



Friday 7th May

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

We have had a very busy week! On Tuesday and Wednesday, we spent the day recruiting a new teacher to join our team in September. All candidates, and Mr Challis, commented on how welcoming and attentive our pupils were and how the school had a very positive, orderly and hard-working atmosphere. I must say, the behaviour of our Year 4 and 5 pupils was exceptional and, once again, made me feel so very proud. We will be informing you of our new addition to our team very soon. We also resumed our Friday sharing assembly this week. Reuniting as key stage bubbles really did feel quite special and another tentative step towards normality. Let us hope that very soon we will be reunited as a whole school. Today, I had the pleasure of watching Class Porthcurnick's final swimming session. The swimming teachers commented on the astounding progress they have made over the week and I can honestly say that there was not a reticent swimmer amongst them.

Towan Class has been exploring how to measure in different ways. They have been learning about Queen Victoria and her reign during a queen. In English, the children loved drawing what their magic bean will turn into. In science, the children have been discussing and exploring how to care for different pets. They have identified that all pets need different things.

Summers Class have been hunting for bugs this week. They have been learning about different types of habitats and microhabitats and, yesterday, they visited our woodland habitat and searched for different minibeasts. They found lots of woodlice and slugs, along with a few spiders and flies and one ladybird. After spotting the minibeasts, they created pictograms from their findings. The children worked together brilliantly in their groups, helping and supporting each other throughout the whole lesson.

Porthcurnick Class have had very busy afternoons this week, swimming every day. They have shown great spirit and stamina and we have all thoroughly enjoyed watching their progress. In class, they have been learning about the Earth's water cycle and how rivers shape the land and create the most amazing features through erosion. We also think we are finally mastering fractions!

The children in Portholland class have been diving deeper into their Viking topic. This week they have spent time learning about Scandinavia and the countries it is made up of as well as taking a closer look at the climate in the area. In art, the children completed individual small world Viking scenes and I was extremely pleased with the creativity that they showed.

Porthluney Class have been researching Maya masks as well as creating self-portraits in the style of an event mask. They have also started their geography topic, based on South America, as well as classifying animals and objects in science and programming games in computing. This afternoon, they enjoyed their second sailing session.

[Internet safety parent meeting 11th May](#)



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To help your children navigate their rapidly growing digital lives, whilst at the same time allowing them to be independent digital users, we are running a special live, virtual internet safety presentation on Tuesday 11th May at 7pm (on Zoom). During this 60min session, Richard from The Stay Safe Initiative CIC, will be looking at young people's digital lives; exploring what they are doing online, understanding the risks, and providing straightforward help and advice to keep everyone at home safe.

Zoom Invite details.

Topic: Parenting in the Digital World Tregony / Gerrans School

Time: May 11, 2021 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94292929181?pwd=RUZrbDVmZ20xMzkzSkwyN0UxVWhlQT09>

Meeting ID: 942 9292 9181

Passcode: 790943

Please join the meeting at least 5 mins prior to start time.

You will 'NOT' need to turn your cameras on, should you wish not to. We're happy for you to just sit back with a cuppa and just watch, if you would prefer.

This session will be locked once everyone has been allowed in from the digital waiting room and the session has started.

Kate Douglass

Headteacher.



Swimming Dates:

Monday 17th-20th May Portholland swimming

Monday 24th-27th May Porthluney swimming

Clubs:

Monday

Key Stage 1 multi-skills

3.30pm-4.30pm

Pick up from the school playground

Monday

Key Stage 2 Outdoor learning

3.20pm-4.15pm

Pick up from the school playground

Tuesday

Key Stage 2 Tennis

3.30pm-4.30pm

Pick up from the school playground

Wednesday

Key Stage 2

Gardening Club

3.20pm-4.15pm

Pick up from the school garden at the top of the car park

Thursday

Key Stage 1

Outdoor Learning

3.20pm-4.15pm



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Pick up from the school playground

Thursday

Key Stage 1

Reading Club

3.20pm-4.15pm

Pick up from the school playground

Letter reminders

For your information, the majority of letters will be sent via email so please check your inbox frequently! Thank you.

