



Porthleven School & Pre-School



Newsletter

Friday 21st September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

We have had a busy start to term and children have settled into their classes really well. Our Nursery have been out and about taking listening walks and looking for colours around Porthleven. They visited shops to learn about the use of money and even had time for a physical workout at the Park.

Rainbow Fish class have been working hard at their phonics learning the sounds d, t, l, n & p. We use the 'Read Write Inc' phonics programme and we will be holding a parent meeting after school on Tuesday at 3.15 to share strategies that you can use at home to support your child in their early reading. It would be lovely to see many of you there. Rainbowfish have also been learning about their families and our school 'family'. They have been on tours to school been introduced to many of the staff. With Autumn now upon us the children have been picking fruit from our Sensory Garden and have been making delicious fruit crumbles.

In Year 1 Seahorses Class they have been learning all about directions and in groups they have been using maps to navigate themselves around the school and build their directional vocabulary, 'towards', 'right', 'left', 'away from', 'near', 'far' and the compass directions. They have been drawing maps of their classroom and learning about the use of symbols.



I have witnessed some fantastic art taking place in Year 2 – Jellyfish Class, where they have been learning about the artists, Alice Fox and Andy Goldsworthy. Last week they were creating sculptures on the playground using natural materials they had collected. This week they been developing their artistic skills by drawing what they can feel and not by what can be seen.

In a similar vein Year 4 Swordfish Class, have been thoroughly enjoying learning about the sequential drawing in graphic novels. Using graphite pencils, they have been developing their skills of shading, creating shadows and exploring methods of cross-hatching.

Year 3, Manta Rays Class have been building roads to develop their understanding and knowledge of friction and by investigating the porosity of materials they have learnt about how water drains of road surfaces. Fortunately, they have learnt that soil on its own doesn't make the best road, especially when you add water! In Geography they have been using maps to learn about Europe through identifying countries and their capital cities.

Year 5 have been honing their hockey skills this week, specifically practising a push pass to another player. It was great to see them starting to work as a team to get past a defender and score a goal!

Geography has also been a learning focus in Year 6, Dolphins Class where they have designed and mapped their Eco Sustainable Cities. They have also challenged themselves to learn how to read musical notation in their ukuleles lesson.

It was with great sadness that many of the staff attended the funeral of Christine Bolton on Wednesday, who was the School's Secretary for many years. She was one of the warmest and kindest colleagues I have had the pleasure to know. I remember how she made me feel welcome when I first took on supply teaching at the school many years ago and when I attended my interview. She was a great support to everyone at the school and loved by us all. She will be greatly missed. The school would like to open a collect for her Charity, "Young people vs Cancer". Please see Mrs Blight in the office if you would like to contribute.



Finally, thank you to the parents who attended the Teacher 'drop in' sessions last week and for supporting us in helping your children feel safe, happy and to aim high in their learning. As the year progresses we will look for more opportunities to strengthen these relationships and to look to how we can support families further through parent workshops. Please let us know if we can do more to help you. I am available on the gate if you would like to discuss further.

With very best wishes

Mr D Clayden

Acting Head of School

Data Collection Sheets

Everyone from year 1 - year 6 has gone home with a data collection sheet. Please ensure you complete any missing information so we can ensure we have the right details about your family on our database. Once completed please sign and return. If all details are correct please also sign and return to the school office.

School Photos

Photos are online to purchase, please follow the link on the slips that went home last week. The deadline for free delivery and to use your discount coupon, expires this weekend, so please ensure you get your orders in ASAP.

If you have any questions about your photos you can email Ian on hatchboxphot@hotmail.com and he is happy to help.

PTA School Disco

School Disco will be on Thursday 19th October. More info to follow.

Absences and collecting early

Please ensure all absences are phoned through to the absence line or emailed to secretary@porthleven.cornwall.sch.uk before 8.30am each day.

Please also remember that doctors, dentist and optician appointments should be done outside of school time. If you will be arriving late, please ensure you phone through your lunch order for the day, if arriving after 9am.

Global Boarders



Global Boarders are running a surf club on Tuesdays after school. If you would like to sign up to their club this term please read the letter attached to sign up.

Chicken Pox

We have had a few cases of chicken pox in school and we would like to make you aware of this and to keep an eye out for spots. If your child develops chicken pox they will need to stay off school until the spots have scabbed over usually around day 5.

Healthy Snacks

Nursery - Year 2 receive a piece of fruit or veg at break for the government scheme Fruit for Schools. Year 3 -6 can bring a piece of fruit/veg or a bread base snack from home.

