



# The Pen

## Parc Eglos News

### Messages from Mrs Sanderson

Another great week of learning and fun here at school...

The second cross country event is being held on 8.10.24 @ Mullion Secondary School—4pm, all runners from reception to Year 6 welcome. If you or your child is interested, please do pop along. Mrs Richards will meet you there.

### Reading Books

A quick reminder that all children in YR/1/2 have brought reading books home this week, please ensure that these are read every night and returned to your child's book bag so that they can be changed when necessary.

Children in Y3/4/5/6—AR reading books are coming home, and these should be read **every night** in order to practise fluency and comprehension. Please can an adult/older sibling sign to show that books have been read. **This is our ONLY 'set' homework** and really does have a HUGE impact upon your child's learning in school.

### Reading/ Phonics Open Afternoon

Please come and join your child and their teacher to discover how reading/phonics is taught here at school, on Monday 7.10.24 from 2:45—3:15. We appreciate that if you have 2 children (or more) in school, or you are at work, you cannot be in two places at once, so will ensure that this information is also emailed to all parents. Y6 parents whose children are playing football that day, you are still very welcome to attend without them!

Have a lovely weekend, Vicky Sanderson

### Calendar

#### Additions in white

- 07.10.24 - Reading/Phonics open afternoon\*\*
  - 08.10.24 - Cross Country Race 2\*
  - 09.10.24 - Foundation Photos in Packet
  - 10.10.24 - Nasal Flu Vaccine
  - 11.10.24 - INSET DAY
  - 14.10.24 - INSET DAY
  - 14.10.24 - Football League—Invite only
  - 28.10.24 - 01.11.24 - HALF TERM
  - 04.11.24 - Football League—Invite only
  - 06.11.24 - Cross Country Race 3\*
  - 11-15.11.24 - Parents Evening Week\*
  - 18.11.24 - Maths open afternoon\*
  - 25.11.24 - Helston food bank donations open
  - 6.12.24 - PTA Christmas Fayre 3:15pm
  - 9.12.24 - Panto KS2 - Squashbox KS1
  - 11.12.24 - Christmas dinner day
  - 13.12.24 - Food bank donations close
  - 16.12.24 - EYFS Christmas Play - Matinee\*
  - 17.12.24 - Year 1 Christmas Play - Evening\*
  - 20.12.24 - Year 6 Christingle
  - 20.12.24 - Last day of term
- \* More information to follow  
\*\* More information overleaf

## Team Points!

Davy

503

Trevithick

395

Kingsley

466

Trengrouse

554

### Jewellery

A reminder that children are not to wear jewellery into school please (e.g necklaces, bracelets). If earrings need to be worn, please ensure these are small studs. Many thanks.

## PUPIL OF THE WEEK CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Proudly presented to

<b>YR Gunwalloe</b>	Harry A and Elsie B	<b>Y3 Crantock</b>	Maisie and Jemima
<b>YR Poldhu</b>	Zackary P and Emelin	<b>Y4 Coverack</b>	Kyra and Marla-Rose
<b>Y1 Rinsey</b>	Lilliana and Sidney	<b>Y4 Gwithian</b>	Abel and Callum
<b>Y1 Godrevy</b>	Isla B and Bobby S	<b>Y5 Sennen</b>	Isla and Guy
<b>Y2 Swanpool</b>	Teddy and Martha	<b>Y5 Zennor</b>	Layla T and Cohen
<b>Y2 Maenporth</b>	Sydney, Esme and Macie	<b>Y6 Fistral</b>	Isabella and Sydney
<b>Y3 Portreath</b>	Adeline and Cody	<b>Y6 Holywell</b>	Ben F and Elsie B

### Boomerang Booking links

	<b>Breakfast Club</b>	<b>After School Club</b>
Week commencing 14 <sup>th</sup> October	<a href="https://forms.office.com/r/kZvZYHAjXx">https://forms.office.com/r/kZvZYHAjXx</a>	<a href="https://forms.office.com/r/cK0GRPOzjb">https://forms.office.com/r/cK0GRPOzjb</a>
Week commencing 21 <sup>st</sup> October	<a href="https://forms.office.com/r/jViYcYc4qe">https://forms.office.com/r/jViYcYc4qe</a>	<a href="https://forms.office.com/r/TnRKq2ncnL">https://forms.office.com/r/TnRKq2ncnL</a>
Week commencing 4 <sup>th</sup> November	<a href="https://forms.office.com/r/CErwAcUBpR">https://forms.office.com/r/CErwAcUBpR</a>	<a href="https://forms.office.com/r/Fbi7XqLYXv">https://forms.office.com/r/Fbi7XqLYXv</a>
Week commencing 11th November	<a href="https://forms.office.com/r/BWes4WCwad">https://forms.office.com/r/BWes4WCwad</a>	<a href="https://forms.office.com/r/a59cu4reYa">https://forms.office.com/r/a59cu4reYa</a>

