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This week's virtue is "Confidence".

Foundation stage - This week we have introduced our new topic of growing. The children enjoyed exploring the school field to look for things that were alive. They have discussed what plants need in order to grow; and are looking forward to planting some seeds next week.

Rainbowfish took part in a cooking session with Chartwells who cook our school lunches. They were very well behaved and enjoyed taking part. Please can children bring wellies on Tuesday as we will be exploring mud to support our 'Bear Hunt' writing.

Angelfish have enjoyed making pancakes on Tuesday with eggs from our very own chickens.

They have been going on shape walks around the school and sorting shapes. In phonics they have been exploring rhyming words.

Key Stage 1

Year 1 - Year 1 have had a busy week starting the story of Little Red Riding Hood in literacy. They enjoyed walking around the 'forest' and pretending to be Little Red Riding Hood to help them with their writing. We have also started a new topic in Geography which is 'Extreme Weather'. In science we are learning about materials and their properties. The children enjoyed sorting different materials into groups. In maths we have been adding and subtracting numbers up to 20. The children really enjoyed World Book Day! We had lots of fantastic costumes and bag designs. We would also like to welcome Miss Osborne into the Year 1 team who will be training with us to be a teaching assistant.

Year 2- This term our new topic is about Weather, a geography topic. We will look at weather patterns in the UK and around the world. In our first lesson, the children created a mind map of different types of weather and chose some to write details about. In Art, the children identified hot and cold colours in paintings and generated some of these colours themselves. We have had two science lessons this week, one comparing children's hands span and a second experimenting with materials to find out which material is most suitable for a bouncy ball. In Maths, we have started a topic on statistics and in literacy; we have begun a new writing programme, 'The Write Stuff'. The work is based on the book 'Stardust'. I have been very impressed at the work the children have completed at this early stage. I am looking forward to meeting with you all next week at parents evening. Please check your appointment times.

Key Stage 2

Year 3/4 - This week, the children have started their new topic on The Roman Empire. They have looked at how they were excellent designers and engineers, with a focus on Roman architecture in Design and Technology. In maths we have started looking at length, where we have been measuring with accuracy. In literacy, we have begun our journey to unpick a story and write in smaller, but more precise steps. The children are thoroughly enjoying this new method of completing out writing, which you will see at the parents evenings. The children had great fun dressing up as their favourite book and we had fun guessing who we all were. Thank you to all those that have signed up to see me next week and I look forward to seeing you.

Changes to the Narwhals timetable.

Due to changes in my PPA, PE will now take place on THURSDAY.

Year 5/6 - This week, Year 5/6 have enjoyed learning about light in Science. The children really enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day and showing their creativity with their decorated tote bags, we have kept hold of these for the time being for them to be judged. We have begun a new literacy programme across school called 'The Write Stuff'. We are really impressed with the work being produced so far. A reminder that it is parents evening next week, please book your slot if you have not already done so, links can be found on the next page of the newsletter.



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COVID Guidelines - If your child tests positive for Covid please inform the school office immediately. We are still asking pupils to isolate for 10 days. Isolation can end early if the pupil has a negative LFT result on both day 5 and 6 and has no temperature.

Reporting Absence - It is extremely important that the school office is informed of any child absences and medical appointments. An absence text is sent if your child is not present at school and if no reason is given then it will be marked as an unauthorised absence. You can inform us by calling 01326 562249 and leaving an answerphone message or emailing secretary@porthleven.cornwall.sch.uk

School Dinner Menu - We will be on **WEEK 1 of the menu next week.**

Foundation Stage/KS1 Drop-Off/Pick-Up Points - A reminder of drop-off and pick-up points:

Class/Year	Drop-Off/Pick-Up
Nursery	Side entrance into the nursery garden
Rainbowfish & Turtles	Around the back of the school through the infant playground
Seahorses	Side entrance gate just before the school office

World Book Day Book Amnesty - THANK YOU for all your book donations. Mrs. Figgins is in the process of sorting them all out and making sure every class has some for their libraries. This support helps every child in school have a greater opportunity to read for pleasure

Year 4 Swimming - Starting Wednesday 9th March 2022 - Swordfish class will be going swimming every Wednesday morning for five weeks from this date. The cost of each lesson will be £4.50 per child and can be paid for via ParentPay. An email came home with more information at the beginning of the week, if you have not received this please contact the school office.

Year 3 and 4 Gangsta Granny Trip Update - We are in the process of issuing refunds for this trip. Please bear with us.



