



The Gulval School
Newsletter
 for pupils, staff and parents

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Walk for hope

As I write there is a heated discussion between Year 6 pupils about whether the SNP want to break up the United Kingdom... the conversation has now moved on to health tourism and whether it's fair! Maybe we have future politicians within our midst, either way I am very impressed!



Our thoughts and prayers this week have been with those caught up in the terrible earthquake in Nepal, families no different to you or I that have had their lives turned upside down. We had our chance to help and it was right that we did. Thank you all for raising money through sponsorship. Trust me, the children earned every penny! The total so far is an incredible **£938.10** and we expect this to rise still further next week. This amount will make a huge difference and the children should rightly be very proud of themselves. Thank you all.

The Bakers had a busy week, I went to Oshi's parents evening this week and nearly cried (for a good reason!) and then I heard from his surf life club that I had to complete a 400m sea swim, I nearly cried again! Luckily it was cancelled due to the sea conditions but next week I'll be in the water. Wish me luck!

Thank you everyone for your continued support, our aim is still for excellence in all that we do. There are some very exciting times ahead I can assure you. Mr Baker (Proud Principal of Gulval School)

Class Points and Attendance %						Whole School	☺ House Smileys ☺				
		Acorn	Oak	Ash	Elm	Beech		Lamorna	Portheras	Prussia	Pendour
This Week	Attendance	86.7	95.2	97.7	93.5	99.0	Gulval House Smiley Accumulator	120	190	120	140
	Class Points	35	32	32	35	33		130	230	180	160
Last Week	Attendance	89.7	96.2	97.3	94.1	98.4		250	420	300	300
	Class Points	34	32	42	41	32					



Congratulations to Elm and Acorn classes who have won the class points this week and well done Beech too! 100% next week Beech please with ice cream on Friday! ☺



The tubes are filling up fast again, smileys everywhere! Well done Portheras House – keep up all the hard work everyone!

Y6 SATS WEEK BEGINS ON MONDAY 11TH MAY

YEAR 6 SATS BREAKFAST 8AM MONDAY 11TH TO THURSDAY 14TH. 100% ATTENDANCE PLEASE

SPORTS DAY WILL BE THE AFTERNOON OF TUESDAY 19TH MAY, WEATHER PERMITTING



**SATURDAY 9TH
GULVAL
SCHOOL CAR BOOT SALE 10AM
FOR VENDERS AND 11AM FOR
BUYERS**

THERE WILL BE NO MUSIC LESSONS NEXT WEEK BEGINNING 11TH MAY

Good luck to our absolutely fabulous and hardworking Year 6 pupils

I have said all year that 'you get out what you put in', in fact, it was my mum that used to say it to me but it is absolutely true. Pupils in year 6 are testament to this, they have grafted this year and richly deserve the progress they have made. We know they will do well next week but we wish them well all the same. Good luck!!

Now, on to Mrs Welch... where do I start? It has been a privilege to work with Mrs Welch over the last year, she is incredibly dedicated and has gone above and beyond for the pupils in her class. Gulval School, and Year 6 pupils in particular, are lucky to have her. Thank you Mrs Welch from me to you.

When Year 6 arrive on Monday morning they'll smell bacon (and vegi sausages!) cooking, is there a better way to begin SATs week? I expect to see everyone there for breakfast! ☺

Working hard is important.

**But there is something
that matters even more:**

Believing in Yourself.

- Harry Potter

Vandalism

This has really got my back up this week. The Little Learners outdoor area was vandalised over the bank holiday weekend with outdoor kitchen equipment destroyed by throwing logs from the roof, seemingly for no reason at all other than mindless vandalism. The Little Learners padlock has also been stolen and a fence panel has had rocks thrown at it to try to break it. I caught children jumping between shed roofs and an ex pupil was photographed playing guitar sat on top of the little learners flat roof. This represents a real risk to the safety of those children involved and it cannot continue.



Please help me by being vigilant, if you walk or drive past our school and you see this sort of mindless vandalism then please contact the police who are already aware.

I am proud of our school and my role here, I refuse to accept that this sort of behaviour is a sign of the times and will do everything I can to prevent it from happening again. Thank you all for your support with this.



Pirate FM

Neil and Tina arrived on Wednesday and spent an hour enjoying lunchtime at Gulval School, handstand competitions and talk of old football



matches were great fun but the interviews with the children were a real joy to listen to. Thank you Harrison for organising this for us and well done to all the interviewees! Listen again at...

<http://www.piratefm.co.uk/blogs/neil-tinas-school-dinners/gulval-primary-school-dinners/>



A good read!

Newsletters take an age to write, I should know, but they are such an important link

between school and our families. They also help us to showcase our adventures and keep you up to date with the latest news.



I heard a member of staff talking today about how she secretly enjoys reading the newsletters, sat with a glass of wine, as soon as they come out on a Friday evening. Needless to say I was chuffed to bits! So, thank you Mrs Pittock, I hope you are enjoying a nice glass of vino ☺.



We love picnic lunchtimes at Gulval.



A toilet roll timeline from the creation of the earth to the present day.



Perfect! I always say the learning is pitched just right if the children are scratching their heads!

Have a great weekend everyone, don't forget the car boot sale tomorrow but keep an eye on Facebook just in case we do have to postpone.

Can I tempt anyone else to join me on Twitter? I'm learning too, so help me out by following us @gulvalschool ☺ Please!!!