



## Magical Mousehole Moments...



What a great start to the spring term class 3 had on their trip to Mousehole last week, taking their inspiration from *The Mousehole Cat* by Antonia Barber. It is the story of a cat called Mowzer and her human "pet" Old Tom, a fisherman in Mousehole. Life is good in this small village until one day the great storm-cat arrives, preventing the fishing boats from leaving the harbour. Food supplies dwindle and the villagers are threatened so Tom and Mowzer take to sea.



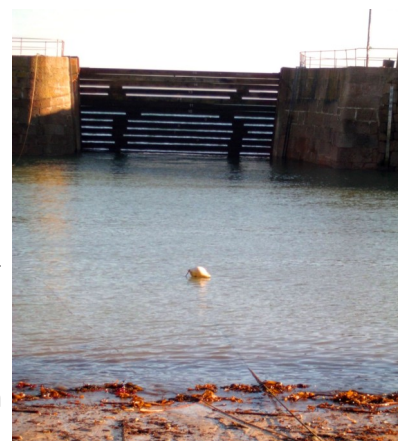
Inspired by the true story of Tom Bawcock, this enthralling tale involves courage, danger and adventure. This extraordinary book is beautifully written and illustrated, offering loads of inspiration for a plethora of activities from art to literacy, DT to music.

What a brilliant day the children had! To be able to walk through the actual setting of the book, spotting Mowzer's tiny white cottage and discussing the sights/sounds/smells of the little working harbour, this visit has definitely inspired the

class. With compliments from two members of the public on how well behaved our children were, to the enthusiastic comments from the children themselves, this trip was the perfect way to begin our unit.

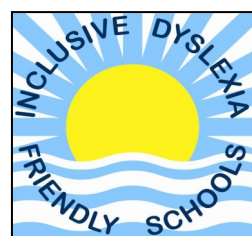
We looked closely at the design of the harbour with its tall protective walls and small mouse sized gap.

We recorded the sounds of the waves crashing against the breakwater and the cry of the seagulls overhead.



In small groups the children were encouraged to think of alliterative phrases to describe what they could see and hear. Following all that hard work we needed sustenance, so what would be better than some local fish pie?!

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#### GWINEAR SCHOOL CALENDAR

Fri 18 Jan—PTFA meeting 2pm

Wed 25 Jan—Year 5&6 Science workshop  
Camborne School

Fri 25 Jan—Sue TLC Parents Group 2pm

Tue 29 Jan—Hi5 Match—Mounts Bay

Tue 5 Feb—Badminton Workshop Year 5&6

Tue 5 Feb—Hi 5 Match against Mousehole

Tue 12 Feb—Understanding Others Day—  
Relationships

Wed 13 Feb—Year 6 Liaison Hayle  
School/Maths Master Class

Friday 15 February—Monday 25 February  
2013—Half Term Break

#### EARLY YEARS RESOURCES WANTED

Do you have any of the following items  
we could borrow:

Tape measurers, measuring jugs, meas-  
uring sticks, rulers, newton meter etc.

After a short walk around the village to the Old Coastguard Hotel all 30 children were sitting down in their nationally renowned restaurant, sipping iced water and eating an amazing star-gazy pie with fresh vegetables. What a treat!

It is trips like this which really bring our creative curriculum alive and give the children an opportunity to step off the page and into the wonderful environment around them.

At Gwinear School we believe that every young person should experience the world beyond the classroom as an essential part of learning and personal development, whatever their age. Learning outside the classroom is about raising achievement through an organised, powerful approach to learning, in which direct experience is of prime importance. This is not only about what we learn but importantly how and where we learn!



Class 3 had a brilliant day out and we look forward to many more experiences like this.

So a huge thank you to all the children for their good behaviour, the adults who helped keep them safe on the trip, to all the staff at The Old Coastguard Hotel and to the on-going support of the parents & carers.

#### FREE TIMES TABLES SOFTWARE FOR PARENTS

Parents can download a copy of Wishtac Times Tables Software for home use, by going to [www.wishtac.com/Facebook](http://www.wishtac.com/Facebook) for instructions on how to get their free software.

#### DROP OFF / PICK UP POINT

Parking is very difficult for parents and many are concerned about their children walking along the road from their parked car. The pick up points have been painted onto the road so that as many children as possible can be dropped off quickly and safely in the morning and picked up safely in the afternoon. We ask you please to use these points to drop your child quickly, then move on quickly so that other parents can then drop their children safely.

#### CONGRATULATIONS JONNY

Jonny has raced in Gloucester and won the under 10s race. Just before Christmas he received a trophy for coming 3rd in the South West Cyclo cross eagle, again under 10s. Quite an achievement, as he is only now 8 and a half, so one of the youngest.

#### INCREDIBLE YEARS PARENTING GROUP

Hayle Children's Centre, Fridays 10—12.00, 12 weeks, tea and coffee, friendly. For parents with 3-7 year old children. If you are interested please phone 01736 759058