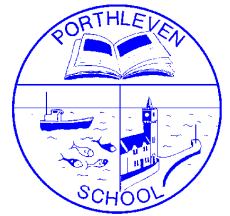




Porthleven School & Pre-School



Newsletter

Friday 22nd March 2024

Dear Parents / Carers

Today you will receive booking details for our next parent and teacher meetings to be held the first week back after the Easter holidays. We find them an invaluable opportunity to discuss how your child/ren are progressing and look for how we can work together to support children both academically and socially.

The format will be different this time as all teachers will be stationed in the main hall where they will hold their meetings. This will help us to adhere more to timings and avoid having to move between classrooms.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Warm regards,

Dan Clayden

Acting Head of School

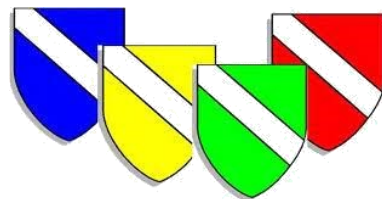
Attendance

Class	Attendance This week	Late Marks
Rainbowfish—YR	93.77	
Seahorses—Y1	98.72	
Jellyfish—Y2	95.02	
Narwhals—Y3	96.30	
Swordfish—Y4	93.33	
Manta Rays—Y5	95.83	
Dolphins—Y6	92.06	
WHOLE SCHOOL	95.05	

Well done to Manta Rays class for the best attendance this week!

House Points

Running Totals This Term:



Cookworthy: 7

Penrose: 13

Gibson: 12

Methleigh: 8

Our winners this terms are the

Penrose Team

Well done!

Accelerated Reader Champions!



Jellyfish	Narwhals	Swordfish	Manta Rays	Dolphins
Class Weekly Word Count				
10,926	139,953	153,916	85,133	122,321
Highest Pupil Weekly Word Count				
Thea	Raphael	Merryn	Toby	Freddie
100% achievers - Who has achieved their target?				
Noah	Esmay, Gracie, Sasha, Lily, Phoebe, Ceci, Isla, Alexa, Lottie, Rupert, Alana, Kiera, Evie, Jago, Eleanor, Lydia, Teigan	Ivy, Sophia, Ezra, Coral, Ella, Daisy, Rose, Evelyn, Sienna, Merryn,	Jericho, John, Dacey, Ewan, Eli, Scarlett, Linnea, Josie, Amaris, Logan, Ava, Harper, Olivia, Evie,	Annabelle, Bree-Anna, Scarlet

Recommended Reads



KS1—Book of the Week

Luna Loves Gardening

Author — Joseph Coelho

Luna is wowed by her local community garden, there are squashes and runner beans, potatoes and tomatoes and even an apple tree. But each plant hides a story.

Grandpa and Nana show her the Callaloo their family grew in Jamaica. It's time for Luna to grab a trowel and sow seeds that will tell a new story for the whole community as they all discover their connection to the entire world.



KS2—Book of the Week

Shadowhall Academy: The Whispering Walls

Author—Phil Hickeys

Welcome to Shadowhall Academy, where spirits haunt the school halls. A brilliantly spooky new series from the author of Aveline Jones.

I heard a tapping noise, right by my head. Like there was someone in the wall trying to get my attention...

When Lilian Jones starts at creepy, cold and bewilderingly large Shadowhall Academy, she's nervous about making friends. And when her roommates tell her the school is haunted, she thinks they're just trying to scare the new girl. But then bizarre things start happening - tapping and whispers in the walls at night, tales of missing students and strange figures in the woods. Lilian discovers that not only are the school ghost stories true, but her new friends could be in danger. So she sets out to uncover the secrets of Shadowhall Academy, whatever it takes.

Maths Whizz Winners

Below is our weekly progression for each class!

