



Porthleven School & Pre-School



Newsletter

Friday 8th December 2023



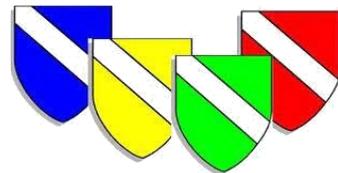
Attendance

Class	Attend- ance	Late Marks
	This week	
Rainbowfish—YR	93.40	
Seahorses—Y1	97.41	
Jellyfish—Y2	86.55	
Narwhals—Y3	98.62	
Swordfish—Y4	100	
Manta Rays—Y5	97.39	
Dolphins—Y6	95.71	
WHOLE SCHOOL	95.25	

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

House Points

Running Totals This Term:



Cookworthy: 12

Penrose: 14

Gibson: 14

Methleigh: 11

Our winners this week
will be announced on Monday

Well done!

EYFS & KS1 TEAM

This week we hear from Mrs Trounson!

This week the children performed their nativity to the rest of the school and parents. We were all incredible proud of them our youngest children behaved beautifully and enjoying joining in with the singing and dancing. The older children sang beautifully and were so confident in their speaking and singing parts.

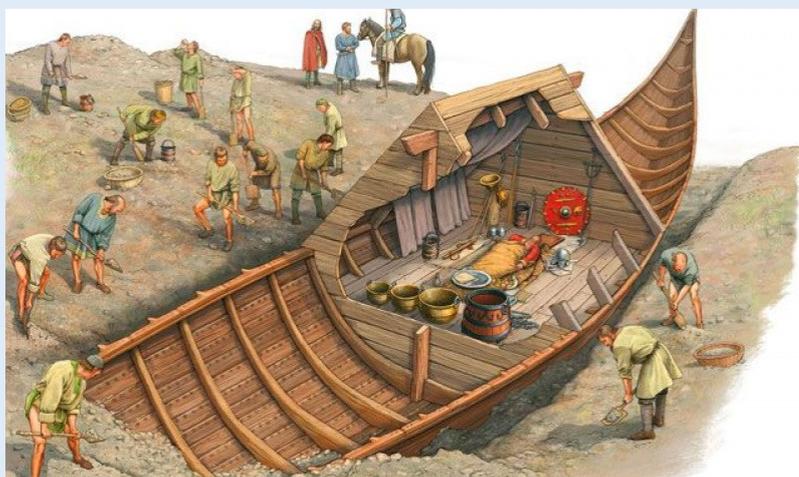
Christmas has arrived in our classrooms too, with lots of wrapping and letters to Santa as well as our kindness elves!

This week we hear from Mr Goward!

This week in history, Swordfish Class made their own version of the Saxon burial boat found at Sutton Hoo out of cardboard, using the Saxon method of long beams underneath and curved semi-circles along the hull. Sutton Hoo was one of the greatest discoveries in English history, as it showed us all the things Saxons held precious and a look at their burial beliefs.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed immersing themselves in history this term, with all of its gory details and historical characters, and have wowed me with their application of knowledge. Well done, Swordfish Class!

KS2 TEAM



Accelerated Reader Champions!



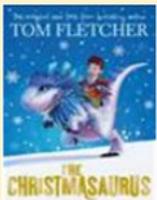
Jellyfish	Narwhals	Swordfish	Manta Rays	Dolphins
Class Weekly Word Count				
24,184	146,213	151,017	1,424,120	83,508
Highest Pupil Weekly Word Count				
Ben 11,806	Lily 19,964	Abigail 55,344	Eli 72,629	Michael 54,652
100% achievers - Who has achieved their target?				
Arlo, George, Freddie, Elowyn, Harrison, Jowan	Evie, Gracie, Fern, Lottie, Alana, Esmay, Keira, Sam, Rupert, Lily, Martha, Jago, Sasha, Teigan, Lydia, Brodie, Lani, Phoebe, Eleanor, Eden	Sophia, Ivy, Abigail	Ewan, Joseph, Ava, Olivia-Mai	Annabelle, Pearl, Beau

Recommended reads

KS1 Book of the week – Traction Man is Here

Author: Mini Grey AR Book Level: 5.8

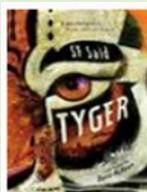
It's Christmas Eve, and Santa has hatched a dinosaur - a Christmasaurus. Meanwhile, a lonely little boy, far from the North Pole, has to decide what to ask Santa for this Christmas. And what does he ask for? A dinosaur, of course!



KS2 Book of the week – Tyger

Author: S F Said AR Book Level: 5.0

While trying to help a tyger, Adam learns the world is on the verge of destruction. He and Zadie must master the powers the tyger has shown them before it's too late. Contains violence and themes of racism, animal abuse and religious bias.



