



Porthleven School & Pre-School



Newsletter

Thursday 13th October 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

This Monday and Tuesday there will be a Scholastic book fair held between 3pm – 3.45pm. There is a huge range of books, including some that have been recommended on previous newsletters. This will be the only book fair before Christmas with a chance to view before or after pick up time. In addition, every purchase you make contributes to purchasing books in school through the School Rewards Scheme.

During the final week, there is an opportunity for you to come into school and look at the artwork completed by your children. Information will be found on the Google Classrooms and your children have been told of the day and time that this will occur. Most of the times will be around pick up time, making it convenient for you to pop in.

Thursday is a busy day, with the Break the Rules Day and the school disco. You will be asked to pay on the door for the disco and we listened to your feedback from the last disco, making the KS1 disco just a little bit shorter. We hope that you all have as much fun as last time!

With very best wishes
Mrs L Figgins
Assistant Head

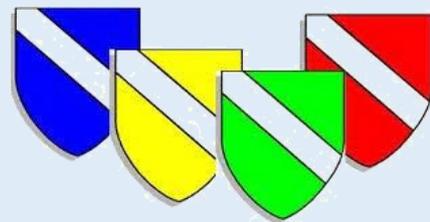


Attendance

Class	Attendance This week	Late Marks
Rainbowfish—YR	94.94	
Seahorses—Y1	93.10	
Jellyfish—Y2	93.67	
Narwhals—Y3	96.55	
Swordfish—Y4	95.56	
Manta Rays—Y5	99.13	
Dolphins—Y6	91.43	
WHOLE SCHOOL	95.97	

Well done to ????? class for the best attendance this week!

House Points



Running Totals This Term

Cookworthy: 14

Penrose: 16

Gibson: 11

Methleigh: 9

Our winners this week are the

COOKWORTHY TEAM!

Well done!

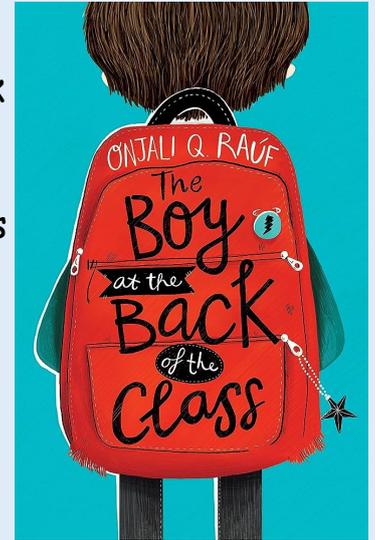
KS2 TEAM

This week we hear from Miss Morris-Marsham!

This week, the children in Manta Ray class have been superstars with lots of chopping and changing of adults. They coped well with the change and have had lots of fabulous lessons, including planning their own Science experiments based on the reproduction of plants. They have also continued to hone their hockey skills, working together on skills such as push passes and applying this skill to a game-like situation.

Manta Rays also had great fun this afternoon decorating their Christmas Cards ready to bring home today, so look out in their bags for them in case you want to order some this year!

Our class text, *The Boy at the Back of the Class* made us all somewhat emotional this morning as we discovered that one of the main characters, Ahmet, had run away from the Syrian war. We discussed about how although this was a fictional story, lots of families have gone through this experience in real life.

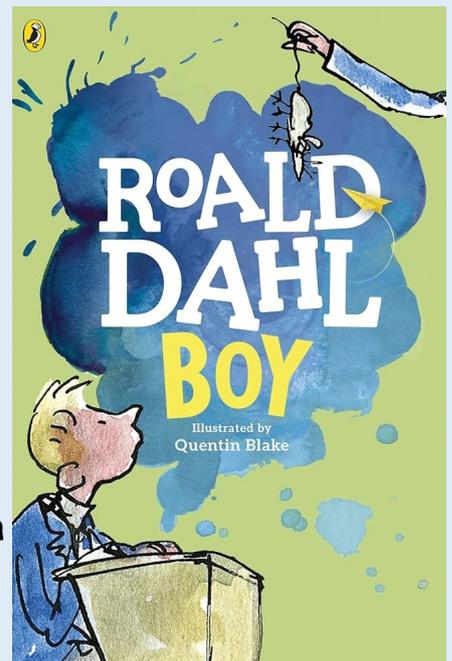


This week we hear from Mr Goward in Year 4!

This week Swordfish Class in Y4 have been continuing their research of cities and megacities with a look at New York City and London. We compared the size of the two cities, how many burroughs they both have, and some of the sights you might find in both! It was fascinating to find out how old London was compared to New York City - we learned that the Romans were one of the main reasons the city took hold here in England!

As we approach the end of half-term, our ongoing 'Sequential Art' learning is leading towards a comic book version of *Boy*, by Roald Dahl. *Boy* has been our favourite book this half-term and we are now putting the best scenes together in our own comic book adaptations. Swordfish adults: look out for news about our class exhibition, which will be held in class shortly before home-time next week.

KS2 TEAM



Accelerated Reader Champions!



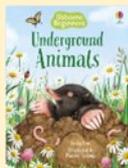
Jellyfish	Narwhals	Swordfish	Manta Rays	Dolphins
Class Weekly Word Count				
29,007	82,158	23,766	39,255	132,659
Highest Pupil Weekly Word Count				
Arlo 14,304	Rupert 24,856	Evelyn 21,391	John 32,107	Annabelle 55,283
100% achievers - Who has achieved their target?				
Ben, Freddie, Harrison, Jowan, Thea, Arlo	Evie, Gracie, Lottie, Keira, Eden, Sasha, Raphael, Lily, Phoebe	Sophia, Ezra, Sienna, Mer- ryn, Evelyn, Ezra,	Joe, Ava, Alfie,	Annabelle

Recommended reads

KS1 Book of the week—Underground Animals

Author: Emily Bone
AR Book Level: 3.4

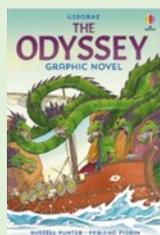
Do birds live underground? Who lives in a den under the snow? Which underground creatures don't have any eyes? In this book, you'll find the answers and lots more about the amazing variety of animals that live under the ground.



