



Godolphin Primary School
'living, learning and laughing together'

Newsletter Issue 3
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Important Diary Dates:

2022/23 Inset Days:

- 20th February 2023
- 24th & 25th July 2023

PTA Second-hand uniform sale: Friday
30th September (after-school)

Nasal Flu immunisations (Reception-Y6): Thursday 20th October 2022

Individual school photos: Friday 7th
October

Half-Term: 24th – 28th October

Chartwells Menu changes:

Monday 26th September:

- Macaroni cheese or
- Veggie balls & pasta (instead of veggie sausage & mash)
- Jacket potatoes, tomato pasta and ham bap packed lunch

Data collection sheets & consent forms:

There are a few people who haven't returned their data collection sheets, image consent form and annual parental consent forms.

Please could we ask you to return on Monday. These forms are very important as we use this information to contact you in an emergency, and to enable your children to attend trips etc.

Google accounts:

If you change your child's Google password at home, please ensure you write it down (in front of reading diary), so we know it in school.

Year 6: Transfer to Secondary School:

A reminder that the deadline for applications for Year 6 children's transfer to secondary school is **31st October 2022**. A leaflet was sent home this week for all Y6 children. Information about open day events have also been emailed to parents/carers.

Nasal Flu immunisation:

A reminder that all parents/carers need to give online consent (letter emailed this week) to enable their child to have the nasal flu immunisation next month.

The CAP Money course:

This free course is for those worried about money and rising costs and to help you plan and budget for this coming winter.

It teaches budgeting skills and a simple system to successfully manage your money
Sign up and attend all 3 sessions:

- Tues 1st, Mon 7th & Mon 14th November

From 7.30pm to 9.15pm; held at The Old Chapel, Godolphin Cross, Helston TR13 9RA

For more details contact Rona by email:
rona.laity@googlemail.com or visit

<https://capuk.org/get-help/cap-money-course>
for further information.

Emerald Class update:

This week the Reception children have started to do Read, Write inc every morning. They have all shown fantastic enthusiasm for learning the new sounds and have enjoyed the different ways that they have practised the letter formation. We are all so impressed with how they are settling into Reception!

The Year 1 and Year 2 children have also shown great enthusiasm in Read, Write inc too. The adults listen to all of the children read on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday during these Read, Write inc sessions. We focus on accuracy, fluency and comprehension and we can already see the children becoming more confident readers.

This week in Science we investigated the question 'Do people with larger feet need larger gloves?' The children really enjoyed measuring their feet and hands and gathering the data to see if their prediction was correct. We found out that Jowan had the biggest feet and the biggest hands so our prediction was correct!

Zircon Class update:

We've had a hugely productive start to the new term with the children settling well, working hard and engaging fully in their learning.

Our mini-topic, based on the book 'The Promise' by Nicola Davies has raised some serious and thought provoking themes which the children have discussed maturely, linking to their own feelings and experiences. The book was used as inspiration for some reflective writing based on the characters, setting and plot.

Next week, the class will be moving onto their new history topic about the Romans, focusing on Roman Britain. On Friday, the Zircon and Diamond classes will be spending a day with Claudius Maximus to learn all about the Roman army.

Last week, the Zircons were treated to a story telling workshop with local storyteller and historian - Steve Polglase. Steve very kindly shared his own mesmerising story - The Last Giants of Kernow - which had strong links to the local area, particularly Godolphin and Tregonning Hills. From start to finish, the children were totally engrossed and couldn't take their eyes off him. The session finished with a Q&A where the children asked some interesting questions. Thank you very much, Steve, for giving up your time!

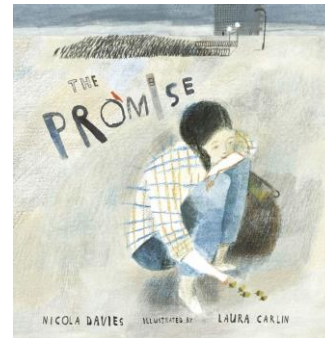
The class have now started their science topic and are learning about materials and their properties where they will be carrying out lots of exciting practical investigations.

We have also taken part in our first sailing lesson on the Helford River with the Children's Sailing Trust. This was definitely a massive highlight for many of our pupils who learned the basics of sailing and got to ride in a power boat. The class will very much look forward to the next three lessons taking place on Thursday afternoons. We hope to add some of the photos to the Zircon Google Classroom soon.



Diamond Class update:

We have focussed our first weeks of learning around Nicola Davies' thought provoking book called The Promise.



We have taken part in reading, discussions and writing, while developing our understanding of the impact of the world around us on health and wellbeing.

We used the message;

WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD
HEART BY HEART
SEED BY SEED
TREE BY TREE
TOGETHER

to inspire our thinking about different ways to share our hopes for the future as well as considering some of the ways in which we can achieve those aims together.

Next week we launch our Romans theme by welcoming back Roman Soldier Claudius Maximus on Friday -which we will share with the Zircon class. A Roman shield will be required for the day, made at home if at all possible, we will also be dedicating time for this in our Art/DT session.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Look out for a letter indicating homework expectations in the Diamond class, which will be coming home via book bags.

PTA Update:

A welcome letter from the PTA has been sent home today in book-bags.

Please could parents/carers complete the feedback form and return. There will be a PTA box outside the school office next week.

Many thanks.