



Staffing news

Two meetings were held this week to introduce Mrs Wandless to parents. She will take up the position of Head Teacher at Mullion Primary School after Christmas. If you were not able to make the meeting I am sure there will be other opportunities before the Christmas break to meet her.

I am sorry to be leaving such a great team of teachers, teaching assistants, office staff and governors who work so hard for your school. I know that Mrs Wandless will enjoy working here as much as I do. I still don't know where the time has gone. It is nearly four years since I was asked to join the school for one year! I will always remember my time at Mullion Primary School with fondness and I will miss you all.

Sadly Mrs Broome will also be leaving at the end of this term. She has transformed the way we work with children who benefit from extra help. She has done so much to support both staff, pupils and parents. We are actively seeking a replacement and look forward to announcing who this will be.

Duncan Ratcliffe

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Our School Christmas Lunch will be on Friday 10th December which is also Christmas Jumper Day. This year we will again be collecting for the Helston and Lizard Food Bank so can you please bring a food donation into school on this day. We will send you a list of items the Food Bank needs nearer the time. You will also need to pre-order your child's Christmas lunch and a booking form will be sent home next week. Please note there will be no other menu choice served on this day.



Weekly Attendance

Whole School	90.76%
Pebbles	77.91%
Shells	88.67%
Starfish	75.00%
Footprints	91.67%
Waves	90.40%
Surfers	76.92%

Well Done Footprints !

COVID -19 Update

You will all be aware that cases of COVID on the Lizard are amongst the highest in the county and we now have confirmed cases at our school. We are maintaining our focus on good hygiene and maintaining the bubble structure in school. If you are able to wear a mask when you visit the school grounds that would be much appreciated.

If your child displays any symptoms please make sure they isolate and book a PCR test at one of the test sites in the area, these results normally come back the next day via text and email. You can book a PCR test online or by calling 119. Once you have booked a test, please inform the school and let us know when you receive the result.

We will make our decision regarding the KS1 nativity and KS2 carol concert on the 1st December. As previously advised if these events don't go ahead we will film the performances and share it with families. We know the cancelation of these events will be disappointing but we have to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our children, staff and the wider local community.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who dressed up and donated to Children in Need. Our School and Flying Gulls Nursery raised an amazing £140 so thank you to everyone who donated!



Borrow Book Boxes

After a very successful trial last year, classes across the school are launching their Borrow Book Boxes this week. Teachers have worked hard to create these wonderful boxes full of things to entice you into reading. Many of the books are the teachers' own, so please take care of their precious books. They might be a favourite picture book, a book of poems, a magazine or even a chapter book for you to enjoy as a family. Please do just that, enjoy it as a family, reading them together. But, please don't tell other classmates what is in the box... let them find out for themselves!

Last Day of Term

Please note the last day of term is Thursday 16th December. We will be finishing at the usual time of 3.15pm and we look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 4th January.



PTA News

Hi to all,

Although it's been a strange 18 months for the PTA we would like to share with all of you what we have managed to do for OUR children at school. We have been massively limited to doing any kind of fund raising but we have managed a few fun things!

Listed below is what we have achieved with your donations and help. We feel it's important to share all these fun things the PTA can bring to your children's lives, even in difficult circumstances. Our Christmas raffle is going to start very soon, so please help us raise funds by either buying raffle tickets, donating a prize or both! We will be in touch with all the fabulous helpers that make the PTA so brilliant as soon as we can organise some events. For now a huge thank you so much for your continued support.

- Bike shed in front play ground
- 2020 selection boxes for every child
- 2020 Christmas raffle
- Year six enterprise funding
- Year six leavers hoodies
- 2021 Easter eggs and raffle
- Half the cost of an artist for whole of school project
- Halloween hamper raffle
- Welcome card pack for every child in reception
- 10 waterproof overalls for Pebbles
- Crazy hair day
- 2021 selection boxes
- 2021 Christmas raffle

Jodie and Kerry

Cauliflower Cards

Thank you to everyone who ordered from Cauliflower Cards this year. All the designs were amazing and we received just over £300 commissions for the school. This money will be used to purchase some additional art materials for the children.



Diary Dates

November 30th	Year 6 Last Swimming Session
December 6th	KS2 Gymnastics
December 7th	Cross Country Race 4 KS2 Mullion Comp
December 10th	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumpers
December 17th	Inset Day
January 4th	Start of Spring Term
January 11th	Year 5 swimming tbc
January 19th	Year 5 and 6 trip to Eden Project



Together
for Families

The
deadline for
applications is
15 January
2022

Starting school September 2022

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018

Attending a nursery or pre-school

You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that if a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Information and guidance

Website and application form: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions
Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk
Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY
Telephone: 0300 1234 101

Need help with your application?

Contact the Family Information Service on 0800 587 8191



www.cornwall.gov.uk

Cross Country

The fourth Cross Country race of the season takes place at Mullion Comprehensive School on Tuesday 7th December for KS2 at 4pm. If you would like your child to compete please complete the Google form below.

<https://forms.gle/vZbjC2hmvDFLwbpw8>



CLASS NEWS

Pebbles

Pebbles have been reading the book *Coming To England* by Floella Benjamin. We have talked about similarities and differences and celebrated all our differences. We compared skin colour and noticed that no skin colour was the same. The children were cross that Floella was treated badly when she came to England and talked about how exciting it would be if a new girl came to our class from another country and had so many experiences to share with us.