Maths Whizz Winners

Below is our weekly progression for each class!

Jellyfish: 2.0

Narwhals: 2.1

Swordfish: 2.4

Manta Rays: 2.9

Dolphins: 2.8

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



Maths-Whizz®
by whizz EDUCATION



School Christmas Plays



SPORTS AT PORTHLEVEN



Touch Rugby

Years 5 and 6 took part in a touch rugby tournament at Penryn School last Friday. Despite having little experience of playing the game, they won one of their matches and scored a few tries. All in all, it was an amazing experience of playing a new competitive sport, building teamwork and having to persevere. I was extremely proud of the effort they showed.



Sports Leaders

Year 5 have started their training to become sports leaders! This week, half of the year spent an afternoon training and had a fantastic time learning how to facilitate games with younger children. The other half of the year group will receive the same training after Christmas, after which the children can start to take ownership over their roles and plan activities. Well done Year 5—a very responsible step to be taking!



Important Messages

Attendance and late arrival

As a reminder, the expected attendance for a child is **95%** or above. Please ensure all absences are emailed or left on the absence phonenumber by 9am each day.

School gates close at 8.50am, if your child arrives after this time they will need to ring the gate buzzer and register at the office.

Breaktime snacks

We ask that children please have a healthy snack during break times and avoid snacking on items such as chocolate or crisps.

School Facebook

Please follow the schools Facebook page for school updates - Porthleven School.

Porthleven PTA page is not run by the school. If you have any questions about school, please ensure you send them to porthleventsecretary@croftymat.org or call the school office.

Information sent home this week:

- Important date reminder
-

Christmas Fair

Friday 15th December 2.30pm - 5pm stalls available @ £5 a table, please contact porthleventsecretary@croftymat.org or porthlevenschoolpta@gmail.com to book a table.

We are looking for volunteers to help on the day, if you can spare an hour or two, please let a member of staff or the PTA know.

Crofty Active Advent Calendar

Click the link below to open the doors on the Crofty Active advent calendar each day.

<https://calendar.myadvent.net/?id=dpuiq7v8eef148p0c4b4o9rjs4gw6p0r>

Christmas Songs & Carol Concert

Instead of a Christingle Service this year, we thought it would be good to put on a Christmas Carol / Song Concert at St. Bartholmew's Church at 4.00pm on Friday 8th December. Classes will be performing carols and songs, which will be interspersed with Christmas readings from Year 6. It would be lovely to see you there.

Bags2School

We raised an amazing £125 from all the items sent in. This will go towards purchasing new waterproof clothing for the children in EYFS.



Would you like strategies to support your child with their learning at home?

Come and meet a member from the Cognition and Learning team.

When: Tuesday 9th January at 2pm -3pm

Where: Porthleven School

Session will cover: Tips on supporting your children at home with their learning. There will be a focus on dyslexia, but all support and strategies would benefit all children.



National Online Safety

7 questions to help you start a conversation with your child about online safety

#WakeUpWednesday

Publish date: 07/11/18



1



Which apps/games are you using at the moment?

THIS WILL GIVE YOU A GOOD OVERVIEW OF THE TYPES OF THINGS YOUR CHILDREN ARE DOING ON THEIR DEVICES, ALONG WITH THEIR INTERESTS. REMEMBER THAT THEY MIGHT NOT TELL YOU EVERYTHING THEY ARE USING, SO IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU THEIR DEVICE. BECAUSE NEW APPS AND GAMES ARE RELEASED REGULARLY, IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION OFTEN TO ENSURE YOU ARE UP TO DATE WITH WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

Which websites do you enjoy using and why?

AS IN THE TIP ABOVE, ASKING THIS QUESTION WILL ALLOW YOU TO FIND OUT WHAT YOUR CHILD IS DOING ONLINE, AND ENCOURAGE POSITIVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THEIR ONLINE ACTIVITY. ASK THEM HOW THEY USE THE WEBSITES, AND TAKE AN INTEREST IN HOW THEY CAN USE THEM IN A POSITIVE WAY, ALSO ASKING THEM TO SHOW YOU IF POSSIBLE.



2

3



How does this game/app work? Can I play?

SHOW A GENUINE INTEREST IN WHAT THEY ARE DOING. WHILST YOU ARE PLAYING A GAME OR USING AN APP WITH THEM, IT MIGHT HIGHLIGHT SOMETHING THAT THEY DON'T NECESSARILY THINK IS A DANGER TO THEM. IF THEY ACT LIKE THEY DON'T WANT TO SHARE THEIR ACTIVITIES WITH YOU, QUESTION WHY.

Do you have any online friends?

