



Godolphin Primary School
'living, learning and laughing together'

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Important Diary Dates:

Class photographs: Thursday 30th June

Sports Day: Wednesday 6th July (parents invited from 1.30pm). **Reserve date:** Friday 8th July

Year 6 Leavers' assembly: Thursday 21st July at 1.30pm (Y6 parents/carers only)

2021/22 Inset Days: 25th & 26th July 2022

2022/23 Inset Days:

- 5th & 6th September
- 20th February 2023
- 24th & 25th July 2023

Year 6 Transition Days:

Monday 27th June – Helston Community College (invitation only)

Tuesday 28th – Wednesday 29th June – Helston Community College (for all Year 6 pupils who have accepted a place at HCC)

Tuesday 5th July (8.30am – 2.30pm) – Mounts Bay Academy (for all Year 6 pupils who have accepted a place at MBA)

RSC contact details:

If you wish to make representation or voice any thoughts to the Regional Schools Commissioner regarding our transfer to Crofty MAT, please email rsc.sw@educaton.gov.uk by 27th June.

Bags of Love:

Just a reminder to bring any donations for Bags of Love (details on the poster sent with the newsletter last week) into school by Monday 27th June.

Emerald Class Update:

This week the Emeralds (and Diamond Year 2's) have been continuing to explore colour. They have been mixing primary colours as well as experimenting with colour to make different tints, shades, warm and cool colours.

This led us to studying the Russian artist Wassily Kandinsky. On Thursday afternoon they had great fun making their own abstract art taking inspiration from his work 'Concentric Circles' and using music to influence their colour mixing and choices. They all produced beautiful artwork!

Cleaner required – job vacancy at Godolphin Primary:

Conserv Group have an opportunity for a highly valued cleaner to join their team based at Godolphin Primary School. In this role, you will be providing high-quality cleaning services to the site as well as securing the site at the end of your shift. They are looking for reliable and passionate cleaners with high standards and dedication to provide an excellent service.

Salary: £9.90 per hour

Working Hours: 13.75 per week = Monday to Friday 15:30 - 18:15

Contract Type: Permanent

If you'd like to have a discussion about the role, please contact phone Sian Wedlake on 07484 543801

Zircon Class: Geevor Mine trip:

Mr Snook is planning a day trip to for the Zircon Class to visit Geevor Mine on Monday 4th July. We are finalising the travel arrangements and will provide further details once these are confirmed. However, in order to cover the cost of the trip there is likely to be a small fee for the trip.

Zircon Class Update:

The Zircons have had an incredibly busy couple of weeks with several offsite educational visits taking place.

Last Wednesday, the class visited Kresen Kernow ('Cornwall Centre') in Redruth which is home to the world's largest collection of documents, books, maps and photographs relating to Cornwall's history. The children were given a guided tour of this state-of-the-art archive centre which has been built in the shell of the former Redruth Brewery.



The children were in awe of the maximum security 'strong room' which boasts 14 miles of shelving, storing over 1.5 million of Cornwall's treasured archives. We were shown important and often 'unique' documents including birth, marriage and death certificates, and original mining maps exposing a labyrinth of mining tunnels and shafts under Redruth.

Following the tour, the class carried out some research on the Lavant mining disaster of 1919, where 31 men lost their lives due to a broken man-engine lift. The pupils used a variety of real documents from the time to piece together evidence and discover more about this tragedy.

The class had a thoroughly enjoyable and informative morning which was helped by their outstanding behaviour and attitude throughout the activities. In fact, Kim, the activity leader was so impressed, she even described them as being a 'dream group'! Well done all of you!

We would like to thank the excellent tour guides from Kresen Kernow – Kim, Alice and David – for making our visit so memorable, as well as Mrs Foden, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Ivey for assisting with transport and supervision. We couldn't have done it without you!

Godolphin mining walk:

On Wednesday this week, the class embarked on a 4 mile tour of the local area, led by school governor and mining guru -Steve Polglase. The purpose of this visit was to consolidate some of the history & geography work we'd been learning about in class.

As we weaved our way round the village and surrounding countryside, including Godolphin Hill and Great Work Mine, Steve described how things may have looked about 200 years ago, sharing photos, artists' impressions and artifacts to support his knowledge. It was hard to believe that Godolphin only really existed due to the minerals found in the ground below, and how it was once one of the most profitable places in the country. We learnt about the rise of the Godolphin family and their influence on the local land and people, and heard stories of wealth and lost fortunes.



After lunch, we spent some time at Great Work Mine imagining what it looked and sounded like when it was in use. The children were particularly keen to look down and drop stones into the three shafts which are now filled with water.

On the return journey, Steve invited us to his house where he demonstrated his small-scale mine works, including a set of stamps, a spiral separator and a shaking table. He also gave an example of vanning using an authentic vanning shovel, which even now is still the best way of establishing the quality of the ore being mined.

The children returned to school at the end of the day feeling totally worn out. We learnt an incredible amount about mining in Cornwall, particularly in and around the Godolphin area. Thank you so much to Steve Polglase for giving up his time and sharing his expert knowledge and passion with us. We'll never look at Godolphin in the same way again! Also, thanks to Mrs Jones who joined the Zircons on this unforgettable adventure.