Year 3 & 4 Residential

Look out next week for information on booking a place and paying deposits for the year 3 and year 4 camps.

Year 5 & 6 Residential

Letters will be going out next week for the Bristol trip in January with more information on the trip and the final cost.

PTA Drop in

Porthleven school PTA are looking forward to welcoming some new members this year. Please drop in for a coffee and a chat after drop off at 9am or before the end of the day at 2.45pm we would love to see some new faces to help share ideas and maybe lend a hand.



SPORTS AT PORTHLEVEN



Football

This week, some Year 5 and 6 boys took part in their first match of the league! Although they only had minimal practice together, they worked incredibly hard as a team and won every single match! Well done team - let's stay at the top of the leader board and go for the trophy!



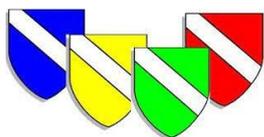
Cross Country

Cross country started off this year with the first race at Porthleven school. Nine children ran from year 3,4,5,& 6, all finishing with some amazing results! We would still love to see more runners so don't forget to sign up for the next race at Helston School (North Site). This will be just after 4pm due to the buses in bus park needing to leave first.

Please sign up on the link coming out next week!



Team Points



Our winners this week are the
COOKWORTHY TEAM!
Well done!

Class	Attendance This week	Late Marks
Rainbowfish	97.74	
Seahorses	94.25	3
Turtles	98.89	
Narwhals	99.21	
Swordfish	99.56	
Manta Rays	96.62	
Orcas	94.18	
WHOLE SCHOOL	97.56	3

The expected attendance for a child is **95%** or above

Information Sent Home this Week

- Data Collection Sheet
- Global boarders club letter
- Photos
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Next weeks lunch menu is **week 3**



Cross Country Dates

Tues 10th October Cross Country - Race 2 KS1 and KS2 HCC – 4pm
 Tues 7th November Cross Country - Race 3 KS2 - Mullion – 4pm
 Tues 27th February Cross Country - Race 4 KS2 - HCC - 4pm
 Tues 14th May Cross Country – Race 5 KS1 & KS2 - Mullion - 4pm
 Tues 21st May Cross Country – Race 6 KS2 - Porthleven - 4pm
 Tues 11th June Cross Country - Fun Run KS2 - Mullion - 4pm

INSET Days for 2023/2024

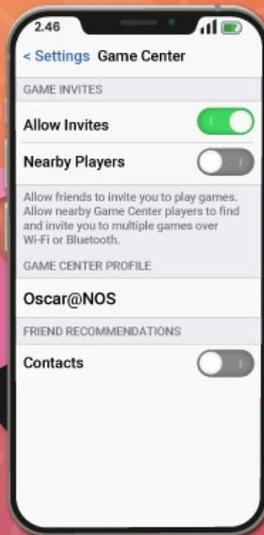
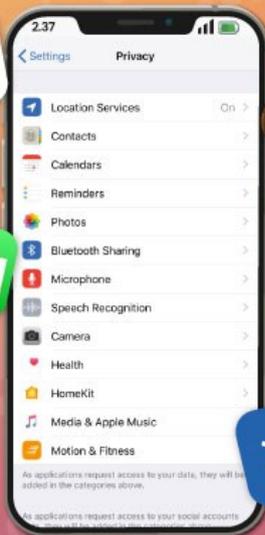
6 October 2023
 4 January 2024
 19 February 2024
 8 May 2024

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Friday 29th September	Year 5 Surf Day
Friday 6th October	INSET Day
Friday 20th October	Last day of term
Monday 30th October	First day of term

How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS iPhone

Apple devices come with built-in apps already available: Mail, FaceTime and Safari, for example. However, you can choose which apps and features appear on your child's device and which ones don't. You can also manipulate the features in Game Centre to enhance your child's safety and privacy when playing games, as well as blocking iTunes or App Store purchases if you wish.



How to Restrict Built-in Apps/Features

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Allowed Apps (you may need to toggle this to 'on' at the top)
- 5 Enable or disable the apps you wish to appear (or disappear) on your child's device

How to Restrict Game Centre

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Content Restrictions (you may need to switch the toggle at the top to the 'on' position)
- 5 Scroll down to Game Centre
- 6 Choose between Allow, Don't Allow, or Allow with Friends Only in the settings for each feature

How to Restrict iTunes & App Store Purchases

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap iTunes & App Store Purchases
- 5 Select Allow or Don't Allow for each feature (you can also lock these settings with a password)

