



27th November 2020

The Mousehole Cat



Dear Parents and Carers

As this Christmas will be like no other, we have booked a special performance for all the children in school. Puppets, live actors and stunning folk music combine to tell the story of the Mousehole Cat.

For this year only Cousin Jack's will stream a full length adaptation of their fabulous stage production. Children will view the performance on December 17th via the screens in their rooms. We ask for a donation of

£1 per pupil which can be paid via Parent Pay. Please contact the school office if you need help activating your Parent Pay account.



Duncan Ratcliffe

Bags to School

Bags to School is a fundraising scheme that collects unwanted, re-usable clothes in return for money for the school. The amount of money we receive depends on the amount of clothes donated – the more it weighs the more they pay. Due to the current restrictions in school we are unable to collect the bags but Mullion Cricket Club have kindly agreed that all bags can be left at their pavilion from **Sunday 6th December until 4pm on Tuesday 8th December**. Bags can be left under the sheltered area at the far end of the club house (by the changing rooms). Also Bags to School won't be able to provide their usual bags this year so clothes etc can be put into bin bags.



This is an ideal opportunity to have a clear out before Christmas whilst raising funds for the school.

Bags to School accept the following items - clothes, handbags, paired shoes, hats, scarves and ties and belts

They are not accepting this year - bedding, towels, soft toys, pillows/cushions, carpets/rugs.

Thank you to the Friends of Mullion for organising.

Christmas Arrangements

December 9th – School Christmas Lunch

December 11th – Christmas Jumper Day - Please remember your donation for the Helston and Lizard Food Bank.

December 17th - Class Christmas Party and a screening of the Mousehole Cat.

December 18th - School closes at 1.15 - Lunch will be served as normal.

January 4th - INSET day



School Lunches

This is a reminder that the cost of a school lunch increased to £2.34 on 2nd November - a number of parents are still paying £2.30. Also please keep your school lunch account up-to-date. Thank you.



Children in Need and the Poppy Appeal

Thank you so much to everyone who donated towards Children in Need and the Poppy Appeal. The children looked great in their fancy dress outfits and own clothes plus we raised an amazing £234.85 which will be split between the 2 charities.



THANK YOU!

Teaching Assistant

There is a job vacancy for a part time Teaching Assistant in Shells Class. The position is for 3 afternoons per week until August 2021. For more information and an application form either visit the school website or contact the school office.

CLASS NEWS

Pebbles

Pebbles have learnt all about the moon this week - they have played the space race game and can talk about the first man-made object, the first living thing and the first person to orbit the earth. They understand that despite the USSR achieving so much the USA got there first and Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins were the first men on the moon.



Mrs Higgins, Mrs Gardner and Miss Gearing

Shells

This week, Shells class were fascinated to learn about objects that have been left on the moon by astronauts. One of the objects sparked lots of giggles - ask the children! The children have been working hard on their handwriting to warm up for their writing lessons, each week we see an improvement in their 'ramps' and 'flicks' as they perfect their joins. Each class has got some exciting new play equipment to use during break times. Shells class have impressed Miss Bradley and Mrs Griffiths with their hula hoop skills!



Miss Bradley and Mrs Griffiths

Footprints

Footprints are enjoying their multiplication unit in Maths. We were particularly pleased with their recent KIRF quiz results with a lot of children at least doubling their baseline score from the beginning of the half term. Well done Footprints for all of the enthusiasm, time and effort you have put into learning multiplication and division facts. We can't wait to see what you can do by the end of the half term!

This week in English, we have been doing an independent writing task based on the book, 'The Skies Above my Eyes.' Footprints loved listening to the book and have thought carefully about how they could write about the sights and sounds of our Cornish sky. Scavenging seagulls swooping for pasties and Search and Rescue helicopters circling the rugged clifftops were sentences that particularly impressed!

This half term, in Art we have explored Abstract Art. The children have loved discussing and comparing the work of Mark Rothko, Sonya Delauney and Jackson Pollock. We had a go at our own Mark Rothko paintings and even attempted to paint in the style of Jackson Pollock although we did do this leaning into a cardboard box to protect the classroom and carpet! This week we have begun an artist study of Wassily Kandinsky. We started by learning his ideas behind his paintings and then we had fun trying out different painting techniques in preparation for painting our own piece of Abstract Art. We can't wait to see what the children produce!