### Falmouth and Helston Packet Photos

Here are pictures of our new foundation classes, Poldhu and Gunwalloe, these will also be printed on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October** in all editions of the Packet newspapers.



## Cornish Cottage Holidays Christmas Card Competition

Cornish Cottage Holidays, are delighted to once again be running their annual art competition, offering children across Cornwall the chance to design our 2024 Christmas card! This year, in celebration of the RNLI's 200th anniversary, they would like to invite you to get involved and design something festive with a 'safety at sea' twist!

### What will I win?

One lucky competition winner will win art supplies worth £50 and a bundle of Christmas cards in their design, plus their school or setting will receive £200 for its art department!

### The theme!

In celebration of their 200th anniversary, they would love it if you could think about the RNLI as a theme, and create a card design that not only depicts Christmas and the local area, but also celebrates their tireless work, keeping people safe on our beautiful coastline. Why not draw your local lifeboat with twinkling lights and a Christmas tree in the background? Or perhaps show RNLI volunteers in festive hats singing carols... be as creative as you wish!

### How do I enter?

It couldn't be easier! The rules are simple:

- ◆ The competition is open to any child up to and including the age of 11.
- ◆ The entry needs to be completed on the attached entry form - if you need a printed copy please pop into the school office.
- ◆ It must be landscape, and be as bright, colourful and eye catching as possible!
- ◆ Please do not stick anything on to the entry.
- ◆ Please include your name, age and school on your entry form.

Entries to the school office no later than **Friday 18th October 2024.**

## Letters

Please find below a list of all letters sent home recently. If for any reason you need another copy or require more information, please first look at our website: <https://parc-eglos.croftymat.org/parents/newsletter/> or alternatively ring the school office to speak to a member of the team.

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| * Year 6 Library Visit     | * Year 4 BF Trip Letter       |
| * Year 2 Beach Trip Letter | * Year 1-2 Multi Skills Event |

## Lost Property

Please can you ensure all uniform and belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name. We have a mountain of lost property with lots of unnamed items. All lost property will now be displayed every Friday from 3pm (at the top of the steps near the office) - if it is raining it will be displayed in the library. Any unnamed items not collected on these Fridays will be disposed of at the end of a half term or recycled into our preloved uniform selection in the main office, which can be collected for free.

## Considerate Parking

Please can we remind parents and carers when dropping children off and collecting from school please adhere to the parking restrictions in place on Church Hill. There is a single yellow line present which meaning parking is not allowed from 7.00am until 18.00pm unless you are a blue badge holder. There are 2 signs in place to show this.

Please do not park on the yellow zig zag lines outside the school gates, including dropping off for breakfast club and collecting from after school club, it is illegal to park here at any time. Many thanks





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## Nursery & Foundation Team

It has been so wonderful to welcome back the children after the Summer holidays and meet our new children and families. The children have settled really well, and their key workers have enjoyed spending quality time with them and getting to know their interests. The children have been engrossed in many of the activities on offer each day both indoors and out.

We were fortunate to receive a lovely fruit and vegetable box from Rob and the team at Tesco! The children explored the fruits and vegetables using their different senses, feeling the spikey pineapple,



chopping the peppers, smelling the onions and finally tasting. We used the food at snack time and chopped and cooked the vegetables in a soup maker which the children then enjoyed during outdoor snack time.

The children have also enjoyed some of our focus stories including The Three Little pigs and were able to act out and say key phrases from the story.

## Year 1/2 Team

In Maths this week, we have been learning to compare numbers using the mathematical language of less than, greater than and equal to. We then learnt how to use comparison symbols to compare numbers,  $<$ ,  $>$  and  $=$ . We enjoyed taking part in lots of practical activities to support our learning.

