



Porthleven School & Pre-School



Newsletter

Friday 17th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was great to see so many parents take up the opportunity to meet with class teachers this week. This being the first time we have run parent meetings in November, I hope parents have had a good understanding as to how well their children are settling into routines and their learning this year. There will be a further meeting scheduled early in the summer term. Of course, if you have any questions please feel free to speak with your child's teacher at the end of the day.

Dan Clayden

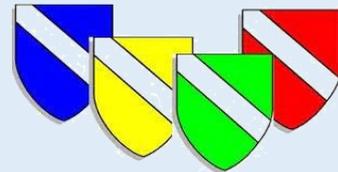
Acting Head of School

Attendance

Class	Attendance This week	Late Marks
Rainbowfish—YR	93.83	1
Seahorses—Y1	96.71	9
Jellyfish—Y2	98.08	
Narwhals—Y3	98.47	2
Swordfish—Y4	97.12	4
Manta Rays—Y5	89.86	
Dolphins—Y6	95.71	
WHOLE SCHOOL	95.47	16

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

House Points



Running Totals This Term:

Cookworthy: 9

Penrose: 13

Gibson: 12

Methleigh: 7

Our winners this week are the

PENROSE TEAM!

Well done!

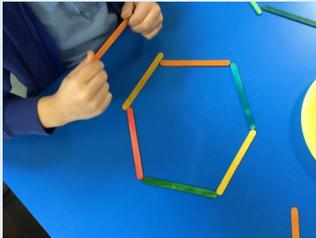
EYFS & KS1 TEAM

This week we hear from Mrs Penrose!

In the Seahorse's class we have been learning about toys from the past in our history. This has also linked to our literacy writing unit, 'Toys and Games from the Past'. We have been learning about teddies and found out interesting facts about teddies. We also brought in our favourite teddies from home and had a teddy bears picnic as one of experience days to help us with our writing. The children loved using alliteration to think of words to describe the teddies such as 'tatty teddies', 'terrific teddies', 'brilliant bears' and 'bouncy bears'. Next week children will bring in their favourite toys from home and will be writing about them. We are excited to see the writing the children produce.

In maths we have been learning to recognise, name and sort 2D and 3D shapes. The children have loved the practical activities as well as answering questions in their books.

Also in science we are carrying on learning about 'Materials'. The children tested different materials to see which ones were waterproof. They then used what they had learnt about waterproof materials to make a shelter for Incy Wincy spider. They then tested them to see if Incy stayed dry or not.



This week we hear from Mrs Figgins!

Firstly, it was a pleasure to discuss the children's progress this week and meet some of you for the first time.

KS2 TEAM

This week, Dolphins have been using a range of tools to begin to make a mechanical device. During the next three weeks, they will saw, sand, measure and use their artistic skills to design a moving show that they will bring home at the end of the term.



In science, the children have had much fun classifying the animal kingdom, along with classifying the class! They used the classification table originally created by the Swedish botanist Carolus (Carl) Linnaeus and realised just how complex the scale was.

Accelerated Reader Champions!



Jellyfish	Narwhals	Swordfish	Manta Rays	Dolphins
Class Weekly Word Count				
18,250	66,758	243,386	50,417	230,338
Highest Pupil Weekly Word Count				
Ben	Alana	Sophia	Ewan	Pearl
8,265	21,143	47,773	11,934	117,384
100% achievers - Who has achieved their target?				
Arlo,	Evie, Gracie, Fern, Lottie, Alana, Esmay, Keira	Sophia,		Annabelle, Pearl

Recommended reads

KS1 Book of the week - Twelve Dancing Princesses

Author: Geraldine McCaughrean AR Book Level: 4.1



Twelve Dancing Princesses is a German rags-to-riches folk tale. There is something strange happening at the palace, where the King's twelve daughters are wearing through their slippers every night. Will the hero be able to get to the bottom of the mystery?.

