



12th December 2020

What a year!

I am sure, like me, you are looking forward to saying goodbye to 2020 and welcoming in a New Year full of hope and optimism with family and friends. Although this year is one we will never forget for the challenges it has brought, there have been many exciting things happen in our school and community over the year and through lockdown. There have been many acts of kindness and generosity that have been necessary during a year like no other.



The staff have worked harder than ever to support your families through lockdown, opening as a hub for the Lizard Schools, reopening, bubble closures and many other difficult situations. I am sure you will join me in saying a huge thank you to them all. We are lucky to have such a committed staff who have worked tirelessly throughout the year. I also want to thank the pupils who have brought life back to the school with their laughter and enthusiasm. They have adapted brilliantly to the new arrangements and are producing work of a high standard. Finally, I want to thank you, our families, for trusting in us as a school and adjusting your days to suit staggered starts and ends to the day. This support is evident through our attendance, which despite all the setbacks this year is better than it was last year. We have received many much needed comments of support throughout the year.

Mrs Sloper has decided to retire and will leave us at Christmas, she has worked at Mullion School for over 14 years and over that time her passion for teaching life skills such as sewing and art have benefitted countless children. We wish her all the best and hope that she will return to see us in the future. We will all miss her.

Mr Benton will also leave us after a period working in Year 6 to pursue opportunities away from school. We wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

Today we have sent food parcels to the Helston and Lizard Food Bank and have been overwhelmed by your and the children's generosity. This food will be delivered to families in our communities who will I am sure value your gifts of kindness.

Next week promises to be great fun with Christmas parties, the Mousehole Cat performance and much more.

Please stay safe over the Christmas break, have a very Merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all in 2021.

Duncan Ratcliffe



Christmas Raffle

The PTA Christmas Raffle is being drawn at midday on Thursday 17th December. There are some amazing prizes to be won including a camping weekend for 4 at Little Trethvas Farm, A Meal for 2 at the Mounts Bay up to the value of £40, Afternoon Tea at the Polurrian Hotel for 4 people, a Sunday Roast at Mullion Golf Club for 2 people and many many more.



Please speak to Jodie Wells, Gemma Rule or Kerry Ward who are selling the tickets or email friends@mullion-ji.cornwall.sch.uk to purchase tickets via PayPal. Tickets are 50p each.

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who left bags for 'Bags to School' and a special thank you to Mullion Cricket Club who let us use their facilities to store the bags. £102 was raised for the school.

Reading Book Reminder!

Please can you have a look at home for any school reading books and return them by the end of the term. We have some missing library books and Read Write Inc books that we would appreciate being returned so that they can be used by others. Thank you

The Mousehole Cat



Thank you to everyone who has donated a £1 for the performance of the Mousehole Cat which will be streamed on December 17th. Donations can be made via Parent Pay. We are all looking forward to watching this special performance with puppets, live actors and stunning folk music.

CLASS NEWS

Pebbles

Pebbles classroom has started to look a lot like Christmas! This week we put up our tree and decorations, dressed in our costumes and filmed our version of the Nativity. Christmas dinner was enjoyed by everyone and we are looking forward to ending this year with Christmas jumpers and a party.



Mrs Higgins, Mrs Gardner and Miss Gearing

Shells

Christmas arrived in Shells class this week! The children made decorations for our class tree and created props and costumes for our Christmas show. Shells used their kindness and creativity to produce cards that will be sent to the Sunshine Club, a group of elderly people who have not been able to meet with their friends and family for many months due to Covid 19. The children thoughtfully sent Christmas wishes to an elderly person who might be missing their friends this year. On Wednesday we enjoyed our delicious Christmas lunch, although it was a little different to previous years there was plenty of smiling faces and Christmas cheer in the classroom.