These are the sounds we have reviewed in class this week, please use the links below to access the Virtual Classroom videos.

ar - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/M95yHD9O/Twv5MJ5O>

or - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/M95yHD9O/Twv5MJ5O>

air - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/tjxfzVs/UT8cI5y8>

ir - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/VoLwinbc/P2A8b9jI>

ou - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/gpJewwax/JxFKsOvo>

## Year 3/4 Team

Year 3 have been enjoying experimenting with charcoal in their art lessons. They have been looking at the work of artists Laura McKendry and Edgar Degas who use charcoal in their drawings. The children experimented with different thicknesses of charcoal and used rubbers, brushes and their fingers to create various effects. Linking to our work in History,



they looked at cave art from the Stone Age. They used their hands to create their own cave art, building on the skills they had acquired from the previous lesson. The results were very impressive!

## Year 5/6 Team

This week Year 6 have been busy both in school and out. We have really enjoyed having our 'Mini Police' sessions. The two officers who came in ran workshops every day talking to the children about issues ranging from anti-social behaviour to internet safety. They were hugely impressed with the thoughtful and respectful way that our Year 6 pupils joined in the sessions. This was also true when Holywell went to Helston Library on Monday morning. We left with arms full of books and very proud of all the children, whose enthusiasm and exemplary behaviour was mentioned by the staff. Finally, both classes worked cooperatively and creatively making their tree spirit masks in the woods this morning. They were a pleasure to be with. They are proving to be a fabulous Year 6.







# Sports at Parc Eglos

## Sporting news

Please scan the code or click this link to sign up for Cross Country! <https://forms.office.com/e/MDvH6RZzRz>

### WE NEED YOU!

If you have a spare hour a week and would be interested in running a sports club for us (rugby, football, badminton, hockey etc) which would then prepare our children for a team event then please do contact the school office for further information.

### Touch Rugby Event

On Monday afternoon 23 year 5 children walked up to HCC to take part in a fun touch rugby afternoon, the children had a wonderful introduction to rugby and they were a credit to the school.

Cross Country 2024 sign up - Parc Eglos School





## Heroes Lunch Clubs

**12-1pm Wednesday & Friday - Playground/Bus Garden**

Children are welcome to come and join Mrs Monks for some games. She is also there to support children if they have any worries.

**12-1pm Monday & Thursday - Library**

Mrs Monks will be available for a drop in session for any of the service children to come along and chat. She will also have resources available for those children with a deployed parent to help them keep in touch or get ready for a return (welcome home banners).

Afternoons in school time - Mrs Monks is available to support service children as individuals or in small groups, If you feel this would benefit your child/ren please make contact either via class teacher or using the Heroes email address: [Parceglsheroes@croftymat.org](mailto:Parceglsheroes@croftymat.org)

## Heroes Meet and Greets (open to our service families)

**3.15-4.45pm**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024 and Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Come and join in with other service families, enjoys some activities and refreshments. We will also have representatives from Culdrose with us.

## Remembrance Parade

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Meet at Trengrouse Way carpark from 10.15am

Open to the whole school

Come and Join Mrs Monks to Parade as a school (we kindly ask that where possible the children wear uniform).

## Camo Day - Non uniform day (whole school)

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025 - Raising awareness of our service connections and raising funds for a charity connected to our military families.





# CHRISTMAS SHOWS AT PARC EGLOS!

We are delighted to announce that as part of our Christmas festivities, the children at Parc Eglos School will have the opportunity to attend the events below on Monday 9th December!

Please log onto ParentPay to pay  
(price includes travel cost for KS2).



**Jack & The  
Beanstalk at  
The Hall For  
Cornwall!**



**KS2**



**Starfish,  
Foundation & KS1**

**The Christmassy  
Christmas Show of  
Christmassy  
Christmasness with  
Squashbox Theatre!**

(in the school hall)





## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# ▶ YOUTUBE ▶

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

### CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

### SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if 'auto-play' is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

### HIGH VISIBILITY

Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

### TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The painful 'salt and ice challenge', which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

### SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from changing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.



### TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.



### CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.



### CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator online. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.



### MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.



### LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child happily devouring a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!



### 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.



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# SQUASHBOX

## STONES & BONES

06 | Oct 2024  
11am & 2pm

Helston Old Chapel, Meneage Road

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