

Porthleven School & Pre-School

Newsletter





Dear Parents and Carers,

As I mentioned at the end of last half term, we are in the process of changing our school logo to one that is more recognisably Porthleven and one that celebrates our position on the coast.

We currently have two options:



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We have chosen the background to the uniform logo as navy blue as we will be fazing in a uniform colour change from Royal blue to navy blue at the start of the next academic year in September. This is to align the uniform with the Porthleven Way Affirmations and provide hoodies for children to wear on their PE days similar to the new ones we have bought for staff. Any changes will happen over a period time and we will not expect children to change their old jumpers until they have grown out of them!

We are interested in your choice of the new school logo, Option A or Option B. Please follow the link to submit your preference.

https://forms.office.com/e/Qv9aUGNY1h

I will announce the results of the survey next week.

Dan Clayden

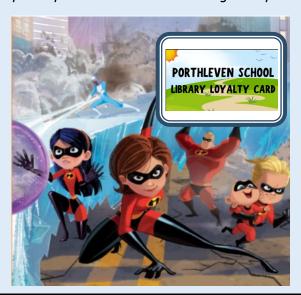
Acting Head of School

Exciting news!

We're thrilled to announce that starting February 26th, the school library will be open for all of you to explore.

Dive into the world of literature, discover new adventures, and expand your horizons. Simply drop by, pick out a book with your child/children, and return it when you've finished. Let the exploration begin! Mrs. Figgins and some of the librarians will be on hand to help you.

Every 10 visits the children will receive a prize. Also every visit you can take home a reading cuddly buddy.



House Points

Running Totals This Term:



Cookworthy:3

Penrose: 2

Gibson: 1

Methleigh: 4

Our winners this terms are the

Methleigh Team

Well done!

Accelerated Reader Champions!



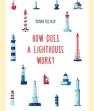
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Jellyfish	Narwhals	Swordfish	Manta Rays	Dolphins	
Class Weekly Word Count					
9,987	52,499	172,058	18,383	247,734	
Highest Pupil Weekly Word Count					
Thea	Esmay/Rupert	Sophia	Eli	Annabelle	
3,811	20,749	67,884	6,687	200,493	
100% achievers - Who has achieved their target?					
				Annabelle	

Recommended Reads

All books found in the library*

KS1—Book of the Week

AR Book Level: pink



How Does a Lighthouse Work?

Author: Roman Belyaev

How can we tell one lighthouse from another? What does a lighthouse keeper do? Where are the most unusual lighthouses in the world? Depart on an enchanting voyage with the school children in this book to discover the answers to these questions along with other fascinating facts about lighthouses and how they work.



KS2-Book of the Week

AR Book Level: 3.1

Once Upon a Raindrop

Author: James Carter

Immerse yourself in the wonderful world of water and discover the story of H2O from its very beginning. Engaging, informative poetry flows over the pages and stunning illustrations bring this story to rushing, gushing life.

Maths Whizz Winners

Below is our weekly progression for each class!

Jellyfish: 2.3

Narwhals: 2.5

Swordfish: 2.2

Manta Rays: 2.5

Dolphins: 2.7

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





Unauthorised Exceptional Leave of Absence Information

The law requires parents to ensure their children receive an efficient full time education, and every minute of every day is important. Please help them not to miss any of this valuable time.

We hope that when you have read the information outlined on our website, you will consider that your child's education is too important to take holidays during term time,

If an unauthorised leave of absence is taken, this may incur a penalty notice being issued under Section 444A and 444B of the Education Act 1996. This carries a fine of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the penalty notice will result in Court action

Unauthorised Late Marks Information

If your child is arriving late - after the register has closed at 8.50am it will be coded as a U which, is an unauthorised late mark. If your child accrues 10 unauthorised late marks within 100 sessions (10 weeks) you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996.

The School may refer the matter to Cornwall Council who may decide to take legal action against you, issuing a penalty notice under Section 444A and 444B of the Education Act 1996. This carries a fine of £60 per child, per parent if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within days. Failure to pay the penalty notice will result in Court action.

Persistent absences/unauthorised lates, not authorised by the school, may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates Court, leading to fines up to £2,500 and \prime or custodial sentences.