CHILDREN CAN FORM POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE ONLINE, AND THIS HAS BECOME MORE COMMON THANKS TO ONLINE MULTI-PLAYER OPTIONS, BUT THEY MAY NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FRIEND AND A STRANGER. YOU COULD MAKE THE QUESTION MORE SPECIFIC TO YOUR CHILD, FOR EXAMPLE: "HAVE YOU MET ANYONE ONLINE THAT YOU LIKE TO PLAY GAMES WITH?" THEY MAY NOT WANT TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOU, SO ENSURE YOU TEACH THEM ABOUT HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS.



4

5



Do you know where to go for help?

ALTHOUGH YOU MAY BE THE ADULT THEY TRUST THE MOST, SOME CHILDREN STRUGGLE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS ONLINE DUE TO CONFUSION OR EMBARRASSMENT. BECAUSE OF THIS THEY MAY STRUGGLE TO APPROACH THE NORMAL PEOPLE WHO WOULD HELP, SUCH AS YOURSELF OR A TEACHER. HAVE A CHAT TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT EXACTLY WHERE THEY CAN GO FOR HELP, AND HOW THEY CAN REPORT ANY ACTIVITY THAT THEY BELIEVE IS INAPPROPRIATE ONLINE.

Do you know what your personal information is?

YOUR CHILD MAY ALREADY KNOW WHAT THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS BUT THEY MIGHT NOT THINK ABOUT HOW IT CAN BE SHARED. HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT PERSONAL INFORMATION IS AND HOW THIS CAN AFFECT THEM IF IT IS SHARED BEYOND THE INTENDED RECIPIENT. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR CHILD UNDERSTANDS THE DANGERS OF SHARING CONTACT DETAILS OR PHOTOS, AS INFORMATION SUCH AS THIS CAN SPREAD QUICKLY ONLINE.



6

7



Do you know your limits?

CHILDREN MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF DEVICE OR GAME ADDICTION. TALK TO THEM OPENLY ABOUT HEALTHY HABITS AND ASK WHETHER OR NOT THEM SPENDING TIME ONLINE OR PLAYING A GAME IS AFFECTING THEIR SLEEP, PERFORMANCE AT SCHOOL OR IF THEY ARE GENERALLY LOSING INTEREST IN OTHER ACTIVITIES. YOU MAY LEAD ON TO ENCOURAGING ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSING THE INTRODUCTION OF TIME LIMITS WHEN AT HOME.





PORTHLEVEN SCHOOL PTA | 2023

CHRISTMAS FAIR AND MARKET

An event for the whole family to enjoy!

- ★ PORTHLEVEN TOWN BAND BANDBUILDERS
- ★ TOMBOLA
- ★ GIFTS
- ★ GAMES
- ★ FESTIVE TREATS
- ★ WARM DRINKS
- ★ CRAFT STALLS
- ★ PLUS MORE...

DECEMBER 15

2.30-5PM

FREE ENTRY!!!





Porthleven Nursery School

We offer:

- Safe and secure environment.
- Qualified teacher led provision within a foundation unit having access to all amenities within Porthleven School.
- Free funding for 3 and 4-year-olds.
- Experienced, well qualified and caring staff.
- A seamless transition into school.
- Organised activities and trips
- Play based learning.



Visit us today at:

**Porthleven
Primary and
Nursery School**

**Torleven
Road, Porthleven,
TR13 9BX**

Call 01326 562249 or email porthlevensecretary@croftymat.org for more information or to book a viewing.



The Nursery is open between the hours of 09.00 and 15.00. Funded sessions can be claimed in the mornings between 09.00 and 12.00 and afternoon sessions run from 12.00-15.00.

You are able to extend your funded 15 hours per week at a session rate of £14.25 (3 hours).



CHRISTMAS 2023

Activities are taking place across Cornwall
during the Christmas holidays!

Scan here to book!



- Activities including multi sports, circus skills, arts and crafts and lots more
- For children aged 5 to 16
- Every session includes a healthy meal for all children
- Funded places for ALL children eligible for benefits related free school meals





Christmas Adventure Club

December 20th, 21st & 22nd 2023
Cornish Camels, Rosuik Farm, St Martin,
Helston. TR12 6DZ



10:00 - 14:30

Stream play. Tree climbing. Hammocks.
Festive crafts. Hot lunch.
(Activities subject to weather and group
needs and interest)

Email: hello@beyondthewave.org.uk
Facebook: Beyond The Wave CIC

**£25. Funded places for
children eligible for
Income Related Free
School Meals**



BYOND
THE WAVE



Department
for Education





Christmas at Trevena Cross

Santa's Grotto

2nd & 3rd | 9th & 10th | 16th & 17th |
20th-23rd December . 9.30am-4.30pm . £10 per child
Book Online - <https://app.santabooker.com/>

Food & Craft Market

2nd & 3rd | 9th & 10th |
16th & 17th December . 10am-4pm

PLUS...