Jellyfish: 2.4

Narwhals: 2.6

Swordfish: 2.4

Manta Rays: 2.7

Dolphins: 2.8

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



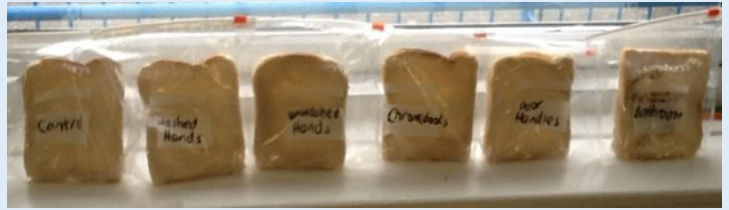
Maths-Whizz
by whizz EDUCATION

EYFS & KS1 TEAM

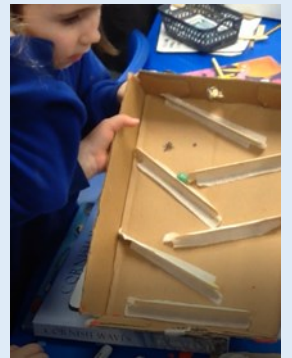
This week we hear from Mrs Blandford!

In Science over the last few weeks, we have been looking at germs and different types of microbes. Last week we looked at how soap works using water and pepper to demonstrate and this week we have set up an observation over time

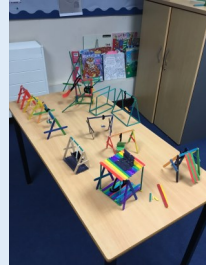
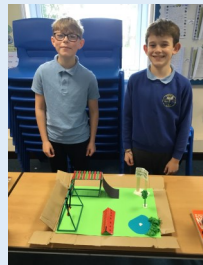
experiment to look at how bacteria grows over time on bread. We wiped the bread on different surfaces in the room including our Chromebooks to see where the worst spot was! We will observe these over the next week to see how much bacteria will grow.



Last week, it was science week and the whole school completed experiments based around time. As a class we looked at how accurate we were and tried dropping a pencil after counting 15 seconds and recorded how quick we were. In the afternoon we tried making our own marble runs and timed how long it took a marble to make its way through. Some children tried slowing down the marble with their slopes and playdough.



This week we hear from Mrs Figgins!



KS2 TEAM

This week, the children have been putting their final touches to their Design and Technology projects —making a playground. They have used a range of tools, joining techniques and materials when creating their finished project. They evaluated how well it worked and have started to bring them home.

In Science, Dolphins have been exploring technology over time. They found it hard to comprehend that Spiderman 2 would have taken 120 days to download when the internet used dial up or you would need 640 million of the first computers to have the same memory as a PS5! They built and used circuits to send messages via morse code and started to build a mini hoover, although many of them ended up being more like a leaf blower, spreading rather than collecting paper!

Important Messages

Information sent home this week:

- Year 3 camp letter
- Year 6 Helston School info

Parent Meetings

Parent and Teacher consultations for all children will take place, week beginning Monday 15th April. Please book your time slot on the links below for your child.

Parent meetings will take place in the school infant hall,.

Reception - Rainbowfish

<https://forms.gle/k81Lqycp8U6y9VDs5>

Year 1 - Seahorses

<https://forms.gle/t6GEJ16TQPrhXqLC6>

Year 2 - Jellyfish

<https://forms.gle/SMMYRRtqaVGgx3XS8>

Year 3 - Narwhals

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Year 4 - Swordfish

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Year 5 - Manta Rays

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Year 6 - Dolphins

<https://forms.gle/uchHa2GgYyESQdrF7>

Lego League

Thank you to everyone that brought a cake on Thursday, the team raised £122 towards their trip so far!

The team will be baking again next Thursday 28th March from 3pm. The team will be by the school gates if dry, or in the link corridor to the halls if wet.



On Wednesday 27th March the schools Lego team will be selling tickets for their Easter raffle. Tickets will be 50p each and will be on sale from the school office at the start of the day. Members of the team will then head around to each class on the day to sell tickets, with the draw taking place at the end of the day.

