



17th May 2024

Dear Families

Another SATS week completed! What can I say, our Year 6 was as cool as a cucumber, he definitely gave his best - well done!

Talking of giving their best, our Choughs, including next year's Reception children were amazing at the Little Sing performance at the Minack. It was a lovely event and we were so pleased to be able to take part.

Next week is SATS week for our Year 2s. We wish them the best of luck with their Secret Agent Training!

Choir starts next Tuesday. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE join us! We would like as many children and adults as possible to join. We know you all have many commitments, but there will only be three rehearsals! Don't worry about your singing ability, Christine will whip us all into shape and our intention is just to do something lovely as a community, not to have the most perfect singers.

We have had a couple of donations of swimwear, but ideally we would like more. Please have a raid of your wardrobes and see what you can find!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend...

Stars of the Week

Choughs: Delphine - for being such a kind and thoughtful friend to everyone, always!

Puffins: Codename 'King of SATs' - for approaching this week's SATs with such maturity, determination and positivity - well done!

Attendance (YTD)

Whole school = 94%

Choughs = 92%

Puffins = 95%

The King of SATs!

Wow! That is all we can say about the way our one and only Year 6 approached his SATs this week. He was incredibly confident, supremely determined and did not stop smiling throughout the whole experience!

On Thursday, after the final Maths paper was completed, white chocolate ice cream was served in the sun and a triumphant chariot ride was even provided!



Well done! We are so proud of you!



The smile that did not stop all week!



Trainers Reminder

Please can children have their trainers for PE on their pegs (or on their feet if they wear trainers to school!) each day.

Having trainers at school every day allows us to be flexible with PE and take advantage of any lovely weather.



Thank you!



Little Sing at the Minack

After several practices with Chris from MADE, we were ready! The weather was very kind to us as we joined together with several other schools and nurseries to perform for mums, dads, grannies, grandads and members of the public at the Minack. We sang several songs like the Warm Up and Hello songs altogether before each group performed their own piece. We really enjoyed our song, Doctor Polly Pulse, especially the bit with the bells! It was so lovely to have the Little Levans join us for this too. A huge thank you to everyone at The Minack and MADE (especially Chris) for an amazing day. Having the chance to perform on the stage was very special.



