

The Pen

Parc Eglos News

Messages from Mrs Sanderson

Wow, what a wonderful first half term we have had! The children have worked incredibly hard with all of their learning and we hope they enjoy a well-deserved rest during half term!

Today we had the pleasure of Tamsin Lamb, Director of Education, visiting us for a special assembly. The Crofty Community Awards are awards given to members of staff who have gone above and beyond in their roles, and today Mrs Ward (our Year 1 teacher and RWI lead) received this award. Part of her nomination reads "Her passion for ensuring the best for every child drives her to go above and beyond in everything she does.". Thank you Mrs Ward for your continuing dedication to our school!

If there is anyone you would like to nominate (staff or pupils) for the Crofty Community Award please click this link: <https://croftymat.org/crofty-community-awards/>
Wishing you all a safe and happy half term,
Vicky Sanderson



Team Points!

<u>Davy</u>	<u>Trevithick</u>	<u>Kingsley</u>	<u>Trengrouse</u>
4127	3661	4039	3803

Calendar

Additions in white

- 28.10.24 - 01.11.24 - HALF TERM
- 4.11.24 - Football League—Invite only
- 5.11.24 - Uniform Shop FREE - 3pm
- 6.11.24 - Cross Country Race 3*
- 11-15.11.24 - Parents Evening Week*
- 11-15.11.24 - Donations for Toy Fayre
- 18.11.24 - Maths open afternoon*
- 20.11.24 - 3.15-4pm Toy Fayre
- 25.11.24 - Helston food bank donations open
- 3.12.24 - Uniform Shop FREE 3pm
- 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
- 25.02.25 - Cross Country Race 4*
- 29.04.25 - Cross Country Race 5*
- 13.05.25 - Cross Country Race 6 *

* More information to follow

** More information overleaf

Well done to **DAVY** For winning this half term, as a reward there is a non school uniform day on Friday 8th November 2024 - wearing their team colours if they would like to.



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PUPIL OF THE WEEK CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Proudly presented to

YR Gunwalloe	Arlo and Tallulah	Y3 Crantock	Daisy and Mia
YR Poldhu	Alice and Rowan	Y4 Coverack	Holly and Harvey
Y1 Rinsey	Whole Class	Y4 Gwithian	Joshua and Dua
Y1 Godrevy	Whole Class	Y5 Sennen	Joshua W and Elowen
Y2 Swanpool	Alex and Will	Y5 Zennor	Isabella and Sennen
Y2 Maenporth	Alfred, Manny and Pippa	Y6 Fistral	Whole Class
Y3 Portreath	Summer and Jayden	Y6 Holywell	Whole Class

Boomerang Booking links

	Breakfast Club	After School Club
Week commencing 4th November	https://forms.gle/6AkCXPn39DFBqK8r7	https://forms.gle/iPooiTqd4J7dZcKM6
Week commencing 11th November	https://forms.gle/3Z19QyiZMUzofCUn6	https://forms.gle/RrswRyMgPY8tBjTW8
Week commencing 18th November	https://forms.gle/tshq5Jf53XPDA2oRA	https://forms.gle/jGBTwy45vx5DiFLE6

Attendance Reminder Holidays in term time



As a reminder to parents, I know that we have sent lots of

letters regarding the changes to the government guidance on school attendance (see [here](#) for further details). In short, if you book a holiday in term time which is 5 days or more and is not approved as an exceptional circumstance, our (updated) policy - in line with this guidance, is to refer this to the local authority for a fine to be issued. Please do contact me if you have any further questions regarding this.
Mrs Sanderson.

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.

- * Ocean Dance Clubs
- * Plymouth Argyle Clubs



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FREE

PARC EGLOS

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

Come to our pre-loved uniform shop held outside the staffroom, under the shelter.

Donate, swap or just take what you need.

Tuesday 5th November 3.00pm onwards
Tuesday 3rd December 3.00pm onwards



Phonics

Next half term we will be having a big focus on speeding up word reading. Please encourage your child to watch these videos during half term to help them develop their speedy reading.