Diary Dates

(additions in red)

Date	Event
Wednesday 27th March	Lego League Easter Raffle ticket sale
Thursday 28th March	Lego League Cake Sale 3pm
Thursday 28th March	Last day of Term
Monday 15th April	First day of the Summer Term
Monday 15th April	Parent meetings week—booking forms will go out next week
Monday 15th April	Year 1 parent meeting 2.45pm on Phonic Screening
Saturday 20th April	Coose Trannack Race
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
Monday 17th June	9.00am to 3.00pm – Invite only for selected Year 6
Tuesday 18th June	9.00am to 3.00pm – All Year 6 students
Tuesday 18th June	New parents' information evening at HCC
Wednesday 19th June	9.00am to 3.00pm – All Year 6 students
Wednesday 19th June	New parents' information evening at HCC

WEEK 1

W/C: 30/10, 20/11, 11/12, 01/01, 22/01, 04/03, 25/03

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT MAINS	Cheese and Tomato Pizza 🌱 Served with Potato Wedges 🍷	Classic Beef Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Chicken, Vegetable and Mash Pie 🍷 Served with Gravy	Beef Bolognese 🍷 Served with Wholewheat Pasta and Garlic and Herb Bread	Breaded Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	Stir Fried Vegetable Rice 🌱 🍷 🍷	Vegetarian Burger 🌱 Served with Potato Wedges	Vegetable Pastry Roll 🌱 Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Vegetarian Bolognese 🌱 🍷 Served with Wholewheat Pasta and Garlic and Herb Bread	Crispy Quorn Nuggets 🌱 Served with Chips
JACKET POTATO	Jacket Potatoes 🍷 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🍷 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings, including Salmon Mayonnaise 🐟	Jacket Potatoes 🍷 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes 🍷 🌱 with a choice of hot and cold fillings	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					
DESSERT	Beetroot Brownie	Crispy Crackle Bar with Fruit 🍌	Banana Cake 🍌	Original Flapjack	Vanilla Ice Cream

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

10 Ways You Can SHARE KINDNESS ONLINE

Last year, around one in five young people aged 10–15 in England and Wales admitted experiencing online bullying: most commonly being insulted or sworn at, or having hurtful messages sent about them. To someone who's being bullied, the world can seem like a bleak, negative place – but just one kind word can be a ray of hope: a turning point that brightens their day and refreshes their perspective. That's why 'One Kind Word' is the theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2021. We're supporting this year's event by bringing you ten top tips for beating online bullying by replacing it with kindness.

1 PRAISE WHERE IT'S DUE

Sometimes a friend or relative might post online about something they're proud to have achieved: maybe an exam they've passed, a new skill they've learned or a task they've completed. Celebrate their hard work and determination by being kind enough to praise them for it publicly.

6 SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION

If somebody that you know has done something positive or shown kindness themselves, go online and thank them with a message or a post. Expressing your gratitude costs nothing and showing someone that you appreciate them will really make them feel good.

2 REACH OUT

It's not always easy to tell what kind of mood someone is in just from what they post online. Simply dropping somebody a message to say 'hi', to ask if they're OK or to tell them that you're thinking of them could totally make their day.

7 BE UNDERSTANDING

Showing empathy towards others is an act of online kindness which often gets overlooked. If you notice that someone you know is upset, drop them a message. Sometimes people just need someone else to listen to them and understand their situation.

3 RECOMMEND FUN THINGS

If there's something you enjoy doing online – perhaps you play a particular game, or you've found a really cool site – share it with someone you think will enjoy it. Even recommending a film or TV show you think they'll like can bring a little happiness to someone who really needs it.

8 SHARE INSPIRATIONAL POSTS

When you see something online that inspires you or makes you feel happy, share it with people you know. A spot-on quotation, a beautiful photo or an uplifting video can lift someone's spirits and help them to feel better about life.

4 OFFER TO HELP

Sometimes you might see a friend or family member posting a question online or asking for help with something they can't do themselves. Don't just ignore it – if you can help, get in touch. Something that's difficult for them might be no trouble for you!

9 THINK BEFORE COMMENTING

Thinking before we act can be just as important as acting in the first place. Taking a second to consider what you're saying in advance could stop you from posting something negative, hurtful or offensive – even if you don't mean to. It's better to post positively or not post at all.

5 POST POSITIVELY

Lots of people seem to go online purely to complain about things or be negative. Just because you're communicating online (and not face to face) doesn't mean you can't be positive, though! Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for. It could brighten someone else's day.

10 LIKE, LOVE AND ENGAGE

If somebody posts something that you like on social media, don't just scroll past – take the time to like it, love it or leave an appreciative comment! Reacting positively to other people's posts might seem like a small gesture but could mean a lot to them.

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