Online Safety Parent Information session

Value of the week

Forthcoming dates

Swimming

Monday 17th-20th May Portholland swimming

Monday 24th-27th May Porthluney swimming

Transition Day:

1st July. All pupils in year 6 will spend the day at The Roseland Academy, the school will welcome our new reception intake and pupils within the school will spend the day in/with their new class.

INSET DAYS 2020

Friday 30th April 2021

Friday 11th June 2021

INSET DATES 2020-2021

Inset Day 1 - Monday 6 September 2021

Inset Day 2 - Monday 1st November 2021

Inset Day 3 - Monday 25 July (closure) - in lieu of two twilight insets 2022

Inset Day 4 - Tuesday 26 July (closure) - in lieu of two twilight insets 2022

INSET DAY - In lieu of platinum jubilee Friday 17th December

Inset Day 5 - Friday 10th June

TERM DATES 2021

May/June half-term: Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June

End of Summer Term: Friday 23rd July

Start of Autumn Term 2021: Tuesday 7th September



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Headteacher awards

All year 4 and 5 pupils who were involved in the school's recruitment process.

All year 6 student representatives, for eloquently representing our pupils during the recruitment process on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Freya and Matthew for carrying out school tours during interviews this week, in a mature and sensible manner.

Porthcurnick class for excellent swimming and exceptional behaviour.



Towan: Arthur for taking pride in all of his learning this week.

Summers: Toby R for being a great minibeast hunter and working hard in science lessons. Marta for being a kind and helpful member of our school. Aiden for being the first Year 2 child to achieve Gold in 99 Club!

Porthcurnick: Ava and Delia for massively improving in confidence in the pool and swimming independently with a float.

Portholland: Krystal for excellent effort, focus and understanding when rounding decimals..

Porthluney: Thomas and Archie for having an excellent attitude towards their writing and the ambitious punctuation within it

PE: Arya for an excellent week of swimming, showing a huge improvement with her technique.



Lighthouse teams

Godrevy: 1729

Trevose: 1541

St Antony: 1537

Lizard: 1882



Attendance

Towan: 100%

Summers: 99.07%

Porthcurnick: 99.17%

Portholland: 99.11%

Porthluney: 99.14%



Reading Karate

White band -

Yellow band -

Orange band - Chester, Oliver, Harry, Alfie, Riley, Seth

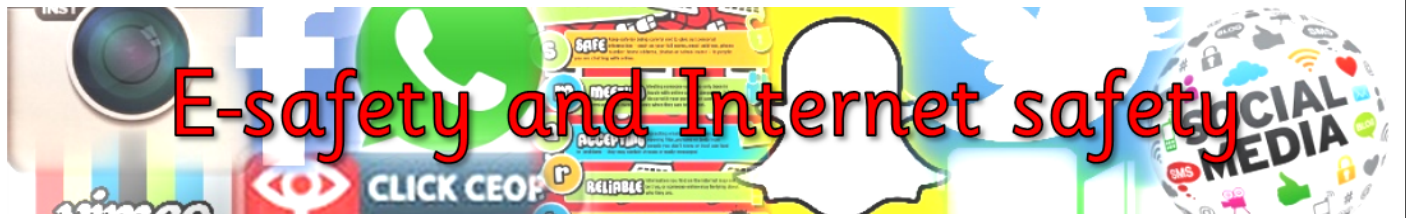
Blue band - Mia, William

Green band - Megan, Sienna, Hetty, Ashton, Emily, Archie, George, Max

Brown - Robert, Rory



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E-safety and Internet safety

This week, the focus is on '**PANTS**'. This resource from the NSPCC helps children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell someone they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried. To help you start the conversation with your child, you can find helpful tips, advice and materials found on the link below.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/advice-and-info/pants/pants-2018/pants-parents-guide-online.pdf>

For our very young children, there is a great youtube video by the NSPCC with a simple song to pass the 'PANTS' message on. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-IL07JOGU5o>



Other information

Fundraiser

We have now signed up to 'Empties Please'. Please bring your empty ink cartridges and help us to raise money for the school. The recycle bin can be found in the front entrance of the school. Thank you. More information can be found <https://www.emptiesplease.com/schools/>



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