



Godolphin Primary School
'living, learning and laughing together'



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Important Diary Dates:

Easter Holiday: Monday 3rd – Friday 14th April

2022/23 Inset Days:

- 24th & 25th July 2023
- Monday 8th May (additional Bank Holiday)

Diamond Class trip (to The Minack Theatre): Monday 20th March

Whole school trip (to Tregullas Farm): Friday 24th March

Y3/4 residential trip: Thursday 25th – Friday 26th May

Y5/6 residential trip: Wednesday 14th – Friday 16th June

Sports Day: Thursday 22nd June at 1.30pm
(reserve date is Wednesday 5th July)

Leavers' Assembly (Year 6 parents/carers only): Thursday 20th July (1.30pm)

Reception/Y1/Y2/Y3 Swimming Lessons:

Swimming lessons for Reception/Y1/Y2/Y3:

- Wednesday 19th April
- Wednesday 26th April
- Wednesday 3rd May
- Wednesday 10th May
- Wednesday 17th May

Comic Relief:

We have raised £70 so far for Comic Relief. Further donations can be made on ParentPay.

Diamond Trip to Pendennis Castle:

On Wednesday last week we went to Pendennis Castle. We had an unexpected break down on the way but were rescued by Phil from Rosemellin School. First, we entered the colossal castle gates and discovered that the castle was never home to Henry VIII, but that he had built it as protection: not to live in. He built St Mawes across the water because the guns at the time did not fire far enough to protect them from invasion. They would fire from both castles at the same time and hit the galleons that were sailing up the Carrick Roads. We imagined we were gunners and on the command of "Have a Care!" we fired at the French and Spanish as they tried to come past. Jane was the leader and she explained about Henry divorcing Catherine of Aragon and marrying Anne Boleyn and how this would have upset the Spanish. Some of us acted this out. We then went into the school room and each group had a discovery box from the Tudor times. We had to investigate what the artefacts would be used for. There was a box for medicine, messages, cups and bowls, lighting. We looked around the castle and saw the Portcullis and we were wandering through the entrance. One of the favourite rooms was the gun room. The canon balls were as big as our hand! The stairs were narrow, slick, slippery and spiral. We had to be cautious going up and down them. We could see for a long way when we looked out of the castle windows and from the tower roof and could imagine what it would be like to try and defend the fort. It was very exciting and we would all love to go back and look at how the castle changed over the years. A big thank you to the adults that came and helped us enjoy the fantastic trip.

Elowen, Sam, Erica, Bobbie Mae, Luca.



Emerald Class Update:

This week the Emerald class have been Scientists! To celebrate National Science week, the children spent the whole day on Thursday learning about different Scientists and conducting their own experiments. The first Scientist we learnt about was Marie Curie. The children were very excited to look at x-rays of the human body and then make their own life size body using these images. The second Scientist we learnt about was Sir Isaac Newton. The children were fascinated by the story of an apple falling on his head and found him quite funny!

After this, the children investigated how to build a bridge using just paper. They quickly discovered that if they fold, layer or roll the paper, the structure becomes stronger. Lastly, we discussed the job of a Meteorologist to link to our Science unit this half term. The children asked the question 'How does it rain?' We read the story of The Little Raindrop before making the water cycle in a bag. The Year 1 and Year 2 children learnt the scientific word 'precipitation'. Well done for a fantastic week!

Photos on the Emerald Google Classroom.

Mrs Bowden needs big plastic bottles for her science lesson next week. If anyone has any at home that they need to recycle, please could they bring them into school and drop them into the Emeralds class early next week. Thank you!

Zircon Class Update: STEM science:

Zircon pupils have been taking advantage of some STEM science live lessons offered to schools. The lessons linked some of our class-based science work to real-life industry and potential future careers.

Countdown 2 Launch:

The first lesson focused on the lessons learned following the unsuccessful launch of the first ever launch of a rocket and satellite into space the UK Spaceport Cornwall. The broadcast was about resilience, hard work and trying not to be scared of failure. A really important message for everyone and especially students across the country.

Farm Live 2023 - How are sheep connected to seaweed?:

The second lesson engaged the children in a Farm Live workshop 'How are sheep connected to seaweed?'

Further info on the school Google Classroom.