KS2 Book of the week—The Odyssey

Author: Russell Punter
AR Book Level: 3.8

Greek warrior Odysseus is desperate to make his way home to the island of Ithaca. But giants, sirens and many-headed serpents are just some of the obstacles that stand in his way. Join him on his amazing adventures in this dynamic graphic novel.



*All books found in school.

Maths Whizz Winners

Below is our weekly progression for each class!

Jellyfish: 1.1

Narwhals: 1.3

Swordfish: 3.1

Manta Rays: 3.6

Dolphins: 2.9

Well done to Manta Ray class for winning the Maths Whizz trophy this week!



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Important Messages

Attendance and late arrival

As a reminder, the expected attendance for a child is **95%** or above.

Information sent home this week:

- Football letters
- Swimming gala letters

National Childs Measurement Program Reception & Year 6

The school nursing team will be in school soon to see Reception and Year 6 to take their measurements.

Please find information below for each year group including how to opt out.

Reception: <https://www.healthycornwall.org.uk/make-a-change/child-health-programme-reception-year/>

Year 6: <https://www.healthycornwall.org.uk/make-a-change/child-health-programme-year-6/>

Cornish Cottage Holidays

Christmas card competition - One lucky competition winner will win art supplies worth £50 and a bundle of Christmas cards in their design, plus our school will receive £200 for its art department!

To enter please see the information attached, if you would like an entry form printed please let the school office know.

We will be collecting entries in school to submit, so if you would like us to scan your child's entry please sent the completed form to the school office.

Friday 15th December

Stalls and volunteers needed for your School Christmas Fair!

Stall are £10 a table. If you know of anyone or would like a table, please let the school office know by emailing

secretary@porthleven.cornwall.sch.uk

Also if you can spare an hour or two to help set up or run a stall for part of the event, please let the school office know. We can't run these events without our amazing volunteers.

Christmas Card Orders

Please ensure all orders are made and pictures returned by Wednesday 18th October ready to be sent off to print.

CAULIFLOWER CARDS
Christmas Card Project raising money for our School!

* ONLINE PROJECT *

NEW WRAPPING PAPER

MUGS

Packs of 12 quality A6 **CARDS**

Choose your greeting

16 X adhesive **GIFT LABELS**

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School Fundraising Project

Diary Dates

(additions in red)

Date	Event
Tuesday 17th October	Swimming Gala
Thursday 19th October	Break the rules day - forms to come home Tuesday
Thursday 19th October	School Disco
Friday 20th October	Last day of term
Monday 30th October	First day of term
Tuesday 7th November	Cross Country race 3 - Mullion 4pm
Wednesday 15th November	Anti-Bullying awareness event at HCC 2.30-3.30pm
Thursday 16th November	Nasal Flu Immunisations year R – year 6
Friday 8th December	Whole school trip to the Hall for Cornwall
Thursday 14th December	Christmas school Lunch
Friday 15th December	Christmas Fair - Volunteers needed
Tuesday 19th December	Last day of school
Thursday 4th January	INSET Day
Friday 5th January	First day of the Spring term
Monday 19th February	INSET Day
Wednesday 8th May	INSET Day

SPORTS AT PORTHLEVEN



Cross Country

On Monday, not one but two football teams represented Porthleven during a football tournament for local schools. Both teams, one year 5s and one year 6s, performed brilliantly and worked hard together as a team. For many of our year 5s, it was their first competitive football game! A huge well done to our year 6 team, who won the tournament and qualified for the finals next week!





UK Health
Security
Agency



Should I keep my child off school?



Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

YOUTUBE

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if 'auto-play' is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

HIGH VISIBILITY

Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The painful 'salt and ice challenge', which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

Advice for Parents & Carers

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from chancing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.



TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.



CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.



CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator online. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.



MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.



LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child happily devouring a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!



Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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WEEK 3

W/C: 01/05, 22/05, 12/06, 03/07, 24/07, 04/09, 25/09, 16/10

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT MAINS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza 🌱 🍴 Served with Potato Wedges	Mexican Beef Tortilla Pie 🌱 🍴 Served with Wholegrain Rice	Roast Pork Served with Diced Potatoes and Gravy	Butter Chicken Curry 🌱 🍴 Served with Wholegrain Rice	Southern Fried Chicken Served with Chips
	Vegetarian Bolognese 🌱 🌱 🍴 Served with Wholemeal Pasta	Mexican Vegetarian Tortilla Pie 🌱 🌱 🍴 Served with Wholegrain Rice	Cheesy Ploughman's Picnic Plate 🌱 🍴 Served with Bread	Macaroni Cheese 🌱	Tomato Vegetable Burger 🌱 Served with Chips
JACKET POTATO	Jacket Potatoes 🌱 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🌱 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🌱 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🌱 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🌱 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings
Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta 🌱 🌱					
All main meals are served with two vegetables					
DESSERT	Mango Frozen Yoghurt	Berry Flapjack with Fruit 🌱	Chocolate Brownie with Fruit 🌱	Pineapple Upside Down Cake with Custard	Chocolate Milkshake and Shortbread

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SPOOKY DISCO



A SPOOKY-THEMED DISCO

THURSDAY OCT 19, 2023 | £2 PER CHILD

EYFS & KS1 5-5.45PM | KS2 6-7 PM

DISCO | GAMES | FANCY DRESS

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