

19th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

We are now two weeks into the reopening of school and it is great to see the pupils getting back into the learning routine. It is more important than ever that pupils get into the routine of reading at home and completing homework when it is set. In school we are focussing on basic skills such as reading and timetables to make sure that pupils are ready to move on in their learning with a secure foundation of learning.

Many of the normal routines are now in place. We had our first fire drill of the term this week and the pupils all evacuated the building quickly and were all accounted for within 4 minutes.

Thank you to all pupils who made such a fabulous effort to dress up today for **RED NOSE DAY**. They all looked amazing and enjoyed sharing their super powers. We raised an amazing £148.51. Thank you again for supporting this good cause.

We will begin holding virtual assemblies this week and award certificates to pupils in their classrooms. Each week we will choose a virtue for the whole school to consider. This week we are considering: Gratitude.

Thank you for your continued support.

Duncan Ratcliffe



## Echo point; a relaxation aid.

Justin Wiggins, who some children will remember when he visited school, in partnership with Imagine If and Community Connect Cornwall, have developed a project to support children's resilience.

Echo Point aims to improve mood and control breathing, break negative thoughts and reduce anxiety.

By scanning the QR code on the card we have sent home today or by visiting the website you can experience calming sounds which have been chosen to focus children on calming breathing exercises. These techniques are widely used and this is a simple guide to help children relax.

The local Church of England network are looking to hear your views on how the church can better serve the community. If you are happy to provide them with your view, please click on the link and respond to the survey. [www.tinyurl.com/OTWKerrier](https://www.tinyurl.com/OTWKerrier)

All pupils with long hair are reminded to tie their hair up to avoid tangling and to prevent the spread of head lice.

## Mullion Primary PTA Easter Raffle

A number of Easter goodies have been donated to the PTA and they are running an Easter raffle for the children. If your child would like to take part can they please bring to school 50p in a named, sealed envelope and hand it to their class teacher by Thursday 25th April.

A number of envelopes will then be picked in each class and the winners will receive an Easter Prize.

You can enter as many times as you like, just make sure the 50p is in a separate named envelope.

Good luck and Happy Easter from the PTA.



# CLASS NEWS

## Pebbles

What a fabulous return to school! It was lovely to have a full class of enthusiastic and happy children. Their enthusiasm has not waned but increased with each day that has passed. Pebbles are enjoying spending time with their friends and getting back into routines. We have been busy learning about growing plants. The children have planted seeds and are excited to see the first shoots appearing. Having learnt about the best conditions for growth, we are conducting an experiment to see the effect on seed growth. We even have a pot in the fridge! Thank you for your amazing support in preparing your children for the return to school.



*Mrs Higgins, Mrs Gardner and Miss Gearing*

## Shells

This week Shells have been making the most of the dry weather by getting outside to plant our seeds. Shelldon and the children have been making the most of our outdoor space. So far, we have planted tomatoes, spinach, celery, beetroot and potatoes. In Science we are learning about plants, we are exploring what plants need to grow by setting up a 'fair test' experiment. We are growing 2 plants in the light by the window and 2 in the dark inside a cardboard box. All have the same amount of compost to grow in and we are giving them the same amount of water. Some of us are surprised about our findings so far!



*Miss Bradley and Mrs Griffiths*



# CLASS NEWS

## Footprints

First of all, Footprints team would like to say a huge thank you for all of the support given during the time that the children were being home schooled. Even though they were not in school, it felt like they were still nearby with all of the Google Meets and submissions of learning each day. We have created a celebration wall of all of the learning and memories formed over the weeks - it's something the children should be very proud of, we certainly are.

Footprints have come back full of enthusiasm. We have started a new writing unit based on the picture book, 'Journey' by Aaron Becker and their writing and creative ideas have continued to impress. In Maths, we have continued our fractions unit. The children keep saying that they are getting hungry as we keep referring to food items when creating a visual image of the fractions in the children's head!

For Science we have started our new unit of, 'Forces and Magnets' and this week planned and undertaken a couple of experiments to explore friction. The children made predictions and collected the results using their measuring skills learnt in their maths unit.

Footprints team are very happy to be back together. A very big well done to all of the children for such a brilliant few weeks back.



*Miss Hayhurst, Miss Johns, Miss Francey, Mrs Reid, Mrs Brown*



# CLASS NEWS

## Waves

Waves have been showing great motivation in the maths learning over the last 2 weeks - revisiting multiplication and division. They have persevered and mastered both formal methods. We also had a brilliant time practicing TT Rockstars whilst raising money for Red Nose Day! Some home-learning this week is to research Argentina in preparation for an independent write on a travel brochure. Details of this are on the Google Classroom.

*Mrs Read, Mrs Morris and Miss Harding*



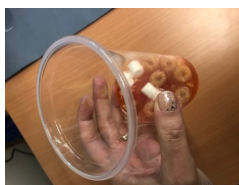
## Surfers

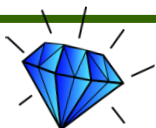
What a fantastic and busy week in Surfers Class! We've been loving writing our holiday brochures about Peru this week; after researching the country at length, we've enjoyed stacking sentences filled to the brim with positive language to sell the holiday destination. It's not been tough with a country such as Peru, with its incredible sights (such as the ancient Incan temple of Machu Picchu!)



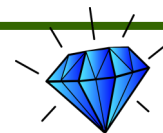
In science this week, things got a bit gory! We 'dissected' blood! Learning about the different components of blood enabled us to create 'blood smoothies' to display the different elements. We used Cheerios (coloured with red food dye!) for the red blood cells, white marshmallows for the white blood cells, juice for the plasma and hazelnuts for the platelets. We also added extra ingredients in different quantities to show the antigens, and how these make up our different blood types. We created our 'blood' on a rich tea biscuit (which was meant to be our petri-dish!) So much fun and a great way to learn about our blood and its vital function in keeping us alive!

We also enjoyed a fun Red Nose Day – topped off with the glory of winning the Times Table Rockstars 'Rock Down Relief' competition and earning ourselves a fabulous extra breaktime! Well done, Year 6!





# Virtues



## ***Pebbles***

Lucas Wherry - Self-Discipline  
Ava Allen - Co-operation

## ***Shells***

Fredrick Villanueva - Kindness  
Ruby Taylor - Creativity

## ***Footprints***

Emily Goode - Enthusiasm  
Noah Coombe - Joyfulness

## ***Waves***

Magnus Gardner - Respect  
Alexandra Cockings - Empathy

## ***Surfers***

Franklin Villanueva - Enthusiasm  
Xavier Fincham-Smith - Determination

## **Weekly Attendance**

Whole School	97.99%
Pebbles	98.44%
Shells	97.04%
Footprints	98.96%
Waves	96.86%
Surfers	98.65%

**Well Done Footprints!**

Flying Gulls are running a holiday club during the Easter Holidays. If you need a space please contact Jane Whaley as soon as possible 07484 722784. They will be open on Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th and the following week on the 12th 13th 14th and 15th.

