

# Mullion Community Primary School



Another action packed week has just finished and the children are now in full flow of their new curriculum units for the half term. Walking around the school it has been uplifting to see the interest, enthusiasm and energy the children are putting into their learning. Visits across the School have seen sessions based on:- gymnastics, sewing, democracy, the Stone Age, the digestive system and timelines of World WarII. This week's virtue focus has been 'enthusiasm' and there was certainly plenty to see from our wonderful children. Please take the time to look at the photographs on the following pages of some of these activities.

Cornwall hit the national news this week with the historic rocket launch. Although things didn't go according to plan, we were able to base our Wednesday assembly on the event to see 'failure' as a step on the way to success. As the great Albert Einstein said, "Failure is success in progress." After the mission, Tim Peake said: "So disappointing. But getting into space is hard and valuable lessons will be learned. We will wait to hear more."

We're glad to see that plenty of children have signed up for after school clubs which start next Monday 16th. We have a new Chess Club starting for KS2, run by Mrs Russell, so if anyone has any chess sets that can be donated to the School could you please contact the office.

On Wednesday Rebecca Pascoe, the Chair of Governors, joined the School Council meeting to discuss lunchtime and ways to enrich the midday experience. For more information, please read the School Council section.

Well done to the children and staff for another enjoyable week.

Have a great weekend,

Miss Hayhurst



# Pupil News



Alexander attends a Karate club on Tuesdays and Fridays.

In Wednesday's assembly, he showed us his three medals – a bronze for taking part and two golds for achieving 1st and 2nd places.

The four words Alexander chose to describe karate were—fun, physical, skilful and rewarding. Well done Alexander.

Please don't hesitate to let us know of any out of school successes so that we can celebrate them.

# Basketball

Mullion pupils, Indah, Honey, Devon, Oliver, Jago and Lexie went to a basketball match at Helston college. Sadly they lost, however they thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The team will be going next week and the one after, so hopefully they will have the chance to improve and learn more skills from Mr Studd, who was refereeing the match against Parc Eglos. The children had a great time. Thank you to Miss Wells for accompanying the children to this event.

By Indah and Honey

On Monday, Mr Studd visited years 5 and 6 to teach them the game of basketball. A great time was had by all and many of the children have been spending their lunchtimes playing the game since.

# Year 2 Swimming

Shells had their first swimming lesson of this term on Tuesday afternoon. We were all so impressed with how they listened and followed instructions. Every child got into the water without any fuss and there were lots of smiles and giggles. Getting changed was done quickly and mostly independently. Keep up the good work Shells! Mrs. Brown

# Community News

Mullion and Helston Community Food Larder started again this Wednesday and will be held fortnightly at 3.15pm. The Community Larder is a project to tackle food waste, help reduce carbon emissions and give local people access to good nutritious food that would otherwise be thrown away.

# School Council News from Mrs Higgins

The School Council met for the first time this term. We had a catch up and reminded ourselves which action groups were in place and discussed our focus and priorities.

We have three action groups. Erin is managing the 'Buddy System' action group. She has spoken to people who are interested in becoming buddies and mentors.

Rafi and Glyn are working with Mrs Thomas and the Chair of Governors to write letters asking local companies for donations towards activities to enrich our curriculum at playtimes. Mrs Higgins is going to find out if the School Council can go to Newlyn school to observe their playtime structure and activities, which will give the council a better insight into what activities we are fundraising for.

During the summer, a parent who works for Usborne books hid books around the village for the children to find, read and share. Local businesses sponsored the event and the money donated is being used to buy books across the school. Previously the class question focused on the genre of books children wanted to read. We have an action group dedicated to selecting those books. Mrs Higgins is compiling the list.

Our priority this term is focusing on behaviour in school and making sure that everyone is happy. We don't want anyone to feel lonely or bored at playtimes. It is our aim to have a buddy system in place in the next few weeks.

## School Council News by Rafi

This week the School Council met and discussed progress of action teams. Action teams are groups put together with volunteers from the classes, and some are put together using the school councils communications teams. (The communications team meet weekly to share research.)

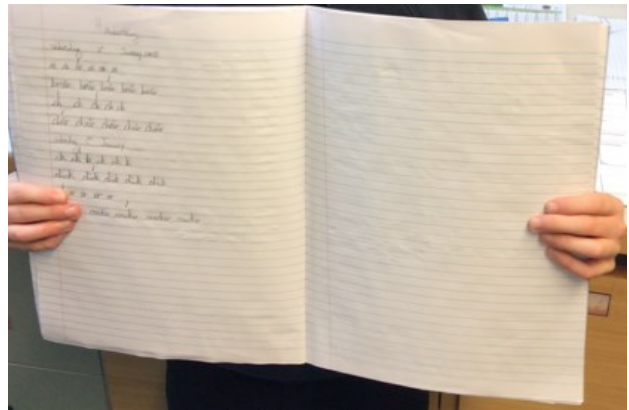
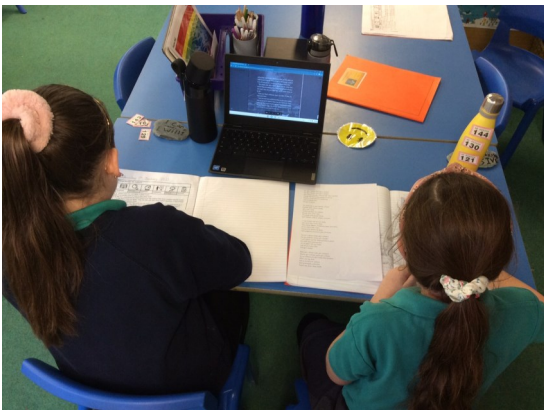
## School News

There has been a recent increase in headlice in school so we recommend that parents check their children's hair regularly. We have attached an information leaflet for your information.



