



Porthleven School & Pre-School



Newsletter

Friday 1st December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Some of you may have noticed a change to our big display by the office reception area. It is now titled, 'The Porthleven Way' and has five statements that guide the whole school in all that we do.

Everyone needs to feel safe, not just in the physical environment but in the relationships that we build in school. Karen Young, a psychologist who has specialised in the mental wellness of children and adolescents says, "The more teachers, coaches, or any important adult can help children feel safe, seen, cared for, the more those kids will feel safe enough to ask for help, take safe risks, be curious, be brave, learn, grow." Before we can learn effectively, we all need to feel safe.

Belonging is equally important. We want our children to feel they are a valued member of their class and that they leave a gap if they are not there. We don't want children to feel they are trying to 'fit in' to be accepted, but able to be their authentic self.

Knowing we are safe and that we belong enables us all to be both responsible and ready to learn. These important foundations lead to the endpoint of 'We Can'. A goal that the whole school family can genuinely believe in. It would be wonderful to know that everyone leaving Porthleven School, knows that they can achieve.

This week, in their classes, children have been discussing these statements and what they mean to them, as well as the positive behaviours they would expect to see. We are taking every opportunity to exemplify these behaviours and celebrate them throughout the school.

Have a good weekend,
Dan Clayden
Acting Head of School



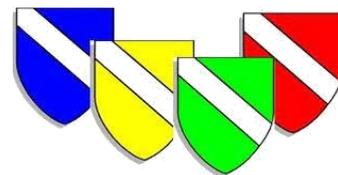
Attendance

| Class | Attend- ance | Late Marks |
|----------------|-----------------|------------|
| | This week | |
| Rainbowfish—YR | 93.01 | 3 |
| Seahorses—Y1 | 96.30 | 12 |
| Jellyfish—Y2 | 86.61 | 5 |
| Narwhals—Y3 | 99.62 | 5 |
| Swordfish—Y4 | 96.30 | 2 |
| Manta Rays—Y5 | 95.65 | 1 |
| Dolphins—Y6 | 93.12 | 0 |
| WHOLE SCHOOL | 95.21 | 28 |

Well done to Narwhals 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 are the

METHLEIGH TEAM!

Well done!

EYFS & KS1 TEAM

This week we hear from Mrs Blandford!

Over the last few weeks Jellyfish have been learning about, designing, and creating a healthy lunch in Design & Technology. They first learnt about different food groups, then had a taste test of different ingredients and picked which ones they liked and would put in their own wraps. Last week the children created their own wraps and then the best part - eating them!



This week we hear from Mrs Powers!

The children have been immersed in 'History' this week. We completed our class work on the book 'Stone Age Boy' and the children have now written their own adventure about 'The Neolithic Boy/Girl'. We have also moved on to the Bronze age in our history topic. The children have learnt about the process of 'smelting to make bronze. We also looked at Bronze age artifacts and those found near the body of the Amesbury Archer near Stone Henge- What did these tell us about life at this time?

In Science, we have continued our work on rocks. The children can now identify the three different types of rocks and this week we will be writing about the process of fossilisation.

PE and music continue to be popular lessons in the class. We are learning how to play the game of netball but still struggling to keep our feet still when we receive the ball!!!

In music we have been learning to sing the Bob Marley song - Three Little Birds. They enjoy singing and have also loved learning 'Jingle Bell Rock' for our Christmas song.

In maths, our focus is on times tables so please keep encouraging your children to play on TTR.

KS2 TEAM



Narwhals practising our Christmas Song

Accelerated Reader Champions!



| Jellyfish | Narwhals | Swordfish | Manta Rays | Dolphins |
|--|---|------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| Class Weekly Word Count | | | | |
| 93,776 | 168,933 | 48,037 | 23,902 | 98,472 |
| Highest Pupil Weekly Word Count | | | | |
| Freddie 28,084 | Jago 77,917 | Sophia 18,271 | Ewan 9,853 | Enrika 42,624 |
| 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 | Sophia, | | Annabelle, Pearl, Beau |

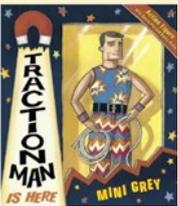
Recommended reads

KS1 Book of the week - Traction Man is Here

Author: Mini Grey

AR Book Level: 3.6

With an action outfit for every occasion, Traction Man patrols the house. Whether he is saving toys (in latex space suit and Perspex helmet, teamed with Rocket Boots); searching the sink for the lost wreck of the sieve (in sub-aqua suit, fluorescent flippers and infra-red mask) or rescuing damsels in distress (in jungle pants, camouflage vest and a bandanna), Traction Man is never less than stylishly turned out and expertly accessorised. He is the last word in heroic fashion flair - until, that is, the day that he is presented with an all-in-one knitted green romper suit and matching bonnet by his owner's granny. Can Traction Man overcome the humiliation of his desperately dowdy new look and rediscover the action hero within or will the burden of the knitted green monstrosity be too great?



