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Newsletter



We aim to create an exceptional school that harbours confidence, respect and a love of learning and prepares children for the challenges and adventures of life.



Dinghy Class had a visit from Professor McMinbeast. They asked him some excellent questions and enjoyed his story about his favourite fly Phyllis and exploring the Pacific Island of Tatatutu

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At our last **Celebration Assembly** the **Star Awards** went to Zeeva in Dinghy Class, Chloe, Riley and Keeley in Skiff Class, Daniel, Ivy-May and Poppy-Loveday in Lugger Class and Morgan, Elle and Isla Mc in Schooner Class. The week the awards go to Tom and Otto in Dinghy Class, Tuan, Elijah and Gabriel in Skiff Class, Zach, Flo and Annie in Lugger Class and Sennen, Callum and Isla M in Schooner class. Congratulations, you are all Mousehole stars!

Skiff Class

went on a fantastic trip to Lands' End Airport this week. The children learnt about



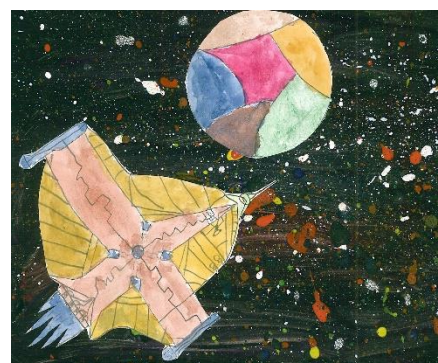
how planes work. They were able to sit in the pilot seat and explore the airplane controls. They also went into the control tower and saw lots of planes taking off and landing. Then they met the airport fireman who explained his job to keep the passengers and staff safe and let the children climb aboard the fire engine. The children even got to check in and weigh some bags so that the airplane was light enough to fly. Thank you to Lands' End Airport for a wonderful trip.



Schooner and Lugger Classes have really enjoyed using the Pupil Parliament resource from the Tale Unfolds Team. They have been finding out about an issue important to them and what can they can do locally as well as how parliament could make a difference – *“The class had an exciting week looking at **Plastic Pollution**. We wrote speeches for our argument in Parliament and reports to send to Derek Thomas MP. We learnt a lot and made a news report film with Dominic. We learnt so much and we are now looking at how to become a plastic free school”*. The children met councilor Nigel Pengelly and the children of Schooner Class are looking forward to presenting their film when they visit parliament in March. We have also installed some new recycling bins for plastics.



Keep an eye out for project overviews for each class coming out soon
Schooner and Lugger Classes have the essential questions – **What is out there?** And **Can space provide the answer to our polluted planet?**



Parents of Lugger and Schooner Class children will hopefully have noticed a change in our approach to teaching (and testing) **spellings**. More information about these changes along with some games to play when learning spellings and the lists of words themselves are all available on the school website by following the links to **Information** page and then **Our Spelling Programme**. If you have any questions, then please ask.

As you may know Mousehole School works with the HeadStart Kernow Partnership - a Cornwall Council led, Big Lottery funded programme to develop resilience and mental well-being in young people. Last year CCMH (The Centre for Child Mental Health) won the contract to continue this work with HeadStart. CCMH are delivering the work under the banner of Trauma Informed Schools using a tool called Motional. Our **Thrive** practitioners will be retraining to deliver this work with further training for all staff in time.

Traumatic experiences can be a part of all our lives and take many forms and Motional (Headstart's Wellbeing Profile) can be used for identifying, assessing, and improving the emotional health and wellbeing of children and young people. It is based on a combination of Professor Jaak Panksepp's research on emotional systems in the subcortical brain, Dr Margot Sunderland's expertise in executive functional skills and is supported by over 1000 studies and research papers, as well as a 17-year longitudinal study by Dr Margot Sunderland. – HeadStart Kernow.

Dates for your diary:

Don't forget, a full and up to date listing of school events and dates can be found on the **CALENDAR** page of our website. Please take time to look so you know what is going on in school.

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