Green Speedy Words <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/cHmIyqpP/leCkrefY>

Purple Speedy Words <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/5XbKiOVM/3sRAJDPM>

Pink speedy Words <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/8M5+2sO2/JG4Nd14e>

Orange Speedy Words <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/EbWvPobh/WqqVuFCn>

Yellow Speedy Words <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/R5KQSPeb/runvCNEz>

Blue Speedy Words <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/GWxfB7FI/1z6uWw2R>

Grey Speedy Words <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/pKKB8gZh/ijniRPBj>

Nursery & Foundation Team

Each week in Foundation, Poldhu and Gunwalloe Classes have been enjoying listening to our new class book of the week. As well as learning new vocabulary, we have been retelling the story through small world, puppet and role play and noticing our favourite parts. This week, we have also started thinking about the structure of a story in our Writers' Workshop sessions. We are learning that each story has an opening, a problem and a resolution. This week the children have thought carefully about the sequence of events in the story of 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson. We worked together to decide what the problem was for the characters and how it was resolved. The children thought of nouns and adjectives to describe the characters and setting. Then we created a whole class sentence, using these words. Please enjoy sharing your book from school and your favourite stories from home, over half term. Well done Readers.

Year 1/2 Team

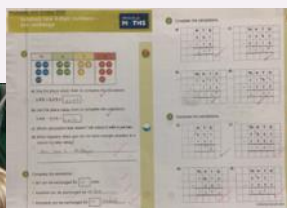
Year 2 spent Wednesday on the beach and what a beautiful day it was! The children went to find out what it was like on the beaches that their classes are named after. They travelled from school to Swanpool beach in Falmouth where the children took part in a scavenger hunt, some gorgeous beach art projects and team games. After lunch, it was back on the coach to travel to Maenporth for observational drawings and a quick paddle in the sea. What a fabulous day for everyone.



Year 3/4 Team

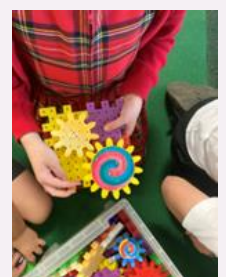
Year 4 have been busy over the past couple of weeks practising column methods for addition and subtraction, with some tricky exchanges and problem solving. We are working with 4-digit numbers now!

The children have also been noticing links between some of our different subject topics, especially in English, Geography and Science, where we have been thinking about the impact of changes in habitats, especially those due to human activity, such as deforestation.



Year 5/6 Team

Year 5 have just come to the end of their first science unit of the academic year, forces. We have learned about gravity, air and water resistance, friction, levers, gears and pulleys. It has been a 'hands on' unit of learning, where the children have experimented and looked at fair testing.





Sports at Parc Eglos

Sporting news

Please scan the QR Code or click the link to sign up for the next cross country event. Please note this is for Key Stage 2 only years 3 - 6. Many thanks.

<https://forms.office.com/e/EYS4frLnZu?origin=lprLink>



This week our Year 5 children experienced a Basketball afternoon with our Cluster Sports Lead Mr Studd. He worked with all the children over the course of the afternoon, delivering Basketball skills which ended in mini game situations. The children had a wonderful time. Please see below for information about a Basketball club that is on offer over the next half term to continue developing these skills.

Plymouth Argyle Clubs

Tuesday ASC - YR3 and 4 Basketball

<https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/argyle/wcasc-parc-eglos-tuesdaysasc-1.html>

Wednesday - YR5 and 6 Basketball

<https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/argyle/wcasc-parc-eglos-wednesdaysasc-1.html>

Friday - KS2 Girls Football.

<https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/argyle/wcasc-parc-eglos-fridaysasc-1.html>

Ocean Dance Clubs

Contact Jo - jo@oceanacademyofdance.co.uk

Mondays 3.15-4.15pm: Cheer Dance Year 3 & 4 - £24 (6 weeks 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th Nov, 2nd, 9th Dec)
Tuesdays 3.15-4.15pm: Cheer Dance Year 1 & 2 - £24 (6 weeks 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th Nov, 3rd, 10th Dec)
Wednesdays 3.15-4.15pm: Stretch & Relax Year 3 & 4 - £24 (6 weeks 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th Nov, 4th, 11th Dec)
Thursdays 3.15-4.15pm: Cheer Dance Year 1 & 2 - £24 (6 weeks 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th Dec, 5th, 12th Dec)
Fridays 3.15-4.15pm: Cheer Dance for Year 2 & 3 - £20 (5 weeks 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th Nov, 13th Dec)

NEARLY NEW toy sale

WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 3.15-4.00PM

(MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW)

Donations please!

