



The Pen

Parc Eglos News

Messages from Mrs Sanderson

Message from our neighbours

I have this week received a message from a neighbour regarding the children playing in the park opposite school. This park is a brilliant local resource for our children, however it appears that a minority of children are not treating it respectfully—breaking branches from trees, and pulling up saplings. I have spoken to the children in assembly about this, please could I also ask that parents keep a close eye on the children whilst at the park and let me know if you have any on-going concerns.

Lost property

As you will have seen this afternoon, we have a lot of lost property in school at the moment. Please take some time to look through this next week, as any unnamed food containers will be thrown away next Friday, and un-named pieces of clothing will be added to our **Free Uniform Rail**, available in the school foyer, for all to help themselves.

Have a lovely weekend,

Vicky Sanderson

Calendar

Additions in white

- 07.02.25 - Sennen Pizza Express Trip
- 24.02.25 - INSET Day
- 25.02.25 - Cross Country Race 4*
- 28.2.25— Open Afternoon—come and look at your child's books 14:30—15:15
- 3.3.25—7.3.25 - Parents' Evenings
- 29.04.25 - Cross Country Race 5*
- 30.4.25—Year 1 parents Phonics Screening Check information afternoon 2:45—3:15
- 13.05.25 - Cross Country Race 6 *
- 21.05.25 - 23.05.25 - Year 4 BF Adventure
- 2.6.25 - 4.6.25 - Year 6 Barton Hall
- 2.7.25 - 4.7.25 - Year 5 Porthpean Trip

* More information to follow

** More information overleaf

Team Points!

Davy

623

Trevithick

631

Kingsley

597

Trengrouse

501

Letters

Please check out our website: <https://parc-eglos.croftymat.org/parents/newsletter/> for a list of recent communication or alternatively ring the school office to speak to a member of the team.



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PUPIL OF THE WEEK CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Proudly presented to

YR Poldhu	Emelin and Theodore	Y3 Crantock	Lamorna and Mylo
YR Gunwalloe	Matilda and Alfred	Y4 Coverack	Ruben and Marla-Rose
Y1 Rinsey	Lilliana and Elliot	Y4 Gwithian	All of Gwithian
Y1 Godrevy	Isla B and Nola	Y5 Sennen	Flavio and Jessa (17.01.25) Sawyer and Elsie (24.01.25)
Y2 Maenporth	Willow and Gethin	Y5 Zennor	Logan and Lillie
Y2 Swanpool	Martha and Aubrey	Y6 Fistral	Millie and Elizabeth P
Y3 Portreath	Grace, Ella and Lerryn	Y6 Holywell	Sienna and Nura

Boomerang Booking links

	Breakfast Club	After School Club
Week commencing 3rd February	https://forms.gle/z8HU73WJCs97cmCg8	https://forms.gle/Um91Hb4SRnvvvg82z9
Week commencing 10th February	https://forms.gle/SnMi3wPMFcc7wht66	https://forms.gle/s6AgGbwK2n5GKkXA
Week commencing 24th February	https://forms.gle/T5udwaiS4pg8w3BL9	https://forms.gle/iPS6NDDbd7Es3bEL7
Week commencing 3rd March	https://forms.gle/dDNUlhVeTfq3TsXw5	https://forms.gle/4TM1pvh7GSYUzHrq5

Attendance Reminder



Holidays in term time



As a reminder to parents,

If you book a holiday in term time which is 5 days or more, and is not approved as an exceptional circumstance, our policy - in line with DFE guidance, is to refer this to the local authority for a fine to be issued. Please also be aware that schools need to consider fining if a child **has 10 unauthorised sessions in a rolling 10 week period**. Please do contact me if you have any further questions regarding this. Mrs Sanderson

Jo Simms Clubs

There are still places available on some of Jo Simms clubs, please see below:

Wednesdays 3.15-4.15pm: Stretch Year 3 & 4 (29th January, 5th, 12th February)

Fridays 3.15-4.15pm: Cheer Dance Year 3 & 4 (24th, 31st January, 7th, 14th February)

If you would like to book a place, please contact Jo Simms by email:

jo@oceanacademyofdance.co.uk

Nursery & Foundation Team

This weekend is the Big Garden Birdwatch, an annual wildlife survey by the RSPB. You can find out more about the survey at <https://www.rspb.org.uk/>. This week, Poldhu and Gunwalloe Classes have been finding out about birds. Through our research, using books and short video clips, we have found out about the features of birds in our environment and looked at some of the birds that we might see when we are out and about at this time of year. We have been spotting birds in our school grounds and describing them. We have seen jackdaws, gulls and magpies. In the provision, we have been looking closely at pictures of birds and have begun to have a go at drawing and using watercolour paints to create our own bird artwork. Have fun spotting birds this weekend.