We have been learning about toys from the past to the present day. We looked at toys across the years from home and from Truro Museum and placed them on a timeline. The following week we explored materials and compared toys in the past made with materials such as china and wood to present day mass produced plastic toys. We learnt about how many of our toys are influenced by TV and film too. The children were surprised that way back in the past (when Mrs Higgins was a child!) there were 4 TV channels and no such thing as the Internet. They were horrified to hear that in their great grandparents' time, children may only have received one toy at Christmas. The children understood that toys were expensive and took a long time to make also this was after the second World War when the country was getting back on its feet. They were able to relate this to Remembrance celebrations.

For Remembrance, the children walked to the War Memorial and learnt about the people of Mullion that had given their lives to the first and second World War. We talked about people in the class that had serving parents and their role in keeping us safe and free. Later, that day the children painted pebbles to place around the memorial.

We are beginning to practice our Nativity and looking forward to Christmas.



Mrs Higgins, Mrs Gardner, Miss Gearing

Shells

In Shells this half term, we have been investigating different toys. We had the pleasure of looking at some old toys from the Royal Cornwall museum as well as enjoying some of our own toys from home. We have investigated different materials and then designed and made our very own environmentally friendly toys. In writing we have been looking at report writing and preparing for our own report writing on our new toys. For remembrance day, we joined with Pebbles class to participate in an online workshop and then we walked to visit the memorial in the village. We have been extremely busy rehearsing for our Christmas production.



Miss Warwick and Mrs Griffiths

CLASS NEWS

Starfish

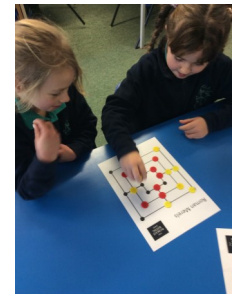
What a fun packed few weeks it has been for Starfish class! Crazy hair day, odd socks, spotty clothes and a Roman topic day have been some of the highlights.

Last week, the children finished their addition and subtraction unit in maths and have now started their new unit of multiplication. They are off to a great start and are enthusiastic about applying their new found skills to Key Stage class battles on TTRockstars!

In writing, we are working hard on an independent writing task after finishing the guided write based on the book, 'Escape to Pompeii.' We are very proud of the children's attempts to challenge themselves with new vocabulary learnt.

This week we are also designing our sculptures, based on the work of Barbara Hepworth, so we are ready to make them next week. The children will be using modroc to make these, so it will be a messy but fun experience!

Thank you for another great few weeks, Starfish.



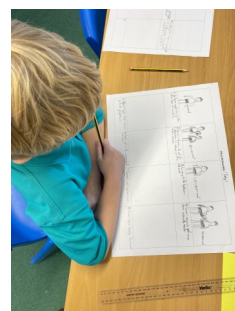
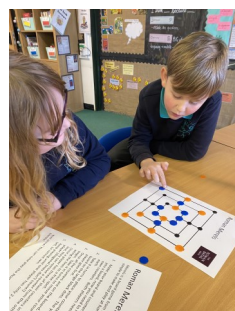
Miss Hayhurst, Miss Johns, Mrs Reid

Footprints

Footprints and Starfish had an adventure through Roman Britain, exploring Aquae Sulis (the city of Bath) and the Roman baths. Both classes became archaeologists for the day and took part in a workshop with a Roman bath expert called David. He shared artefacts found in Aquae Sulis which the children used their skills as historians to explore and suggest what they were used for. We even found out that Romans used Irish wolfhounds as hunting dogs.

After exploring the baths, the children created comic strips to show a day-in-the-life at the Roman baths then had a game (a very competitive one) of Merels - a Roman game played around the baths. They loved it so much, we are keeping it for wet play!

There are lots of links to explore on Google Classroom at home if you would like to explore further. We will be continuing on our learning journey about the Roman's throughout the term.



Mrs Read and Mrs Morris

CLASS NEWS

Waves

Waves have returned to school since after the half term break full of interest and energy for their new learning. During week one we dived into our new history topic - The Ancient Egyptians - becoming historians, breaking down the entrance to a hidden tomb in the school and uncovering long forgotten relics from the past! The children had to work together to navigate a complicated tunnel system in order to find the treasures buried below!

Once they had emerged from the tomb, they were then able to inspect the artefacts more closely and make predictions as to what they thought they were and what they were used for. A wonderful, afternoon was had by all!!

We have also been enjoying our new class book *The Secrets of the Sun King* by Emma Carroll which links to our Egyptian topic. The children have been gripped by the story and are answering comprehension questions daily, deepening their inference, retrieval and prediction skills.

Finally, this last couple weeks we have been practicing our Christmas songs. Each afternoon, the corridors of the school have been filled with their angel like voices singing in beautiful harmony! We can't wait to share the performance with you all.



Mrs Clarke, Miss Francey, Miss Harding and Miss Marsh

Surfers

What a fact-filled November we have had in Surfers Class. We have begun learning all about the Ancient Egyptians: exploring how artefacts are clues to the past, their beliefs and burials, pyramids and obelisks, and aspects of their society. We kicked off our topic with an experience session as Egyptologists, 'discovering' our own tomb filled with treasures, and exploring real artefacts. We are also writing a biography about an ancient Egyptian pharaoh, after learning all about the prosperous peacekeeper and fearless pharaoh, Hatshepsut.

In Maths, we have mastered our multiplication and division skills. tackling long division with determination and perseverance! This week we have begun to learn some songs for our Christmas performance, and we are being serenaded by their beautiful singing at the start of each day. December, here we come.



Miss Thomas, Mrs Mulholland and Miss Hodgkinson-Ryan