KS2 Book of the week - The Lost Tide Warriors

Author: Catherine Doyle AR Book Level: 5.2

Fionn Boyle has been Storm Keeper of Arranmore for less than six months when thousands of terrifying Soulstalkers arrive on the island. The empty-eyed followers of the dreaded sorceress Morrigan have come to raise their leader and Fionn is powerless to stop them. The Storm Keeper's magic has deserted him and with his grandfather's memory waning, Fionn must rely on his friends Shelby and Sam to help him summon Dagda's army of merrows. But nobody else believes the ferocious sea creatures even exist. And how can he prove he's right without any magic? As Fionn begins his search for the lost army, the other islanders prepare for invasion. The battle to save Arranmore has begun....



Maths Whizz Winners

Below is our weekly progression for each class!

Jellyfish: 2.0

Narwhals: 2.1

Swordfish: 2.4

Manta Rays: 2.8

Dolphins: 2.8

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



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Important Messages

Information sent home this week:

- Year 4 Camp
- Year 3 Camp
- Touch Rugby letter—further details to be released next week
- Girls only football tournament
- Panto trip
- Christmas Lunch order form KS2 & Nursery

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 donations of bottles for the bottle tombola e.g. drinks, bubble bath, sauce, squash... (please drop alcoholic bottles to the school office).

Christmas Fair

Friday 15th December 2.30pm - 5pm stalls available @ £5 a table please contact porthlevensecretary@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.

Christmas School Lunch

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>

Parent Christmas Card Orders

Parent Christmas cards and mug have arrived and gone home this week they all look amazing.



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.

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.

National Child's Measurement Program Reception & Year 6 Wednesday 29th November

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/>

Year 6: <https://www.healthycornwall.org.uk/make-a-change/child-health-programme-year-6/>

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

Diary Dates

(additions in red)

Date	Event
Wednesday 29th November	Year 6 & Reception Height & Weight check
Tuesday 5th December	EYFS Nativity 2.00pm- more info to follow
Tuesday 5th December	KS1 Christmas play 5.30pm - more info to follow
Wednesday 6th December	Reception class vision check
Wednesday 6th December	Bags2School collection
Wednesday 6th December	EYFS Nativity 5.30pm - more info to follow
Wednesday 6th December	KS1 Christmas play 2.00pm - more info to follow
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
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
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 iPADS

Apple debuted the first iPad in 2010, kickstarting the tablet market, and it remains the best-selling tablet to this day. Although Apple doesn't offer a child-specific version, iPads are hugely popular with youngsters due to their ease of use and endless choice of apps. There's a selection of models, with different-sized screens and distinct features – including the standard iPad; the iPad Air; the iPad Pro; and the iPad mini. Thankfully, they all offer parental controls so you can regulate how your child uses the device ... and how long they spend on it.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PHYSICAL DAMAGE

While some tablets (such as the Amazon Fire Kids editions) come with rugged shock-proof cases, iPads aren't built for rough and tumble. They're also more expensive than most other tablets, and any damage your child's iPad suffers could be costly to repair. Buying a child-friendly case and screen protector for the device could be a wise move, especially if it's being used by younger ones.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Like most digital devices, tablets have the potential to become quite addictive. You might find your child spending too long staring at their iPad, which could lead to irritability, mood swings and a loss of interest in more important tasks. If this happens, be sure to visit the built-in screen time settings and ensure you limit how long they're able to spend on the device each day.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

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CENSORED

Even if it would never occur to your child to go searching online for age-inappropriate sites, apps or information, there's always a possibility that something unexpected – perhaps a video that auto-plays or content incorrectly suggested by an algorithm – could appear on their tablet and upset them. You can help prevent this by adjusting the content settings (see our 'top tips' section below).

SIRI SUGGESTIONS

The parental controls built into iOS (the fundamental operating system of Apple devices) enable you to block access to most age-inappropriate content – but your child could potentially still bypass these restrictions (either accidentally or deliberately) by using Siri, Apple's voice-activated digital assistant. To avoid this, toggle the 'Ask Siri' functions to 'off' in the iPad's settings menu.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Before letting little ones loose on an iPad, it's a good idea to set up Family Sharing, as this lets you utilise the parental controls to manage exactly how your child is able to use the device. You can do this fairly easily by going into the iPad's settings; once there, you'll be able to add an existing Apple account (if your child already has one) or set one up from scratch.