KS2 Book of the week - Creeping Beauty

Author: Joseph Coelho

AR Book Level: 6.1

Eshe and her twelve sisters are Fairy Godmothers, honoured for the incredible gifts they can bestow. But Eshe's special abilities are a little different - she can glimpse into the future! And, one day, Eshe foresees something terrifying: a world blanketed in creeping vines and a girl covered in thorns. Eshe needs to stop her vision becoming true, but it will require old and powerful magic. And she won't be able to do it alone...



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

Important Messages

Information sent home this week:

- Panto trip
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Non uniform Day

On Thursday 7th December we will be having a non uniform day in return for donations for the Christmas fair tombola stalls. Years 1, 2, Reception and Nursery - we would like you to bring a chocolate item for the chocolate tombola e.g. chocolate orange, multi pack of bars, selection box... Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 - we would like you to bring donations of bottles for the bottle tombola e.g. drinks, bubble bath, sauce, squash... (please drop any alcoholic bottles to the school office).

Christmas Fair

Friday 15th December 2.30pm - 5pm stalls available @ £5 a table, please contact porthleventsecretary@croftymat.org or porthleventschoolpta@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.

Christmas School Lunch

Any last orders for the Christmas lunch need to be in by Monday 4th December 2023

Please find below the order form for our School Christmas lunch on Thursday 14th December for KS2 Children and Nursery.

Our kitchen staff will not have spare on this day, so please ensure you book a meal for your child in KS2 and Nursery

<https://forms.office.com/e/M8tpHvEk6L>

Crofty Active Advent Calendar

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

<https://calendar.myadvent.net/?id=dpuiq7v8eef148p0c4b4o9rjs4qw6p0r>

Peter Pan Panto Trip

On Friday 8th December we will be joining the lost boys to see Peter Pan at the Hall for Cornwall.

Starring Edward Rowe (Kernow King) as Captain Hook, JM Barrie's timeless coming-of-age adventure, Peter Pan, will land at the Cornwall.



Stuffed full of pesky pirates, freewheeling fun, and a gaggle of lost boys, take flight with Peter, Wendy and of course Tinkerbell too!

Please log onto ParentPay to give consent and pay for the trip or see Mrs Blight in the office for any help.

Thank you for supporting the school in this adventure. It's a wonderful experience for them all.



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.

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.

If your child arrives after 8.50am they will be marked as late.

Hair

We would please encourage all children, if they have long hair, to ensure that it is tied back for school. This will help to reduce transmission headlice and also ensure that long hair does not get in the way of learning! Many thanks for your cooperation.

Breaktime snacks

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

Reception vision check on Wednesday 6th December

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/>

If you would like an opt out form printed please let the school office know.

School Facebook

Please follow the schools face book 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 porthlevensecretary@croftymat.org or call the school office.

Bags2School

Please bring bags on the morning of Wednesday 6th December and place by the school gates ready for collection

Please find the link below on what they collect

<https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>



BAG 2 SCHOOL

Poppy Collection

The Royal British Legion would like to thank us for our support to the poppy appeal, we raised £269.27 at Porthleven School.

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.

Diary Dates

(additions in red)

| Date | Event |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Tuesday 5th December | EYFS Nativity 2.00pm– Letter gone home |
| Tuesday 5th December | KS1 Christmas play 5.30pm - Letter gone home |
| Wednesday 6th December | Reception class vision check |
| Wednesday 6th December | Bags2School collection |
| Wednesday 6th December | EYFS Nativity 5.30pm - Letter gone home |
| Wednesday 6th December | KS1 Christmas play 2.00pm - Letter gone home |
| Thursday 7th December | Non-uniform day KS1 & EYFS donations of Chocolate KS2 - Bottle Donations |
| Friday 8th December | Whole school trip to the Hall for Cornwall for Peter Pan |
| Friday 8th December | Christmas Concert 4pm |
| Thursday 14th December | Christmas school Lunch |
| Thursday 14th December | Christmas Jumper Day at school |
| Thursday 14th December | Reception and Nursery Christmas party |
| Friday 15th December | Christmas Fair 2.30pm—5pm |
| Monday 18th December | Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Party |
| Monday 18th December | Year 3 Christmas Party |
| 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 |
| | |

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about INFLUENCERS

In today's digital age, social media influencers play an increasingly significant role in shaping the opinions, interests and behaviours of our children. While many of these individuals can have a positive effect, influencer culture can also present certain risks – such as encouraging consumerism, affecting self-esteem and blurring trustworthiness. To help ensure a safe online environment for young people, it's vital to maintain open communication, set sensible boundaries, promote a healthy self-image and teach digital media literacy. Our guide delves deeper into all of these.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

HEIGHTENED CONSUMERISM

A major way that influencers make money is through brand partnerships and sponsored content. As a result, children who follow them may be exposed to a steady stream of advertising; this can lead to materialistic attitudes, unrealistic expectations and an increased desire to have the latest products. Many influencers have built huge brand empires around their large, impressionable following.

THE SOFT SELL

Some influencers aren't always transparent about the motivations behind their posts, blurring the lines between genuine recommendations and paid-for promotions – and young people sometimes find it difficult to distinguish authentic content from advertising. Many major social platforms have taken steps to make sponsored content and ads easier to identify, but it remains an area of concern.

