



Porthleven School & Pre-School



Newsletter

Friday 20th October 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Dear Parents Carers

What a busy end of term we have had. Classes have been finishing off their topics, putting up displays and have shared their artwork with parents. We took your harvest donations to the Helston and Lizard Foodbank with three pupils to find out how they pack and sort the items ready for collection. The school's donations weighed in at a hefty 58kg!

Thank you all for supporting our 'Break the Rules Day', the children looked fabulous and had a lot of fun. A huge thanks also to the PTA worked hard to put together the evening Halloween Disco which was well attended and raised £265.

I wish you all an enjoyable half-term.

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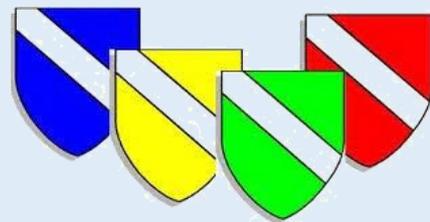
Head of School

Attendance

Class	Attendance This week	Late Marks
Rainbowfish—YR	93.68	
Seahorses—Y1	94.05	
Jellyfish—Y2	96.17	
Narwhals—Y3	95.79	
Swordfish—Y4	90.12	
Manta Rays—Y5	95.65	
Dolphins—Y6	92.59	
WHOLE SCHOOL	95.57	

Well done to **Jellyfish** class for the best attendance this week!

House Points



Running Totals This Term

Cookworthy: 12

Penrose: 18

Gibson: 9

Methleigh: 11

Our winners this week are the

PENROSE TEAM!

Well done!

EYFS & KS1 TEAM

This week we hear from Mrs Trounson!

This week in Rainbowfish, the children have been working hard in their phonic sessions, learning sounds and forming the letters. In maths we have been learning to find one more and one less and explaining our thinking.

Angelfish have been exploring their senses and focusing on touching different textures with their hands and feet. They loved a sensory walk on Tuesday!

On Friday, the children looked at taste and completed some blindfolded taste testing!

Forest schools this week involved us all getting very wet; the children loved it!! We jumped in, made bridges over puddles and built a water tunnel. This required lots of teamwork.

Please remember our next family learning day is Thursday 2nd November .



This week we hear from Mrs Blandford!

This week Jellyfish Class in Y2 have been finishing their art project for this half term. We started this term looking at natural artists such as Andy Goldsworthy and Alice Fox and created our own natural sculptures outside. We have been working on our sketching by drawing leave using continuous drawing where we don't take our pen of the page and feely drawings by drawing twigs with only our touch sense. For our final project this week, we sketched leaves with wax crayons and then brought them to life mixing Brusho colours to paint over the top which you can see a few examples from Kai, Eliza, Rafi & Ben below.

EYFS & KS1 TEAM



Accelerated Reader Champions!



Jellyfish	Narwhals	Swordfish	Manta Rays	Dolphins
Class Weekly Word Count				
21, 813	61,948	739,101	14,861	526,313
Highest Pupil Weekly Word Count				
Ben M 10,874	Rupert 19,127	Evelyn 48,338	Eli 9,064	Zachary 127,514
100% achievers - Who has achieved their target?				
Ben, Freddie, Harrison, Jowan, Thea, Arlo, George, Noah	Evie, Gracie, Lottie, Keira, Eden, Sasha, Raphael, Lily, Phoebe, Ma- son, Khaya, Alana, Teigan, Eleanor	Sophia, Ezra, Sienna, Mer- ryn, Evelyn, Ivy, Max, Edie, Coral, Bertie, Evie, Ella, Rob- in, Rose, Flor- ence, Abigail, Daisy, Tommy	Joe, Ava, Alfie, Lilah,	Annabelle, Harley, Beau, Erin, Bree- Anna, Scarlet, Ava, Enrika, Michael

Recommended reads

KS1 Book of the week— After the Fall
(How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again)

Author: Dan Santat

AR Book Level: 2.6

Everyone knows that when Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall, Humpty Dumpty had a great fall. But what happened after?



KS2 Book of the week - Dragon Mountain

Author: Katie Tsang

AR Book Level: 4.8

When 12-year-old Billy Chan finds out his parents are sending him to a summer camp in middle-of-nowhere China he doesn't know what to expect. There he meets fellow campers Dylan, Charlotte and Ling-Fei and together they stumble upon an age-old secret: four powerful warrior dragons, hidden deep within the mountain behind the camp. They have been trapped since an epic battle with the Dragon of Death and need the children's help to set them free before terrible evil is unleashed on the earth. Billy and his friends must set off on a dangerous adventure that will take them to the heart of the Dragon Realm. But can they save the dragon and human worlds from destruction?