Class	Attendance This week	Late Marks
Rainbowfish—YR	97.5	2
Seahorses—Y1	97.25	5
Jellyfish—Y2	96.55	2
Narwhals—Y3	96.67	5
Swordfish—Y4	97.35	0
Manta Rays—Y5	97.62	0
Dolphins—Y6	95.92	0
WHOLE SCHOOL	96.99	14

Late arrivals and Absences

Please ensure all absences are emailed or left on the absence phoneline by 9am each day.

School gates close at 8.50am, if your child arrives after this time they will need to ring the gate buzzer and register at the office.

If your child will be arriving late to school due to an appointment, please contact the office to order their lunch. Children arriving after 9.30am may not get their first choice for lunch.

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



This week we hear from Mrs. Penrose.

Seahorse class loved starting their new learning in history which is called, 'What does it mean for someone to make

history?' They loved learning about the royal family and the late Queen Elizabeth. The knowledge drop was that she was our longest reigning monarch. They were also interested to learn more about King Charles III and remembering the knowledge drop that he is our current reigning monarch. We discussed successors and who was next in line in our royal family. Next week we are learning about Queen Victoria in more detail.



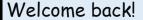
In art the children learnt that art is not just drawing and painting



but it can also be a sculpture. They learnt to make cylinders inspired by a sculpture 'Other' by Samantha Stephenson in Australia. As the lessons progress, we will be making a sculpture of an animal. This links to our learning in science which is 'Animals including Humans'.

The children have really enjoyed writing a post card from The Snail and the Whale when they came to visit Porthleven this week. We are starting our new book, 'The Queens Hat' for our writing next week.

This week we hear from Mrs Figgins—Year 6





Please check the Google Classroom for the Spring 2 homework. Some pupils have already handed their first piece in!

This half term, our educational journey will take us on a dynamic exploration where we will be delving into the rich tapestry of Islamic civilisation in History and discovering the impact it had on modern times.

In writing, we are starting to create a persuasive speech, championing environmental concerns and inspired by Greta Thunberg. It might be that we will begin to look at where we can have an real-life impact within the school.

In maths, Algebra is proving to challenge our analytical minds, where the children are showing real enthusiasm with this new method.

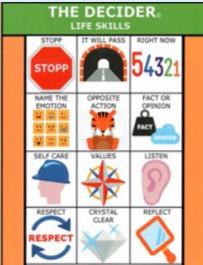
In DT, we're engineering strength and innovation into our structures. In the weeks ahead, the structures will prove more challenging and will be posted in future newsletters.

Well done Year 6, for coming back with such an excellent attitude to learning.

Important Messages

Information sent home this week:

- Club Letters
- Attendance letters
- Cross country form



We have been very fortunate to have the support from the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) to help all our children from Year 1 - Year 6 to use 'The Decider' Skills to recognise their own thoughts, feelings and behaviours, enabling them to monitor and manage their own emotions and mental health.

Year 1 and Year 2 have learnt the first 4 skills: STOPP, It will Pass, 54321 and name that emotion.

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 have learnt all 12 skills.

Please speak to your child at home and ask them to tell you about them.

Here is a link to the website if your child needs a reminder of any of the skills: https://www.thedecider.org.uk/resources-downloads/the-12-life-skills/

This half term, the Mental Health Support Team will focus on Year 3,4,5 and 6 with taught sessions on, 'Empathy, Sympathy, Conflict and Resolution' and after Easter a focus on Year 6 transition.

In the summer term they will be offering parent sessions on 'Sleep' and 'Supporting your child with transition to secondary school' and an after school session for parents, 'Building Resilience' which was requested as some parents couldn't make the last session which was during the school day. Dates will be released for the parent sessions at the start of the summer term.

Cross Country

Race 4 on Tuesday 27th at Helston College. Please note this is on the **north site** field not the south site. Parking in the bus bays <u>after</u> 3:45pm

Years 3,4,5,6 racing for league points. The top 8 boys and girls from years 4,5,6 qualify to the Peninsula final at Pool School on March 11th.