Coose Trannack Cross Country Races: Saturday 11th March:

Well done to the 20 Godolphin runners who competed in the Trannack cross-country races on Saturday. All our dedicated athletes battled the weather and conquered the daunting hill, finishing with some incredible positions. Photos on the Godolphin Google Classroom.

Special mention to our three medal winners:
Ella (Rec) 2nd
Lilly (Y2) 3rd
Aaron (Y6) 2nd

Thank you to all of the parents, families and friends for supporting the school in this event.

Tennis:

On Monday, the whole school was treated to an entertaining assembly delivered by three of the coaches from Penzance and Hayle Tennis Clubs. Dressed as a pirate, one of the coaches challenged five of our pupils to a mini game.

Following the assembly, all of our children took part in 30-minute taster sessions in the playground. The coaches and staff were very impressed with the children's skills, behaviour and enthusiasm as they embarked on a series of drills and mini-games.

In the summer term, all of our classes will be receiving a block of tennis lessons as a part of their PE. We're sure the children will be looking forward to this fantastic opportunity to develop their skills.



Helston & Mullion Netball League:

Earlier this week, the school had two teams competing in the first round of netball league. Both teams performed brilliantly, demonstrating impressive movement, coordination and teamwork.

Congratulations to our 'A' team who won all four of their matches, scoring 12, yet not conceding a single goal.

We'll look forward to our next batch of fixtures on Tuesday 25th April.

LITTLE/DINKY DOLPHINS FUNDRAISER

TABLETOP PRE-LOVED TOY/CLOTHING/BOOK SALE!!

CLAIM YOUR OWN TABLE FOR £5 AND HAVE A SPRING SORT-OUT. THE MONEY FOR A TABLE WILL GO TOWARDS THE LITTLE/DINKY DOLPHINS AND THE REST YOU GET TO KEEP!

WHERE? @ THE OLD CHAPEL, GODOLPHIN CROSS

WHEN? SATURDAY 18TH MARCH, 9 TIL 12.30

TEA & CAKE

TO BOOK A TABLE TEXT SAM AT 07739903530

The poster features a blue dolphin illustration, a photograph of a table covered with various toys and books, and a yellow daffodil.

PTA Easter Fun:

You should have all received a flyer in book-bags this week from the PTA. They are holding an Easter Bunny Ear (made out of recycled material) competition on the last day of term. There will be a winner and runner-up for KS1 and KS2. Parents are invited to watch the parade at 2.45pm. There will also be a 'guess the number of eggs in a jar' competition.

Chicken Pox:

We have been made aware that chicken-pox is currently present in school and other primary schools in the local area.

As chicken-pox is highly contagious, your child would need to stay at home until all the spots have formed a scab. This is usually 5 days after the spots appeared.

For further information please visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

After School Club: Make it Mondays:

- 20th March: Making dens, tents and s'mores (a tasty marshmallow treat!)
- 27th March: Making Easter bonnets and eggs (& watching a movie)

If you wish your child to join us for any of these sessions, please contact Mrs Thomas in the school office to **book your place by midday on the preceding Friday.**

Godolphin School Google Classroom:

As outlined by Emma Ivey in the feedback from the recent Parent Survey we are reviewing our communication channels.

As a result, we have set-up a school wide Google Classroom where we will share information about activities and events the children have taken part in, and upload photographs. All pupils have been invited to join the classroom. Once you log into your child's Google account, click on the classroom icon, and you can join both your child's individual class and the Godolphin School one. Any problems, please let Mrs Thomas know.

'Sprint For Seals' 3km family fun run is back on Sunday 14th May 2023!

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CORNISH SEAL SANCTUARY

Join us for a hilly 3km run around our beautiful site at the Cornish Seal Sanctuary to raise money for our new seal pools

£5 entry per participant (includes exclusive t-shirt and medal plus day entry to the Sanctuary)

And, don't forget, our top three fundraisers will each receive a special prize, too!

Location: Cornish Seal Sanctuary, South West, TR15 2SW

Registration from 8.30am

Start time: 9am - 10am

For more information call 01872 18210

Limited places available, book your tickets on our website now!

To register your interest, please email: leanne.uebb@sealifetrust.com

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The poster features a seal illustration, a photograph of a group of people running, and various logos and contact information.

After-school cake!:

Aaron and Elowen's Dad is running the London marathon this year to raise money for Prostate Cancer Research. There will be cake and drinks for sale after-school on Wednesday 22nd March at the Chapel. Hope we see you there!