



Godolphin Primary School
'living, learning and laughing together'

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Parent/Teacher Appointments:

If you haven't done so already and you wish to book an appointment with your child's class teacher, please contact Mrs. Thomas.

Emerald Class (Miss Bradbury):

- Monday 4th April: 3.30-5.30pm
- Tuesday 5th April: 1.00-3.00pm
- Wednesday 6th April: 1.00-2.00pm

Diamond Class (Mrs Knight):

- Monday 4th April: 3.30-6.00pm
- Tuesday 5th April: 9.00-10.30am

Zircon Class (Mr Snook) (Y5):

- Monday 4th April: 3.30-5.30pm
- Tuesday 5th April: 1.20-2.20pm

General Reminders:

Morning drop-off:

Please can we remind you that children should be dropped off between 8.45am – 8.55am. **The gate is locked at 8.55am.**

Pick-up reminder:

Please can we remind you to inform the school if your child(ren) is being collected by anyone else from school, a school club or After School Club.

Uniform:

Please could we ask you to check that you have the correct school uniform at home as we have a number of children who have mislaid items of uniform over the last couple of weeks.

Important Diary Dates:

Reception Vision Screening: Rescheduled for Monday 4th April (taking place during school time).

Sponsored Swim (Y2/3/4): Monday 4th April. Please bring sponsor forms in.

School Community Drop-in Session: Tuesday 5th April at 2pm (school hall)

Cross-Country League race (6): Tuesday 5th April (**KS2 only**) – Helston Community College at 4pm

Y5/6 Boswinger Youth Hostel Residential Trip – Parent meeting – Thursday 7th April: 3.30pm (school hall)

Easter holiday: Monday 11th – Friday 22nd April

SATs Week (Y6): W/C 9th May

Year 5/6 Camp: Monday 16th – Wednesday 18th May

KS2 Show: Thursday 16th June. More details to follow.

2020/21 Inset Days: 25th & 26th July 2022

Attendance Letters:

We will be writing to all parents/carers on Monday to update you on your child's attendance for the school year (2021/22) so far. We would normally look at attendance on a termly basis, and write to those parents/carers whose children had attendance below the national average.

Due to Covid, we haven't done this for obvious reasons, as we appreciate it has been a challenging time and a number of children have had to self-isolate for periods of time or had prolonged periods of illness. However, we do have a statutory obligation to inform you about attendance.

We will arrange to talk with those who have children with below average attendance (once we have taken into account any periods of self-isolation due to Covid).

Year 5 & 6 Residential Trip:

Monday 16th – Wednesday 18th May at Boswinger Youth Hostel. If you haven't done so already, please return the letter and consent form. Payment via ParentPay please.

Emerald Highlights:

Emerald Class would like to say a huge thank you to Emma Ivey and her animals for a lovely visit on Tuesday morning. The children were very excited to put on their wellies and walk down the road to her farm.



They met sheep, a pony, a dog, a house sparrow and some super-sized worms! The children were able to think about which group the animals were from eg. mammals, reptiles, birds etc and also about which diet group they belong to eg. carnivore/omnivore/herbivore and how each group might have different shaped teeth to deal with the food they eat.

They also had the opportunity to listen to the pony's heart beat and gurgling tummy sounds using a stethoscope - we may have some future vets amongst us!

Thank you again to Emma, and the animals who were very well behaved!

Rugby Festival:

On Tuesday afternoon, a group of ten children from Years 3 & 4 participated in a fun touch rugby festival at Helston Rugby Club. Our fairly inexperienced team soon picked up the basic rules and got stuck into their matches with tremendous enthusiasm, improving every game.



Winning two and losing two of their games, the Godolphin team finished in a highly respectable 3rd position overall.

Well done to everyone who took part, and thank you to Mrs Jones and Mr Hosking for assisting with this event and supporting the school rugby club every Wednesday! We appreciate the help!

Diamond Highlights:

The Diamond class had a surprise visit from Maia and Luca's mum on Wednesday. She brought the completed fossil and hand cast that we had made with her last term when learning about fossilisation.

"They look detailed and realistic." (Elowen)

" I like that you can use different colours. Laura told us that there were up to 90 layers of airbrushed paint on the hands!" (Isla)

" Laura told us that she used dentist tools to get rid of the tiny air bubbles when she was 'refining' the models." (Rhys).

" I was really interested to find out that she could cast pretty much anything if she worked hard and put her mind to it. We feel really lucky to have these pieces and it has helped us remember about mould fossils." (Thomas).

We think you will agree that the Diamond class have an amazing piece of artwork that we will treasure for many years. Many thanks to Laura for her time, enthusiasm and inspiration.