PRIVACY CONCERNS

Inspired by their favourite influencers, children may start sharing more of their own lives online – which could reveal personal information or details about their daily routine. This openness can put them at risk of cyberbullying or even predatory behaviour. This is exacerbated by live streaming, which gives young people no time to consider the potential consequences of saying too much.

UNDERMINING SELF-ESTEEM

Many influencers share images and videos of themselves and their activities, which are often painstakingly curated and edited to present an idealised version of their life. Children who follow these influencers may develop distorted expectations about body image and the concept of beauty, which can potentially lead to negative self-esteem and even mental health issues.

Advice for Parents & Carers

KEEP TALKING

Chat to your child about the content they consume on social media and the influencers that they like. Encourage them to think critically about what they see and hear online, and listen to any concerns they might have. Maintaining this line of open, honest communication can help your child to make informed decisions about which individuals they follow and what content they engage with.

SET SOME BOUNDARIES

Agree age-appropriate boundaries for your child's social media use, including time limits and privacy settings (the two major operating systems on mobile devices, Android and iOS, have these controls baked in). Try to keep an eye on your child's online activity and discuss it regularly with them – including reminding them of the potential risks that can arise from following influencers.

SUPPORT A HEALTHY SELF-IMAGE

Reinforce your child's awareness that real life isn't usually as picture perfect as it may appear on social media – and how some content (particularly that of influencers) is often curated, staged or edited to look more glamorous. If possible, highlight examples of other influencers who share authentic, relatable material which acknowledges their imperfections and struggles as well.

PROMOTE MEDIA LITERACY

Talk to your child about the concepts of sponsored content, advertising and potential influencer bias. Teach them to critically evaluate the information they're presented with online and to consider the possible reasons behind content creation. This can help young people develop the skills to make healthier decisions about the influencers they choose to follow and the content they consume.

Meet Our Expert

A former director of digital learning and currently a deputy headmaster and DSL, Brendan O'Keefe's experience and expertise gives him a clear insight into how modern digital systems impact the experiences of children, staff and parents – and which strategies help to ensure that the online world remains a useful educational tool rather than a minefield of risks.



NOS National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday



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).



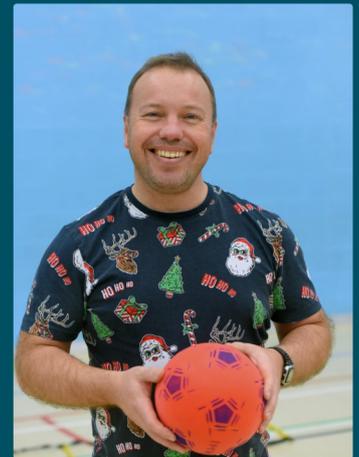
CHRISTMAS 2023

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**



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Porthleven Christmas Market



Over 40 different small
business traders.

Hot food, mulled wine,
great coffee.

Live music, children's
entertainment, and
Santa's Grotto.



Friday 1st December
12pm - 9pm

Saturday 2nd December
10am - 7pm

Sunday 3rd December
10am - 7pm

Free entry - find us in Porthleven Shipyard!



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...

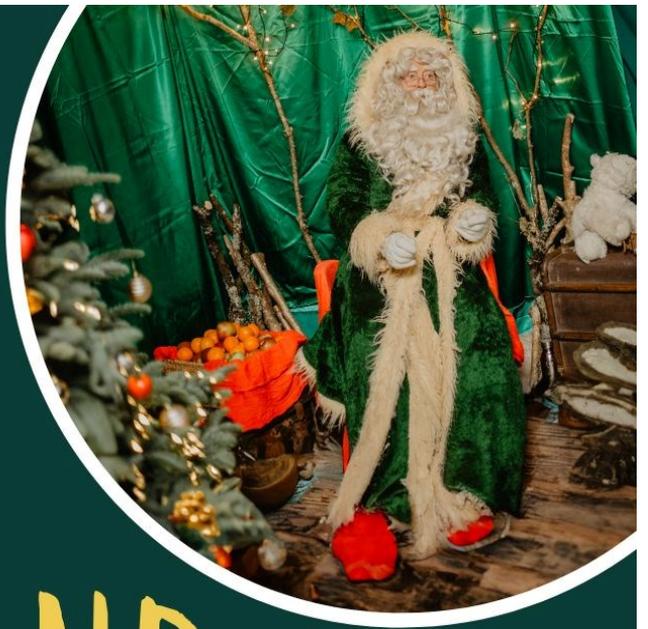
A shop full of everything Christmas
£25 Christmas trees
Festive photo opportunities
Cafe and street food

trevenacross.co.uk

 Visit our social media pages! 

Trevena Cross, Breage, Helston, TR13 9ND





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.

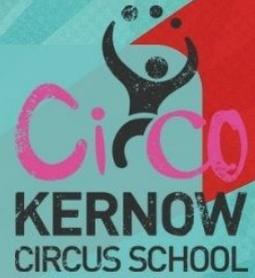
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REDRUTH TOWN COUNCIL



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