Miss Bradley and Mrs Griffiths

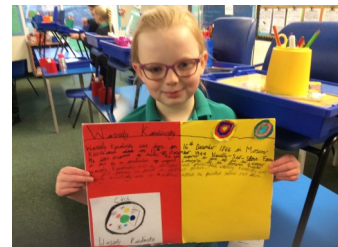
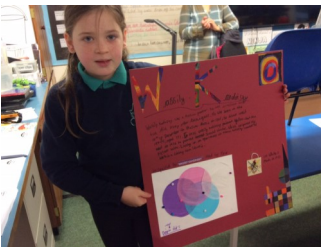
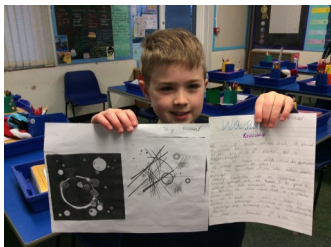
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Footprints

Wow, what a busy couple of weeks! Footprints have continued to enjoy learning about Abstract Art and have completed home learning tasks to show what they have learnt about the artist Kandinsky. They were given the freedom of presenting the information in a format of their choice and have created some brilliant outcomes. So far, we've had information leaflets, information boards, work inspired by the artist and even a miniature cardboard box art gallery. We are very impressed!



Footprints have now finished their English non-fiction writing unit and are proud of their published pieces which are now on their classroom wall. They took time to look back at their writing from the beginning of the year and compare it to their published piece. It was lovely to see the big smiles on their faces when they celebrated their achievements.



Our Christmas celebrations got off to a good start on Wednesday with our yummy Christmas dinner. We look forward to our Christmas Party next Thursday when the children can wear their home/party clothes. We also have a live screening of the Mousehole Cat to enjoy.

Well done to Footprints for another brilliant half term. Happy Christmas to all from the Footprint Staff



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



CLASS NEWS

Waves



Well, this week has been a very busy one. We have been completing lots of end of term assessments but filling other moments with a special something that will be shared on the Google Classroom next week. The children have also been sharing in our Kindness Advent calendar which has given them one kind act each day to think about and carry out. We hope you have noticed! We had a great discussion about what is expected of them at home in terms of helping out, so hopefully, you will see that your load gets a little lighter as they chip in with the dishes! I am afraid that I did have to break the shocking news that the Cleaning Fairy is NOT real. Also, as part of our kindness advent calendar, the children have written letters to the residents of Poldhu Nursing Home as we have not been able to visit and carol sing this year



Mrs Read, Mrs Morris and Miss Harding

Surfers



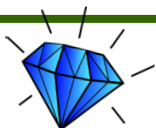
Surfers have continued their fractions work as well as using BIDMAS to ensure they carry out the correct order of operations in Maths.

The class are well on the way to completing their independent writing inspired by the 'Rose Blanche' story, we are looking forward to reading the finished stories.

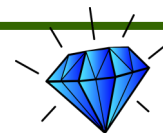
As usual the end of term is always busy - this week Surfers enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner and today have arrived looking very festive in their Christmas jumpers. Thank you for all the donations to the Foodbank which the children brought in this morning.



Mrs Savage, Mrs Wood and Mrs Sloper



Virtues



Pebbles

Bertie Woodcock - Enthusiasm
Tiana Akhurst - Enthusiasm
Blair Ellis - Purposefulness
Senna Hill - Confidence

Shells

Oliver Cornes - Self Discipline
Lily Morris - Purposefulness
Oscar Coombe - Curiosity
Ezekiel Jolliffe - Perseverance

Footprints

Kaleesi Wells - Joyfulness
Fia Ellis - Determination
Eliana Mulyrne - Joyfulness
Harriet Tutton-Gane - Determination

Waves

Izzy Underwood - Motivation
George Villanueva - Purposefulness
Dougal Curtis-Cullen - Purposefulness
Jessica Williams - Purposefulness

Surfers

Tilly Searle-Eddy - Determination
Theo Entwistle - Enthusiasm
Kohen Brown - Creativity
Hope Briggs - Respect