Coose Trannack (Saturday 26th March):

Well done to all the children who took part in the Coose Trannack Cross Country races on Saturday. In total we had 30 children (over a third of the school!) taking part. They all ran really well and were a credit to the school.



A special mention to Nellie and Libby for coming 1st and 2nd respectively in the (2nd) Y3 girls race. Well done! Also, a huge thanks to all of the parents and families for supporting the children at this event.

Zircon highlights

I really loved the drama lessons with Mrs Jones where I can use funny voices. The discussions are always interesting because you get to hear other people's views. (Tristan)

My highlight for this week has been the English lessons where we had to plan and write an ending for my favourite African story – The Lion Hunt. (Reece)

My highlight has been writing about Songfest for the school newsletter. It was so much fun! I would love to do it again. (Olivia)

My highlight was making Viking long ships in groups of eight which was really fun! Our collage had a sunset and sea with dark blue, light blue and green. We called our ship the Sea Hawk. (Jenifer)

My highlight for this week is definitely Songfest! We had such an amazing time and I'm sure that the audience would agree that the singing was so beautiful (even the secondary school children)! It was such an unforgettable night! Although I'm sad that it was my last Songfest, I can't wait to watch lots of new children next year. (Anna)

I really enjoyed the science because I did not get a nosebleed for a change. We made lots of parachutes using paper and string. (Joe)

My highlight was rugby club because we played a giant game of tag with lives where the catchers had to try and get our lives. If they took all of our lives, we had to join them. Issac was the last person to be caught. (Oliver)

My highlight of the past few weeks has been the cross-country races, including Trannack. When I run, it clears my mind and I feel like I can express my feelings. It makes me feel happy. At the end of each race, there is a magical feeling. (Aaron)

My highlight of the week was Trannack. As Year 5's, we had to run 1500m, following the colour-coded flags. In the middle of the race, Sorrel and I were running side by side on a steep hill so Isaac pushed us up to help us. (Mia)

I really enjoyed the gymnastics where I learnt how to do two cartwheels together and how to do a round-off. It was amazing! I loved it! (Faith)

My highlight of the week is Songfest which was held in Penzance. It was a memorable night and it felt amazing to be taking part with so many people around again. I've really missed it these last two years. I hope I am able to carry on singing when I go to secondary school. (Harriet)

Easter Hat competition:

The PTA are challenging all you eggcellent designers and makers at school to make an eggstravagant Easter Hat!

There are 2 categories: best upcycled and the tallest hat. There will be eggciting prizes for both key stages. We are hoping everyone will be able to enter and enjoy getting creative. If you should need any supplies for hat making there is a basket outside the school office to help with this. There will be a little Easter treat for all entries.

The hats need to be brought to school for judging on Friday 8th April where there will be a parade at the end of school for everyone to see the wonderful creations.

Any questions, please do ask one of the PTA or comment on the PTA Facebook page.



Songfest22:

On Wednesday evening the Godolphin Songfest choir took part in Songfest22 - they did an amazing job and had an amazing time. After 2 years of taking part virtually, it was wonderful to be back together with a massed choir of over 100 children and accompanied by a live band - an experience that they will remember for a very long time.

The children were, as always, excellent ambassadors for the school and Mrs. Wandless and I were very proud of them! A special thank you to Mrs Ivey and Mrs Foden who helped with transporting the children.

Olivia would also like to tell you about it...

This is Year 6's last Songfest so it had better be a good one!

One sunny day ten delightful children from Godolphin Primary School set off on their way to St. John's Hall, Penzance for Songfest 2022.

When we got there we went upstairs to a big room and placed our bags down, then had a drink and a snack and went downstairs for rehearsal.

After the rehearsal we were really tired and we needed our tea. So we went upstairs and had our delicious dinner. We had a bit of a play. After a while we went down stairs again...this year we were so lucky because we got to watch the older children sing and play instruments. It was fantastic!

Next there was the interval. We lined up in height order and walked bravely onto the stage. The lights were on, the band was ready and Mrs. Renshaw had her dazzling dress on! Everyone was thinking about what was going to happen.



We were on the stage. Everyone was clapping and cheering. We were so excited! The lights were off, it was time...

Our first song was Power Me. Two of our favourites were See You Again and Don't Stop Me Now; those were the best songs ever! It went very well and we loved it so much.

All the year 6's were so sad because it was our last Songfest. We said goodbye and thank you to the people who organised this lovely day. Every time we come to the hall we will have lots and lots of memories flying through our hearts.

By Olivia

COVID-19 (education and childcare settings) update from Friday 1 April

On Tuesday 29 March, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid, set out the next steps for living with COVID-19 in England from Friday 1 April.

Updated guidance will advise:

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days

Helston Small Schools Football League:



The 17 children pictured on the left were delighted to finally receive their runners-up medals from the Small Schools Football League which they took part in during the Autumn term.