Chartwells 'Eat Them To Defeat Them' Scheme - Packs came home with children yesterday including a reward chart and information on the scheme. Each week children who try new vegetables will receive a sticker for their reward chart. For more information please head to <https://eatthemtodefearthem.com/>

Coose Trannack Cross Country - Saturday 26th March 2022 - £3.00 per child - If your child would like to take part this year please save this date. A google form registration link has been set up, please complete if your child would like to take register. Click this link to take you to the registration form:

<https://forms.gle/8ZEHFUEApmeMvnSYA>

Weekly Attendance Award - Across are the attendance figures for each class - Well done to **KESTRELS** who are this weeks winners! The expected percent age attendance for a child is 96%. Let's see if we can get each class to this or above!

KS1/KS2 Parents Evening - w/b Monday 7th March - A link to book parents evening slots for each class can be found below. If you have any trouble accessing these or booking a slot please contact the school office on 01326 562249 or email admin@porthleven.cornwall.sch.uk.

Year 1 - <https://forms.gle/UorjsYjqvNDP1kQb7>

Year 2 - <https://forms.gle/DJn45sSpSQysF35k7>

Narwhals - <https://forms.gle/U63AA94yCPwNVbEt9>

Swordfish - <https://forms.gle/biQjS63daYc4vKyR6>

Kestrels - <https://forms.gle/6RisY7pjegPnLvr6>

Hérons - <https://forms.gle/hoe4ESH97UTXspTW7>

Class	Attendance	Late Marks
Rainbowfish	94.6%	3
Seahorses	93.6%	8
Turtles	97.8%	1
Narwhals	95.6%	1
Swordfish	98%	1
Kestrels	98.7%	3
Hérons	96.2%	4
WHOLE SCHOOL	96.6%	21



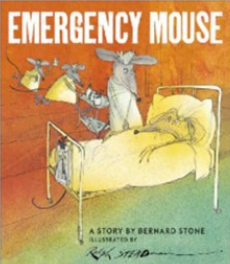
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Book Of The Week -

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This week
5+ readers



Look inside...

Book Information	
ISBN:	9781839132117
Publication date:	3rd March 2022
Author:	Bernard Stone
Illustrator:	Ralph Steadman
Publisher:	Andersen Press Ltd
Format:	Paperback
Pagination:	32 pages
Suitable for:	3+ readers, 5+ readers

Henry missed his mother. He turned over on his side and tried to go to sleep. Just as he was closing his eyes, he noticed several tiny lights above him in the darkening ward.



Suddenly the doors opened and mice dressed as doctors and nurses wheeled in a lot of little beds and pushed them into rows. Henry couldn't believe his eyes - he heard over the edge of his bed he got a closer look.

Tell me more...
 Midnight in the hospital ward and everyone is asleep except Henry. His pet mouse is sick, too. Before he knows what's happening, tiny doors open in the skirting boards and mice dressed as doctors and nurses' wheel out tiny beds. The mice are taking over the hospital for the night and setting up their own emergency ward.

This enchanting story, illustrated with a remarkable gallery of mouse characters by the inimitable Ralph Steadman, will have special appeal for any child who has ever had to visit hospital.

Volunteers Needed - There are many ways that parents can make a difference to all the pupils and teachers in school.

We would like help with chaperoning field trips, reading, gardening, creative activities and much more besides. We know it is difficult to commit time but if you have a couple of hours a week then we will offer training and help to make your time in school a fun and rewarding experience. It may even lead to a new career! Please contact the school office for more information.

*The school policy is committed to safeguarding all of our pupils: we require enhanced criminal record checks (through the Disclosure and Barring Service) and background checks for all **regular** volunteers.*

Cross Country Dates -

Tuesday 5th April Cross Country – Race 6 KS2 HCC 4pm
 Tuesday 14th June Fun Run KS2 Mullion 4pm

Parent & Toddler Group - Limited spaces - Every Tuesday - 9am to 11am - £1 per family - Please contact the school office to book your space - Forest school activities, snack provided for children. Children will need to wear old clothes and bring coats. We will also be using our indoor spaces some weeks and if the weather is bad.

Would you like to play a brass instrument? Porthleven Town Band have a new **Beginner Brass group** starting on **Tuesday 8th March 4.15pm**. Please email porthleven.bandbuilders@gmail.com or text 07969644207 for further information.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

Wednesday 16th March 2022 - Swordfish Class Swimming
Saturday 26th March 2022 - Coose Trannack Cross Country
Tuesday 5th April 2022 - Cross Country Race 6 - KS2 - HCC 4pm
Monday 11th April to Friday 22nd April 2022 - Easter Holidays
Monday 2nd May 2022 - Bank Holiday - School closed to all children
Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022 - May Half Term
Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th July 2022 - INSET days - School closed to all children
Wednesday 27th July to Friday 2nd September 2022 - Summer Holidays