PE Days

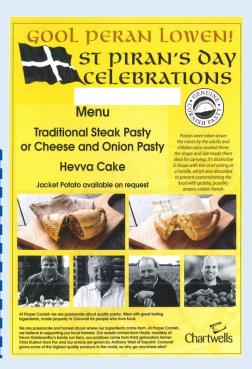
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Y1: Thursday Y2: Tuesday Y3: Friday /ednesday.(curre

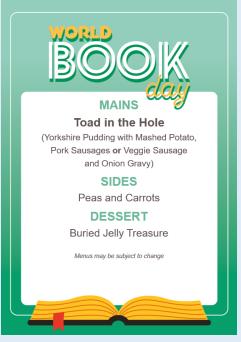
Y4: Wednesday (currently Friday due to swimming)
Y5: Thursday

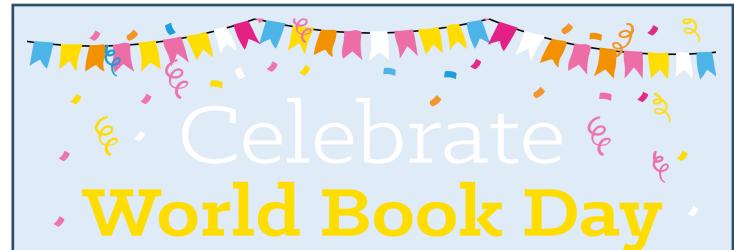
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Tues 5th March



Thurs 7th March





Thursday 7th March 2024

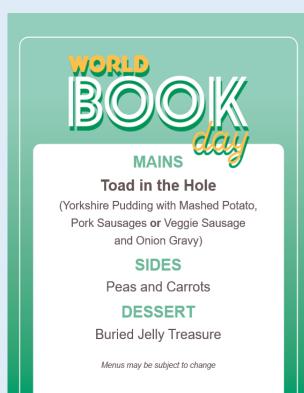
Home Learning Challenge

We would like you to take a photo of yourself reading for enjoyment in an unusual place. Please send your photo via email to porthlevensecretary@croftymat.org by Monday 4th March for a chance to win a book

Book Fair

Pop along to our school book fair on Wednesday 28th Feb 3.00pm - 3.30pm Tuesday 5th March 8.30am - 8.45am Wednesday 6th March 8.30am - 8.45am & 3pm -3.30pm

Thursday 7th March 8.30am - 8.45am





Come to school dressed as your favourite book character

Diary Dates (additions in red)

Date	Event		
Monday 26th February	Library open day		
Monday 26th February	Year 3/4 Football League HCC		
Tuesday 27th February	Cross Country Race 4 KS2 - Peninsula Qualifier 4pm HCC South Site		
Wednesday 28th February	Book Fair in the school hall 3 - 3.30pm		
Tuesday 5th March	Book Fair in the school hall 8.30am - 8.45am		
Wednesday 6th March	Book Fair in the school hall 8.30am - 8.45am		
Wednesday 6th March	Book Fair in the school hall 3 - 3.30pm		
Thursday 7th March	Book Fair in the school hall 8.30am - 8.45am		
Monday 15th April	Year 1 parent meeting 2.45pm on Phonic Screening		
Wed 24th - Fri 25th April	Year 3 Camp		
Wed 1st - Fri 3rd May	Year 4 Camp		
Wednesday 8th May	INSET Day		
Week Beginning 13th May	Year 6 SATS Week		
Tuesday 14th May	Cross Country Race 5 - Reception/KS1 & KS2 Mullion 4pm		
Tuesday 21st May	Cross Country Race 6 - KS2 Porthleven School		
Monday 10th June	EYFS and KS1 Sports day 10-12pm		
Tuesday 11th June	Fun Run Mullion 4pm		
Tuesday 11th June	KS2 Sports day 10-3pm		



- LEARN UP TO 300 MUSICAL SKILLS
- EXAM-FREE MUSIC QUALIFICATION
- FOR CHILDREN 4-11 YEARS
- NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY
- ALL INSTRUMENTS PROVIDED
- PARENT TIMELINE UPDATES
- TERMLY CONCERTS

"I have noticed a huge improvement in my daughter's confidence, social skills as well as academic skills"

PLACE ONLINE TODAY





Call: 0330 113 0330

(Mon-Thurs 8am-8pm, Fri 8am-6pm, local rate)

WELLBEING RESOURCE
OF THE YEAR 22/23
EDUCATION TODAY AWARDS





COMING SOON ROCK AND POP MUSIC LESSONS!