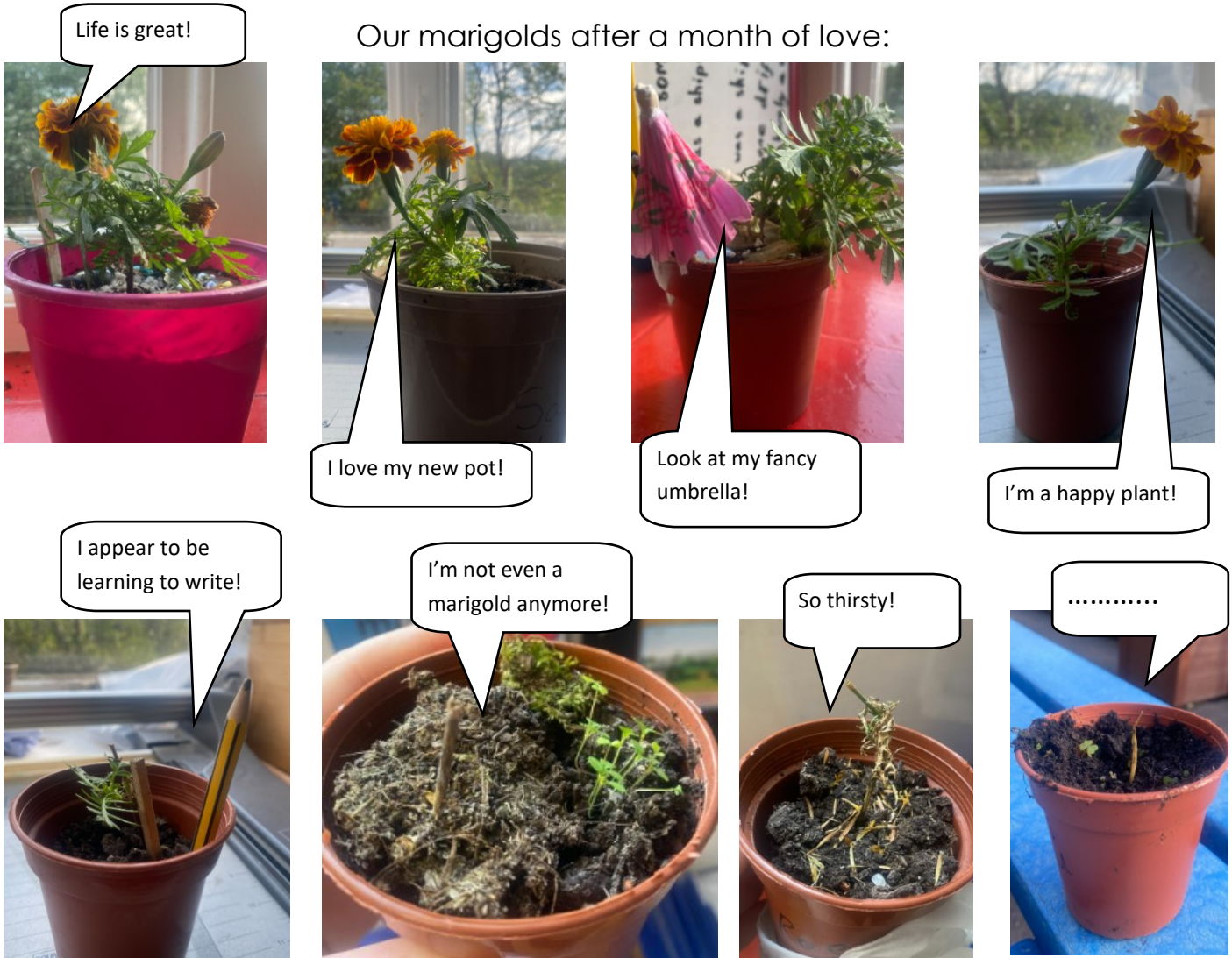
Our Marigolds

As part of our learning on plants, Puffins were set a challenge: **become a 'plant parent' and help your marigold grow as large as possible by half term.**

Never has such love been bestowed on marigolds! Blankets, gemstones, tiny umbrellas! You name it, our marigolds have been gifted it! Never have marigolds been given such distinguished names! Blaze, Sylvia, Billy-Bob-James and Robert.

While the nurturing has been clear to for all to see, there has been less consistent success in the growth department.

Our marigolds after a month of love:



Lessons learned so far:

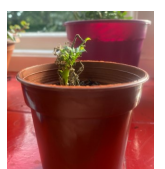
Marigolds need their space: those in larger pots appear to be thriving!

Marigolds are not necessarily into umbrellas and gemstones.

Marigolds (and all plants in general) do actually require water for life though plant death via drowning is also a thing...

Marigolds do NOT seem to like words of encouragement shouted at them daily.

Marigolds do best when mainly left alone.



Science, Science and more Science!

After learning about how plants around the world are adapted to different environments and climates, we set up three separate experiments.

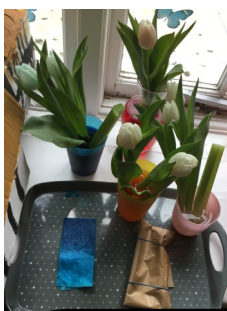


Our first aimed to understand how cacti can preserve water in their stems even when temperatures are really hot around



them; a special waxy coating traps moisture inside. We used greaseproof paper wrapped around wet paper-towel to show this.

Next, we planted beans in jars. We hope to be able to see the roots of the beans as they grow as the jars are transparent. Our bean diaries will help us measure the beans' growth.



Finally, to help us understand (deep breath, big word) **TRANSPIRATION**, we set up an experiment with tulips, celery and food colouring. We hope to learn how the stem works to transport water around the plant. To make it a fair test, we used equal amounts of tulips, celery and water. We also did one cup of just water as a control to see what would happen without food colouring.

I think that the flowers are going to change colour.

I predict the water level will go down.

I think the water will be ice overnight.

Who do you agree with?





KS1 SATS



Next week, our Year Twos will be enrolled in Secret Agent Training School. We can't tell you too much about it as it's **top secret** but it involves some super awesome challenges from the government and lots of yummy snacks. Good luck, Year Twos. Being a secret agent isn't easy!



Operation Kernow - Minack Theatre - Puffins

Please remember to buy tickets from the Minack - see below link.

When booking, parents will need to enter a priority code, which is: OPKERNOW, all upper case. This code will be valid until the end of 16th June, after this tickets will go on general sale.

<https://www.minack.com/whats-on/operation-kernow>.