# A School Snapshot

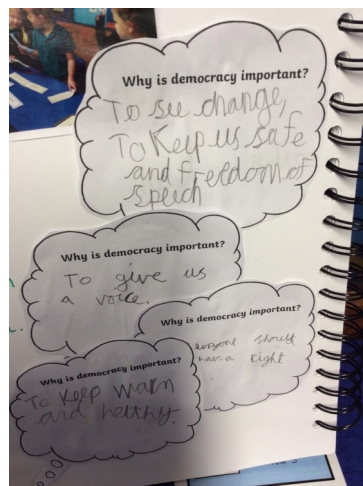
Waves during their Reading Explorers session when they were studying the text, 'War Horse' by Michael Morpurgo. It was lovely to see how proud the children were with the progress of their handwriting. Rudy was especially enthusiastic in showing the difference between his 'before' and 'after'. Very impressive—well done Rudy.



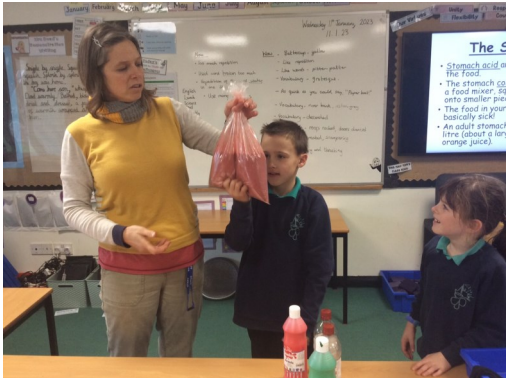
Starfish completed their second lesson of the unit Diverse Britain in PSHE and discussed what Democracy means to them. Here are images of the children using their democratic skills, working in groups to sort definitions of words including society, democracy, human rights, equality and government.

As part of an experience day for their English unit based on, 'Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura the children explored the art of cave painting.

Well done Starfish!



In an extremely fun Science lesson, Footprints made a model of the digestive system and explored its functions. The children enjoyed the practical session (and so did the adults!)



The inclement weather created a leak in the school roof. It inspired this poem by Tyler.

Drip drop  
Make the water stop  
Drip drop  
Splashing in my pot  
Drip Drop  
Stopping in my pot  
Higher, higher  
When will it stop? Drip, Drip, Drip, STOP

Pebbles explored two, three and four point balances in their PE session. We were very impressed with how quickly they mastered the balances. As you can see fun was had by all..... even Miss Gearing!

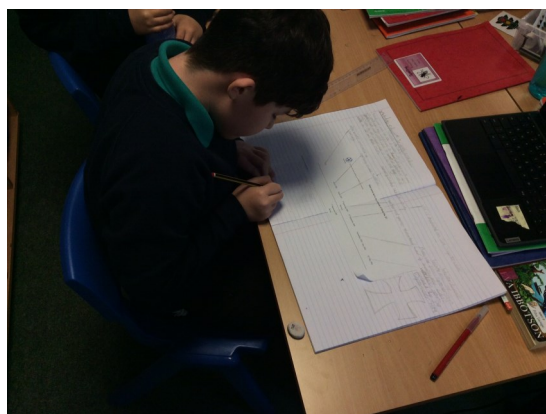


Shells learnt needlework skills this week as well as exploring different shapes in Maths.





Surfers are studying World WarII and have started the unit by plotting the main events on a timeline. They used their Chrome books to research and add detail using illustrations.



## Wall of Frame

A final reminder that our second Wall of Frame exhibition deadline is fast approaching. We were very impressed with the pieces submitted in the last exhibition. Please make sure all entries are the very best that you are capable of—don't be shy to show off your talents and creativity!

# WALL OF FRAME

Exhibition 02

Theme: Door



Knock knock? Who's there? CREATIVITY! Lots of creativity. It's our second exhibition for the Mullion Wall of Frame and we think you'll love it.

As the New Year approaches, what does the theme, 'Door' mean to you?

A new beginning? A fantasy world? A memory door of times past?

### Entry Guidelines

- All entries must be A4, either landscape or portrait and follow the brief.
- Entries can be drawn, painted, collaged, digital art, textiles, creative writing, poetry..
- Please make sure your name is on the back and if you would like to give your piece a title, write it on the back.
- All pieces that are submitted must be presented to a high quality to show your talent, please.



Please hand in your entry to Miss Hayhurst by Monday 16th January 2023

# School Census Menu

Thursday 20th January is school census day and it is very important that children who are entitled to a Free School Meal and all children in KSI have a school lunch on census day as it affects our funding. Chartwells have put together the below special menu for the day.



## Diary Dates

Monday 16th Jan	After School Clubs start
Tuesday 17th Jan	Year 2 Swimming
Wednesday 19th Jan	Year 5/6 Basketball League
Thursday 20th Jan	Census Day—Menu Change
Monday 23rd Jan	KS2 Gymnastics Competition Penryn
Tuesday 24th Jan	Year 2 Swimming
Wednesday 25th Jan	KS2 Swimsafe at Penryn
Wednesday 25th Jan	Year 5/6 Basketball
Monday 30th Jan	Football Cluster Tournament
Tuesday 31st Jan	KS1 Gymnastics Competition Penryn
Tuesday 31st Jan	Year 2 Swimming