APPLY SOME LIMITS

The 'Downtime' function allows you to tell the iPad to lock itself at certain periods (at mealtimes or before bed, for instance), while 'App Limits' removes access to certain apps once they've been used for a specified length of time each day. The iPad can display a reminder when these limits have nearly been reached, letting your child mentally prepare for the end of their gaming or viewing time.

STOP ACCIDENTAL SPENDING

To empower your child with an increased sense of freedom on their device (without giving yourself something else to worry about in the process) you could enable the iPad's 'Ask to Buy' feature. Whenever your child tries to download or buy an app, game or product, the iPad sends you a request to approve (or deny!) it. This option only becomes available if you've set up Family Sharing.

SET CONTENT AND PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS

The parental controls can stop the iPad from displaying explicit or age-inappropriate content (in apps like iTunes and Safari, for instance) when your child is signed into their account. You'll also be able to restrict the capacity to download and install apps, and you can specify permissions which prevent children from changing the iPad's privacy settings once you've selected them.

TRACK IT DOWN

Just like the iPhone, Apple's iPads have 'Find My' software to help you locate your child's iPad – or indeed, any linked Apple devices that have gone AWOL, including phones, watches and AirPods. If you enable 'Find My' in the settings menu, it will display the last known location of an iPad that's been mislaid, as well as giving you the option to lock a missing iPad that you suspect has been stolen.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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CHRISTMAS

Fair & MARKET



FRIDAY

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2:30-5 PM

AT PORTHLEVEN SCHOOL | FREE ENTRY!!!



- Porthleven Town Band
- Band Builders
- Tombola
- Gifts
- Games
- Festive Treats
- Warm Drinks
- Craft Stalls
- Plus more...
- Everyone Welcome





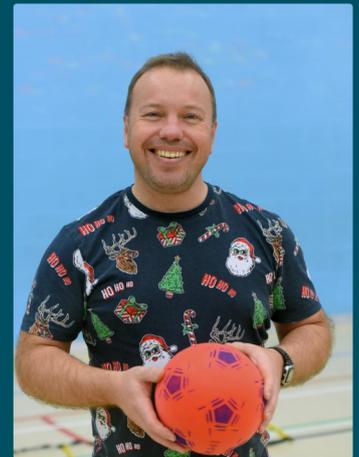
CHRISTMAS 2023

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



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

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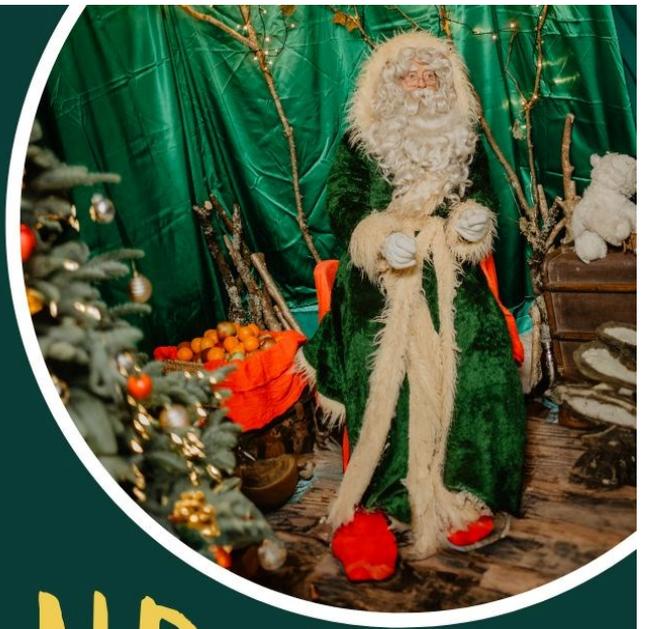
A shop full of everything Christmas
£25 Christmas trees
Festive photo opportunities
Cafe and street food

trevenacross.co.uk

 Visit our social media pages! 

Trevena Cross, Breage, Helston, TR13 9ND





REDRUTH
WINTER
WOODLAND

FREE CHRISTMAS GROTTO

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