

Mullion Community Primary School



The children have made an enthusiastic start to the new term and the school is once again buzzing with learning. A huge thank you to all of our families for making sure the children are up and ready for their day which is no small feat after a 6-week summer holiday! As a result, they have arrived on time which means that they have settled quickly into their routines in their new or renewed classes.

As you know, we are in the process of bringing our school together with a clear vision that positively impacts on our pupils. Our staff made a start on the relaunch of our school's vision around the theme of 'We Are Mullion' and the children are about to start work on this through School Council. In my welcome letter, I invited you all to join us on Monday 12th at either 8.30-9.00am or 3.00-3.30pm to get involved. There will be pastries and biscuits to nibble on whilst sharing ideas informally! Your voice is crucial to our school vision so please join us.

One of our developments already has been around behaviour for learning. It is of top priority that our children are able to learn and that the classroom environment supports that. So, we have refined our behaviour approach in class. The rewards system is the same; smiles, thumbs up, stickers, verbal praise, team points, postcards home, special mentions in the newsletter and virtues awards. The sanctions stages have been adapted to include a teachers Red Book. The stages are: a verbal reminder of the expectations, a yellow card and name in the teachers Red Book and, if behaviour persists, this becomes a red card and they will continue their learning in another class. As a parent or carer, you would be informed if your child became a persistent name in a teacher's red book. At this point, I would also be made aware. All rewards and sanctions are delivered in a developmentally appropriate way and with a focus on growth. Class teachers have spent the last three days teaching the children about expectations of learning behaviour and, importantly, why this is key to an effective learning environment.

Once again, thank you for your support in preparing the children for their first week back. It is going to be an exciting year and the whole team are looking forward to working closely with you to support the growth of our fabulous children here at Mullion Primary School.

Mrs Read



School Council News

After the launch of the new and improved School Council last year, we have decided to keep the current representatives. The reason for this is because we value developing our young leaders and know that it is important to continue with opportunities like this. Our vision for school council is to develop the idea that all pupils are members of school council, but some are the ones who represent and lead. There will be many opportunities in the coming year for other pupils to get involved in working groups too, dipping their toes in to see if they like it!

Meet our School Council team



Pupil News

Here at Mullion Primary School, we are dedicated to developing aspirations and one of our budding young writers has been a superb example of this. Rafi Hart from Year 4 entered the Waterstones Young Writers competition and WON FIRST PRIZE with her moving short story 'Paddling in the Sea'. You can enjoy this too at the end of the newsletter.



If you have something to celebrate, please send it to:
head@mullion-ji.cornwall.sch.uk

A School Snapshot

Today we have had a moment of reflection in light of the sad news regarding the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Only a few months ago, we were celebrating her extraordinary 70 years as our Queen.



In our reception area, we have a small memorial to Her Majesty and a few books with a bereavement focus for anyone to explore in school. The children are able to use this for some quiet reflection if needed.

Reminders

Attendance

A polite reminder that any request for leave of absence during term time cannot be approved unless there are exceptional circumstances.— as per Government legislation. It is also our school's policy to ask that routine medical and dental appointments are made outside of school hours where possible. We cannot grant leave for regular early pick-ups for activities such as clubs.

Dogs

As much as many of us are dog-lovers, please can we remind our families that dogs should not be on school grounds for health and safety reasons. If they are ever in school for educational benefits, this is a risk assessed activity. Therefore please do not bring dogs beyond the top gate. There is an area that they can be safely tied. Many thanks.

Car Park and Road Safety

Please may we ask that you support your children to walk down the path and not through the car park. We appreciate that the path may be busy at times, but patience is better used than injury and accident in this situation. An important lesson for them to learn when out and about too. We would also ask that parents wait on the playground or at the sides of the pathways rather than the car park so as to discourage the children from using the car park. Many thanks.

Diary Dates

Monday 12th Sept	Parents invited into school to discuss our vision
Tuesday 13th Sept	Year 6 Swimming begins
Tuesday 13th Sept	KS2 Cross Country at Porthleven School
Monday 19th Sept	Clubs begin this week (more information to follow)
Monday 26th Sept	Year 5/6 Badminton at Helston School
Monday 26th Sept	Football League starts at Helston School
Tuesday 4th Oct	KS2 Swim Gala at Helston Pool
Monday 11th Oct	Year 3/4 Badminton at Helston School
Tuesday 11th Oct	KS1 and KS2 Cross Country at Helston School

Paddling in the Sea

I was paddling in the sea when I first saw it.

It was dawn, and the sun was gliding up from below the horizon. The sky glowed gold and shimmered as if it was an invitation.

I was alone on the beach and I was not afraid. Well, I had lived all my life by this ocean. I knew the beach and its secrets. I knew where the wooden posts came out of the mud which marked the Roman way across the quicksand. This was my magical land.

I knew the sudden and surging tides of this coastline. Soon the sea would flood the old path and it would be invisible under the water.

I always scanned the bay because I knew what the ocean could do if it pleased. People wanted to take the risks to walk on the ancient path. Maybe some did not even realise the consequences. Many people had died.

The sun seemed too bright. My eyes were squinting. I thought it was one of the sun's tricks. But it was not. A figure was out in the bay walking the path. Already the water was closing around the posts. The person would drown.

I called to them. I shouted as loud as I could. The only response was the squawking of the seagulls. I was a fast runner, and this was my beach. The sea had not yet reached the fifth marker. I had only minutes to reach the person.

I kicked off my shoes. The sand was wet and oozy. I ran into the cold glassy water, from one seaweedy post to the next. Shells and rocks bit into my feet, but I had no time to worry about that.

I yelled as I ran and still the figure did not turn or react. My body wanted to stop and return to my shoes. This person must already be wading in water. The sea was gliding in around my legs. The smell of salt and seaweed invaded my lungs.

I looked up ahead. The person had gone. In front of me was a stained wooden marker post and on top of it was a scruffy battered hat.

I had been tricked. I had been betrayed by the sun and the sand. But there really was someone in the bay, whose life flashed before them, and that person was me.

Now I looked behind me. The water shone like foil. I couldn't see my beach. A wave nearly picked me up. All I could see was murky silver-blue.

A hand grabbed my wrist. Suddenly my legs were floating behind me like a mermaid's tail, and I was drifting towards the land, guided by the stranger. I could not see a body or a face; I just felt the firm grip on me.

I stumbled onto the beach and spun round to see my rescuer.

There was nobody there.

Rafi Hart

Age 9