Well done Footprints, another great couple of weeks.



Miss Hayhurst, Miss Johns, Miss Francey, Mrs Mundy, Mrs Reid and Mr Barco

CLASS NEWS

Waves



This week, we were finally able to paint our clay lighthouse tiles and, as you can see, they have turned out wonderfully! These have been part of our learning in Art which began as replica illustrations from the artist who created the artwork on Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll. The children are very proud of their work. We have also been learning about appropriate play choices at break and lunchtimes and have taken delivery of some new equipment. As you can see from the photographs, the children are thrilled with these and are already very skilled skippers, hoppers and hula-hoopers. Such fun!



In other news, please can you send in a plain white top for a top-secret surprise that we are preparing. If it could be in school by Wednesday, that would be fantastic. Also, please check-in on the Google Classroom each week for home-learning. Many children have missed or not brought their home-learning in so this may need a little more encouragement at home, please.



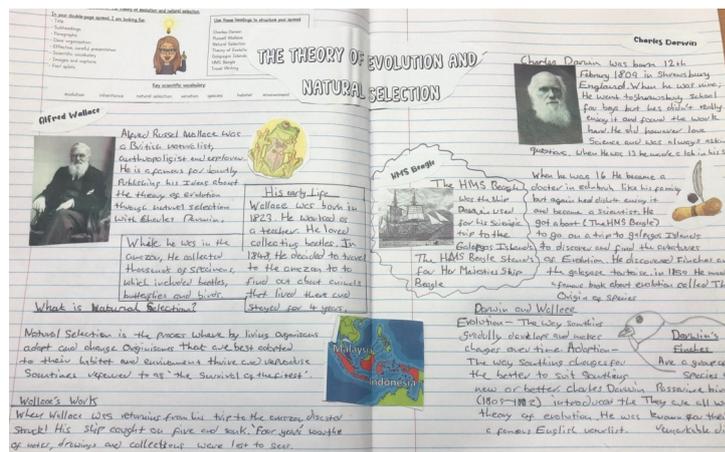
Mrs Read, Mrs Morris and Miss Harding

Surfers

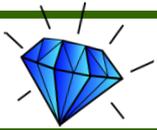
This week in Surfers, we have had another excellent week of learning. In maths, we have begun our fractions block. We've been recapping some of the Year 5 objectives in identifying equivalent fractions, simplifying fractions and converting between improper fractions and mixed numbers. Lots of practise will take place over the coming months to become really confident with all elements of Year 6 arithmetic, but we have made a super start! In Writers' Workshop, we have been using our Rose Blanche sentence stacking to plan our independent piece. We'll be writing from a Jewish perspective, telling the tale of the boy captured and sent to the concentration camp in Dachau. The children are full of ideas and they're really enthusiastic to show their brilliant independent writing. We also produced some outstanding double-page spreads in Science on Evolution and Natural Selection, learning all about the work of Charles Darwin and Alfred Wallace, and in DT, we have been testing different shapes to support our air shelter model designing next week. Phew, what a busy week!



Check out Aston's superb double-page Science spread.



Mrs Savage, Mrs Wood, Mr Benton and Mrs Sloper



Virtues



Pebbles

Ellaria Wells - Determination
 Danni Whitehead-Swann - Determination
 Ezra Laws- Enthusiasm
 Clare Ashcroft - Enthusiasm

Shells

Betsy Bray - Enthusiasm
 Esme Entwistle - Resilience
 Toby Entwistle - Focus
 Elizabeth Poynter - Kindness

Footprints

Kaleesi Wells - Joyfulness
 Fia Ellis - Determination
 Rafi Hart - Enthusiasm
 Corbin Evans - Enthusiasm

Waves

Emily Ward - Enthusiasm
 Alfie Tonkin - Dedication
 Jordan Page - Enthusiasm
 Bruce Wilkinson - Purposefulness

Surfers

Joseph Rule - Determination
 Kara Lockey - Determination
 Aston Hill - Self Dedication
 Piran Ford - Enthusiasm

Weekly Attendance

Whole School	96.61%
Pebbles	97.86%
Shells	96.00%
Footprints	100.00%
Waves	92.48%
Surfers	96.80%

Well Done Footprints!

Thank you to everyone who ordered from Cauliflower Cards. The school has raised over £200 which will go towards some new art equipment.

