian

House Captain Mason Vice Captain Jayden



Many children have also taken part in Bikeability training, and are now certified Level 1 and/or Level 2 cyclists. Thank you for your support in ensuring so many children took part, ensuring bikes and helmets were in school for each session.

All Surfers have immersed themselves in our 'Deserted!' learning topic this half term. We have been impressed with the quality of the topic homework brought in, and have enjoyed the children presenting their learning to the class. Well done Surfers. Enjoy your well earned break!

Miss Thomas, Mrs Bishop and Mrs Mulholland