Exciting news! From [Date] we will be welcoming Rocksteady Music School to [school name]. It's an incredible opportunity for the children to learn to play their favourite songs in their very own band with a choice of drums, keyboards, electric quitar, bass quitar or vocals. Lessons will take place every week during school time.

As well learning new musical skills, lessons also help the children with their confidence, wellbeing, social skills and teamwork. These fun and inclusive lessons are taught by highly trained, professional musicians who know how to inspire a lifelong love of music. At the end of each term each band will perform a concert for the school and their families, so you can see how far they have come!

Here's what you need to know:

- All instruments are provided
- No musical experience necessary
- Suitable for all ages
- Most lessons take place during school time
- Your child will learn up to 300 instrument, band, and performance skills
- You'll receive regular online updates via the Rocksteady Parent Timeline
- There's a money back guarantee for the first month
- You can cancel at any time.

To introduce the children to Rocksteady workshops will be held in school on [Date], giving them a chance to try out the instruments and learn all about being a musician in a band. #

Please look out for a letter from Rocksteady, which your child will bring home with them after their workshop or visit bit.ly/parent-sign-up to sign up.



Visit us every Monday 3.15 pm – 4 pm Grand Opening of the Library to the School Community!

26th February 2024 – 3.15 pm

"Calling all young superheroes! Gather weekly, use your unique library card, and explore 6000+ books!

Let's unleash the power of reading together!"

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

PACKED LUNCH AVAILABLE

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

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

Minecraft is a beloved classic of modern gaming. First released in 2011, this open-ended 'sandbox' game of building and exploration still has over 140 million players who happily return to play it at least once every month. Minecraft has also been utilised for much more than just entertainment: it's sometimes used in schools to teach children coding, and it's also employed as a tool for computer-aided design, which is another valuable skill. Encouraging creativity and problem solving, Minecraft has plenty to offer gamers of all ages, and it's available on almost all video game platforms. WHAT ARE

PUBLIC SERVERS

THE RISKS?

GRIEFING

Some people in Minecraft delight in purposefully damaging or destroying another player's creation. This is called griefing and is a form of bullying: it intentionally spoils someone else's experience in the game by deleting hours of their work and forcing them to start from scratch. Many public servers treat griefing as a severe offence and frequently ban offenders. THE THE

SCARY ELEMENTS

ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

After initially buying the game, players can make optional extra purchases for cosmetic items and other bonuses. Minecraft Realms is an optional online subscription (requiring regular payments) that lets users run a multiplayer server to play with their friends. Most games consoles also need an active subscription to enable online play – so online gaming can quickly become an expensive hobby.

Advice for Parents & Carers

RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

ENCOURAGE BREAKS

it's easy for the hours to fly by while your child is playing Minecraft, so reminding them to take regular breaks is essential. This is a useful way for them to learn good time management, which they'll benefit from as they get alder. It will also teach them to play their favourite games in moderation – limiting addictive behaviour and allowing them to manage their day better.

TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.















Some of the books at this year's book fair!



£5.3M IN FREE BOOKS TO SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE





Payment at our Book Fair

Please check with your school for the best way to pay for your books

- You can pay online at the Fair via card reader machines if your school has one or by using the online payment link at www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay and simply selecting your school from the drop down menu.
- Pre-paid gift vouchers are available in £5, £10, £15, £20 and £25. Go to www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers to buy vouchers for your child before the Fair.
- If you can't attend the Fair in person, your child can order books via a Wish List – please ask your school for details.

HELP EARN FREE BOOKS

Scholastic is one of the largest providers of free books to schools via our Reward scheme which helps to ensure that as many children as possible have access to books that support reading for pleasure. Every time you buy from the Book Fair, you help to make a difference by supporting literacy in your child's setting. Last year, with your help, we gave over £5.3M worth of free books to schools nationwide, which stocked school libraries and classrooms.



SPORTS DAYS 2024



EYFS/KS1

Monday 10th June 10-12pm (reserve date: 15th July)

KS2

Tuesday 11th June 10am-3pm (reserve date: 16th July)

More details to follow soon!