Maths Whizz Winners

Below is our weekly progression for each class!

Jellyfish: 2.5

Narwhals: 2.5

Swordfish: 3.0

Manta Rays: 2.9

Dolphins: 3.2

Well done to Dolphins 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.

New School Menu

Attached is the new school menu starting after half term on week 1

Information sent home this week:

- **Football letters (football league matches on 30/10/23)**

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Lego League

Year 4, 5 & 6 Listened to a presentation on The Lego League Thursday to get them thinking. This year we are looking to enter with a group of 10 children from our school.

Each class has had a slideshow added to their google classroom also with a form to complete if they would like to take part. On Tuesday 31st October we will be having a read/ look at each child's entry to pick the team of 10. Remember to think out side the box and have fun. If you wish to do your entry on paper/power point or any other

way this is fine you don't need to do the online form if you have a better way to express yourself.



CHALLENGE

National Child's 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/>

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

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

All the orders have now been bagged up to send off. Thank you for all the orders everyone has made.

Diary Dates

(additions in red)

Date	Event
Monday 30th October	First day of term
Tuesday 31st October	Parent drop in session
Thursday 2nd November	Lets Rocket Menu Change
Friday 3rd November	Sponsored fun run
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 Letters will come out in November
Wednesday 29th November	Year 6 & Reception Height & Weight check
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



Football finals

Today, our Year 6 Team represented Porthleven at the Peninsular football finals at Penryn College after qualifying last week.

Competing against 8 other teams, they did incredibly well and played all their matches back to back—80 minutes of playing with only a small break in between each!

The team fought hard as a team during each match, and finished the tournament in 8th place. 'Person of the match' was given after each game by the secondary school referees, however every player did brilliantly.



Autumn 1 - Art shows

This week, parents/carers have been invited to see the children's final art pieces. All of the children are very proud of their learning this term!





PTA Newsletter

Porthleven School PTA 2023/2024

Welcome back!

Hello everyone! We hope you've all had a good first half term of the 23/24 school year and that you and your children enjoyed Break the Rules Day and the PTA Spooky Disco on Thursday.

We thought you might like to know a bit more about us and our plans for this year - and we'd love you to get involved, if you can!

The PTA raises money to enhance the experience of all children in Porthleven School. We do this by holding fundraising events and then putting this money towards items or activities for the children.

About us

We're a small group of parents and school staff who meet at school or in the village about once a half term to discuss plans.

We currently have three committee roles:

- Chair - Lauren Edwards
- Secretary - Molly Dumbell
- Treasurer - Amy Claridge

We have a number of staff supporters, including Mrs Figgins, Mrs Penrose and Miss Shannon. We also have a lovely set of parents who attend meetings or help out at events and come up with brilliant ideas - we are really pleased that two new parents joined us this half term!



2022/2023

Over the past couple of years, we have concentrated on small activities to raise money including:

- Applying for grant funding towards a bench for school for children to use during lessons in good weather and at break times
- Holding numerous Christmas sales and the Christmas Fayre, including Santa's Grotto
- Running refreshment stands at Sports Day, Leavers' Plays and Christmas performances
- Organising cake sales and raffles
- Organising Easter and Halloween discos
- Organising tea towel printing and card making for parents to buy

2024 Events

We will also be helping the school with the Christmas Fayre this year, including organising a sweet and chocolate tombola/raffle and a bring a bottle raffle. We'd really love to hear any ideas you have - especially for spring and summer terms.

If you have any ideas, questions and comments, please let us know via our Facebook Page (Porthleven School PTA) or email us on porthlevenschoolpta@gmail.com

PTA Contributions

- Contributing money towards each ticket for the pantomime to reduce costs for parents last year
- Contributing money towards the Year 6 leavers' hoodies for the past three years
- Buying a portable PA system for school
- Giving each class teacher £50 to spend on items for their class
- Giving each class teacher £10 to spend on materials to make items for the Christmas sale (which were then sold to raise more money!)
- Buying each child a Christmas gift to be given out at school Christmas Dinner

This year we have so far agreed to do the items underlined again, as they were so well received previously.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP



WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted – it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCAMS

Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes – encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve warning someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. Photos and videos can also be instructed to disappear after the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be saved or forwarded – so if your child was sent an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the receiver can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.