We would be very grateful for donations of nearly new/new toys, teddies and games.

Please could donations be brought to school from Monday 11th November - Friday 15th November



PARC EGLOS OPEN MORNING

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Is your child due to start school in September 2025?

Are you looking for the best start for your child's education?

Come and visit Parc Eglos School at our open mornings!

Wednesday 6th November & Thursday 28th November. Drop in any time between 10.30-11.30am.

For more information, please ring 01326 572998.



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! £22 KS2

The Christmassy Christmas Show of Christmassy Christmasness with Squashbox Theatre! £3 (in the school hall)

Starfish, Foundation & KSI



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

"Inappropriate" means different things to different people. What's acceptable for one age group, for example, may be unacceptable for a slightly younger audience. Online, young people can choose upon inappropriate content in various ways - from peer-to-peer to Tik Tok videos. The increasingly young ages at which children become active in the digital world heightens the risk of them innocently running into something that they find upsetting or frightening. Trusted adults need to be able to help children be aware of what to do if they're exposed to age-inappropriate content.

WHERE IS IT FOUND?

- SOCIAL MEDIA:** Age-inappropriate content is easily accessible through many popular, trusted apps that young people use to stay in touch with friends. It is regularly used for sharing photos, videos, messages, drawing or profanity. Some social media users also address their content at children, using the platform to bully, harass or abuse them, which can impact on their mental health.
- GAMING:** Gaming is an enjoyable source of entertainment, but some games offer an escape children use to avoid inappropriate material. Some games also include gambling or sexually explicit content. Age-inappropriate content is often found in games that are free to play, such as those on mobile devices. Some games also include in-game purchases (microtransactions) which allow players to buy virtual items or upgrades that give them an advantage over other players.
- STREAMING:** The range of video streaming services has grown online viewers that can watch content that is not suitable for their age group. Some services also offer explicit language and extreme violence. Some streaming services also offer parental controls, but it's not always clear how to use them. It's also important to check what your child borrows your device.
- ADVERTS:** Online adverts frequently include age-inappropriate content, such as gambling and nudity or partial nudity. Some adverts are also common. Some services require you to create an account to see ads, but you may not be aware of this. If you've recently looked up a new item for sale, you may see an advert for a similar item. These ads are appearing on screens could reflect on the fact that your child borrows your device.

18 Advice for Parents & Carers

- TALK IT THROUGH:** Embarrassment or fear of getting into trouble can make it difficult for children to talk openly to their trusted adults about what they've seen. Before offering advice, discuss what they've seen. Take time to listen and have a conversation about the content.
- CONNECT, DON'T CORRECT:** If your child's been particularly distressed by exposure to content that wasn't suitable for their age, it's important to offer support. It's important to work with your child on the content they've seen. You could talk them about any similar experiences they might have had in the past and how you dealt with it.
- BLOCK, REPORT, CONTROL:** After discussing the content, you and your child can take steps to control what they see. This includes reporting any content which violates a platform's rules. To control the content your child sees, set up parental controls on their devices. These controls can help you manage what your child sees and what they can do online. They will significantly reduce the chances of your child being exposed to age-inappropriate content online.
- GET SPECIALIST HELP:** Age-inappropriate content can be a child's first experience of sexual activity. If your child has been exposed to sexual content, you might consider reaching out to a specialist. If your child has been exposed to sexual content, you might consider reaching out to a specialist. If your child has been exposed to sexual content, you might consider reaching out to a specialist.
- STAY CALM:** Even though it is obviously difficult to see your child being exposed to age-inappropriate content for the first time, it's important to stay calm. Your child may well have reported the content to the platform and you may be able to talk to you about similar issues in the future.

Meet Our Expert

Copy: Anurag Singh is a Registered Counsellor with The South West Professional Council of Psychotherapists and a private practice counsellor working in children, teenagers and adults. Her specialism is in working with children and teenagers, and she has a particular interest in working with children and teenagers who are experiencing difficulties with their mental health.

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