Weekly Attendance

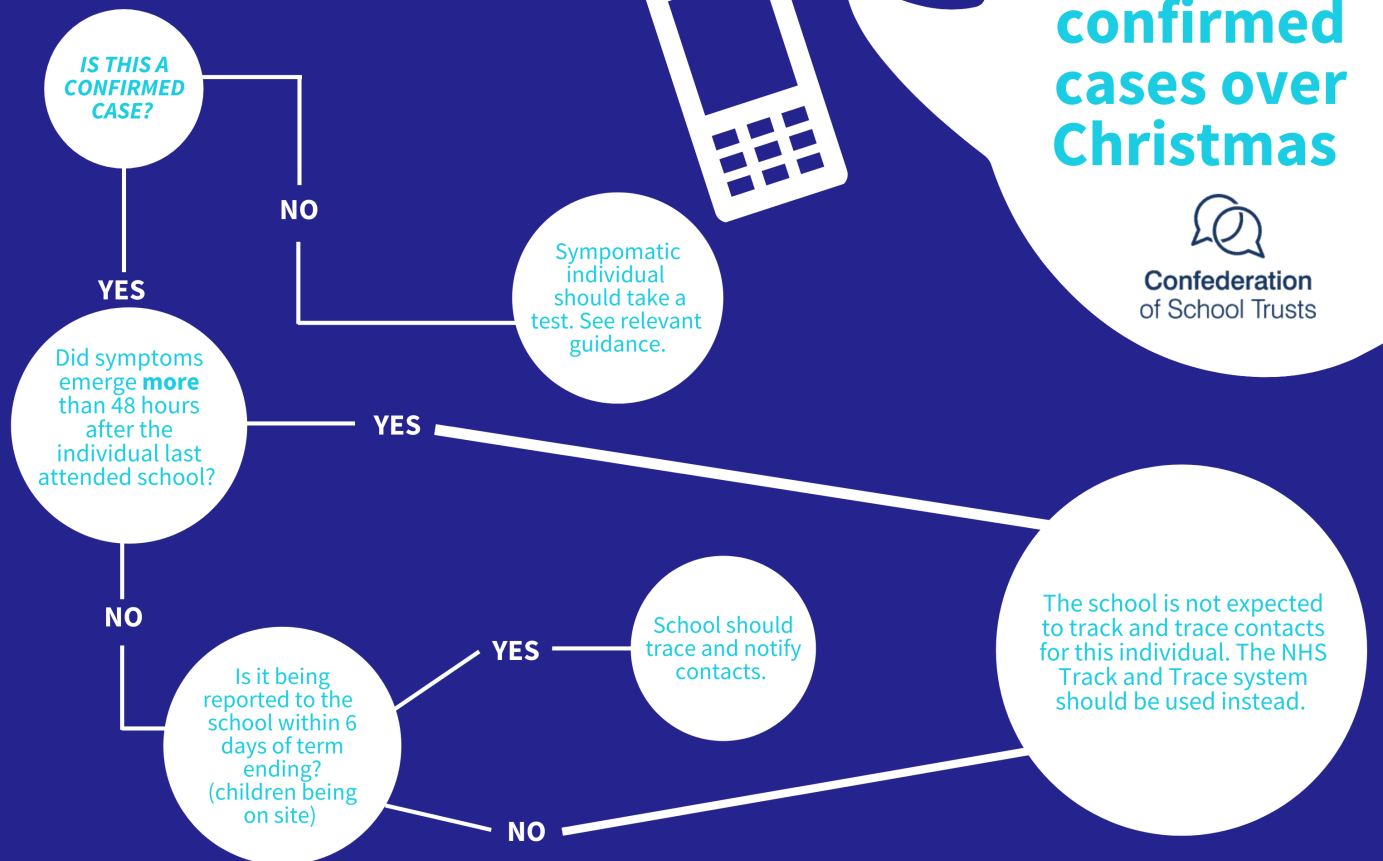
Whole School	95.64%
Pebbles	98.56%
Shells	96.62%
Footprints	97.42%
Waves	94.81%
Surfers	99.19%

Well Done Surfers!

Handling confirmed cases over Christmas



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In the unlikely and sad event that your child develops any Covid Symptoms **within 48 hours of the last day** of term can you please email the school immediately at secretary@mullion-ji.cornwall.sch.uk and again once you receive the test result.

If your child develops **symptoms during the Christmas break** can you please make sure you have emailed the school by the 4th January stating the dates your child's symptoms started and also the test result. Also if anyone in your household receives a positive test result during the break can you please email the school before we return.