ENABLING FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India in 2018, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been sparked by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING

Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message (the other person also needs to have the app). WhatsApp can access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts also use the app. So if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

LOCATION SHARING

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." It is a useful method for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe – but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

Advice for Parents & Carers

[CLICK HERE](#)

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' – choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.

EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – so they also need to be deleted from the address book.

REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS

Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.

LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.

THINK ABOUT LOCATION

If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives a range of 'live location' options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.

DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone.' However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.

CHECK THE FACTS

You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.

Meet Our Expert

Parven Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



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Parenting Worker drop in session



Rachel Wilson-Powell, Senior Parenting Worker will be dropping in to Porthleven School for a coffee morning. Parents are welcome to join us from 8.45am to ask questions and chat together about behaviour, sleep, routines and more. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Do you need some support and advice to understand your child's needs and behaviours?

Advice on positive parenting and how to keep your child safe?

To understand the importance of routines for your family?

Tuesday 31st October 2023
8.45am-10.30am
Porthleven School

Thursday 2nd November Menu

LET'S ROCKET

MAINS

Rocket Dog OR
Veggie Rocket Dog

SIDES

Chips
Corn on the Cob

DESSERT

Orange & Ginger Firework Cake
with Custard

WEEK 1

W/C: 30/10, 20/11, 11/12, 01/01, 22/01, 04/03, 25/03

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT MAINS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza 🌱 Served with Potato Wedges 🍷	Classic Beef Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Chicken, Vegetable and Mash Pie 🍷 Served with Gravy	Beef Bolognese 🍷 Served with Wholewheat Pasta and Garlic and Herb Bread	Breaded Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	Stir Fried Vegetable Rice 🌱 🍷 🍷	Vegetarian Burger 🌱 Served with Potato Wedges	Vegetable Pastry Roll 🌱 Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Vegetarian Bolognese 🌱 🍷 Served with Wholewheat Pasta and Garlic and Herb Bread	Crispy Quorn Nuggets 🌱 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, including Salmon Mayonnaise 🐟	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	Beetroot Brownie	Crispy Crackle Bar with Fruit 🍌	Banana Cake 🍌	Original Flapjack	Vanilla Ice Cream

PACKED LUNCH AVAILABLE

Ham and Cheese sandwich available daily with veg sticks and fresh fruit or dessert of the day

WEEK 2

W/C: 06/11, 27/11, 18/12, 08/01, 29/01, 19/02, 11/03

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT MAINS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza 🍕 Served with Potato Wedges	Turkey Con Chilli 🍗❤️ Served with Wholegrain Rice	Roast Beef Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Sausage Pasta Bake 🍷 Served with Garlic and Herb Bread	Breaded Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	Vegetarian Cottage Pie 🍷❤️ Served with Gravy	Macaroni Cheese 🍷	Cheesy Leek and Carrot Crumble 🍷❤️ Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetarian Sausage Pasta Bake 🍷🍷 Served with Garlic and Herb Bread	Crispy Quorn Nuggets 🍷 Served with Chips
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Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato and basil sauce with penne pasta 🍷🍷					
All main meals are served with two vegetables					
DESSERT	Apple Crumble with Custard 🍷	Crunchy Chocolate Biscuit	Chocolate and Vanilla Marble Cake	Carrot Cake 🍷	Strawberry Ice Cream

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

Water, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt & fresh fruit



WEEK 3

W/C: 13/11, 04/12, 15/01, 05/02, 26/02, 18/03

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT MAINS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza 🌱 Served with Potato Wedges	Cottage Pie ❤️ Served with Gravy	Roast Pork Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Vegetable Korma 🌱❤️ Served with Wholegrain Rice	Southern Fried Chicken Served with Chips
	Chilli No Carne with Crispy Tortilla 🌱❤️ Served with Wholegrain Rice	Cauliflower Macaroni Cheese 🌱❤️ Served with Garlic and Herb Bread	Sweet Potato and Chickpea Roast 🌱❤️ Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Sweet and Sour Vegetables 🌱❤️ Served with Wholegrain Rice	Crispy Quorn Nuggets 🌱 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	Magic Apple and Cinnamon Bake 🌱	Strawberry Jelly	Orange Drizzle with Fruit 🌱	Pineapple Upside Down Cake with Custard	Chocolate Ice Cream with Shortbread Biscuit

PACKED LUNCH AVAILABLE
 Ham and Cheese sandwich available daily with veg sticks and fresh fruit or dessert of the day