A shop full of everything Christmas
£25 Christmas trees
Festive photo opportunities
Cafe and street food

trevenacross.co.uk

 Visit our social media pages! 

Trevena Cross, Breage, Helston, TR13 9ND





UKRAINE FUNDRAISING MEAL & LIVE MUSIC

IN AID OF DNIPRO HOSPITAL

SOLOMON BROWNE HALL

SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER / 4-6PM

£15 adults/£8 children

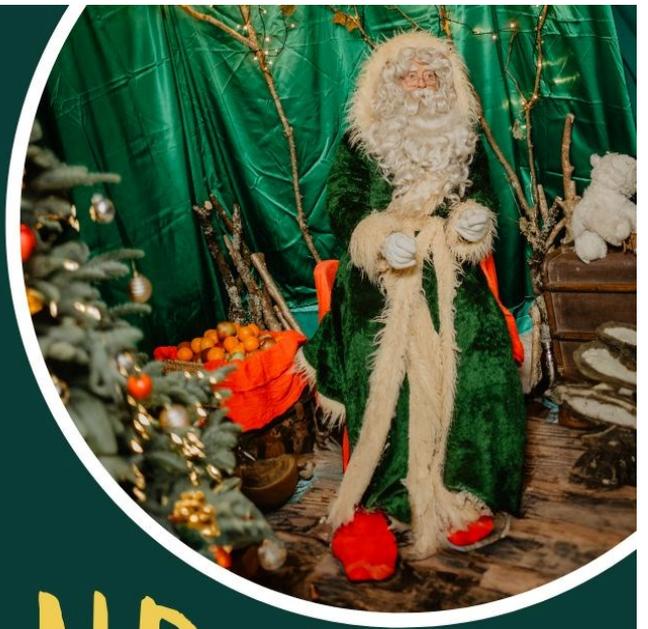
Our Ukrainian friends are preparing a traditional Ukrainian meal for you to eat in or take-away.

Our bar will be open and there will also be live music.

Book online for the meal via QR code
or email info@solomonbrownehall.co.uk



SOLOMON BROWNE HALL, DUCK STREET, MOUSEHOLE TR19 6QW



REDRUTH
WINTER
WOODLAND

FREE CHRISTMAS GROTTTO

SATURDAY
25TH
NOVEMBER

SATURDAY
2ND
DECEMBER

SATURDAY
9TH
DECEMBER

10:30AM-12:30PM AND 1PM-3PM

Come and meet Father Christmas at the
Community Centre, Redruth, TR15 1AN with
activities for all the family.

discoverredruth.co.uk
[@discoverredruth](https://twitter.com/discoverredruth)



REDRUTH TOWN COUNCIL



CORNWALL CRICKET CENTRE

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMPS

Softball £15, 20th Dec, 10am to 3pm for school years 1 to 4.

<https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/zpqdnw>

Hardball £20, 21st Dec, 10am to 3pm for school years 4 to 8.

<https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/hpqdnx>



SOFTBALL

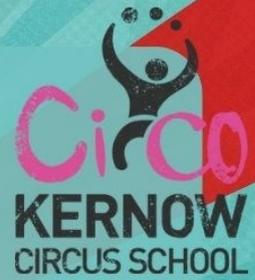


HARDBALL

www.cornwallcricket.co.uk



PENRYN



CIRCUS SKILLS WORKSHOP

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVENT

PENRYN TEMPERANCE HALL

THURSDAY 7TH & 14TH
DECEMBER 5PM - 6PM

OPEN TO ALL - FREE ENTRY



CAMBORNE



CIRCUS SKILLS WORKSHOP

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVENT

ALL SAINTS CHURCH
COMMUNITY CENTRE

WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER
5PM - 6PM

OPEN TO ALL - FREE ENTRY





On your own this Christmas Day?

Come and join us for
our Christmas Day
service, followed by a
full Christmas Dinner

Booking essential!!

To book your place, contact us on: 01209 612268 or
info@cambornecommunitychurch.org.uk

PADDLEBOAT THEATRE PRESENTS:
FRAMED!
AN INTERACTIVE FAMILY FRIENDLY WHODUNNIT MYSTERY



FRINGE REVIEW



SCAN ME

2pm, Wednesday 14 February

Tickets: £8. Save £2 per ticket with the code: **framed** (valid until 31 Dec)

falmouth.ac.uk/arts-centre

AMATA Arts Centre, Falmouth University, Penryn Campus TR10 9FE

FALMOUTH
UNIVERSITY



Carn
to Cove