Year 1/2 Team



The children have impressed us with their skill and enthusiasm during our PE sessions this week. In gymnastics, we are working hard to control our bodies and demonstrate good

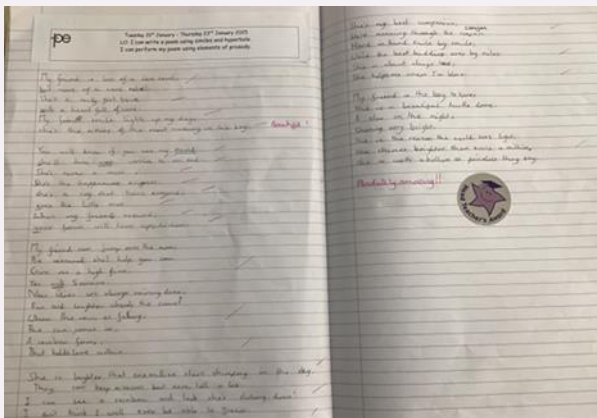
body tension. The children have been fantastic at this and have worked hard to hold different gymnastic shapes.

This week in our outdoor PE, we played football. All of the children worked hard but it was the girls in particular that stood out for their confidence and enthusiasm. Watch this space... we could have some future Lionesses on our hands!!

We are having a big focus on recognising our Set 3 sounds in Year 1. Please take a look at the Read, Write, Inc. section of the newsletter to support your child with this at home.

Year 3/4 Team

Wow! We have now completed our poetry unit and the children have blown us away with their language choices and poetic features. They wrote a poem about their best friend and had to use a range of similes and hyperboles to make them sound amazing. Hyperbole? - I hear you ask - your children will be able to explain. Here is Willow's wonderful poem about her best friend.



Year 5/6 Team

Year 5 have had a really busy couple of weeks! We had a fantastic (muddy!) river walk last week as part of our Geography learning which really helped to consolidate our understanding of meanders, erosion and how the river changes its course. We have now started comparing that to other rivers around the UK and the world. Zennor also enjoyed a trip to Pizza Express as part of their DT learning and thoroughly enjoyed creating - and eating - their pizzas, learning about how to safely prepare them and learning about the farm to fork process for products from a farm. Sennen are now counting the days until it is their turn to go! Both classes also started their ukelele lessons in music and the children have all loved getting to learn an instrument and learning to play songs on them together. It really showcased some of the amazing musicians we have in the cohort and we can't wait to see how their skills develop even further over the half term.





Sports at Parc Eglos

Sporting news...

We have had an amazing week with our Parc Eglos Sports Teams, which makes me feel extremely proud of our children.

On Monday afternoon we sent four teams to the Gymnastics Competition at Penryn Gymnastics Centre. The teams either competed in a non-club or club category. All of the children performed a floor routine, body management routine and a vault. We had lots of individual and team successes, with our Year 5/6 Club Gymnasts qualifying to compete today in the next round and representing our area.

Most importantly, all the children were committed to learning the routines and taking part. Their behaviour was exemplary, and they enjoyed their time at the event. Well done everyone.




















Our Year 3/4 Stripes (Purples) Team took part in their first League matches at Helston College on Monday evening. Although it was a bit chilly it was a wonderful evening to watch our team play together for the first time. The children played in three matches and won all three! We were very proud of their attitude towards the game, their team spirit and their fantastic football skills. Again, there were lots of individual successes, lots of goals and things to celebrate. Well done, Team! Thank you so much to our parent volunteers for attending this.








Thank you to everyone that has already returned their reading books, if you haven't done so yet, please can we remind you to bring books back into school next week. These books are a vital resource and are not cheap to replace. Thank you.

Please use the links below to support your children with their Set 1 sound recognition and Word Time reading.

Set 1 Sounds

m 	a 	s 	d 	t 
i 	n 	p 	g 	o 
c 	k 	u 	b 	f 
e 	l 	h 	r 	j 
v 	y 	w 	z 	x 
sh 	qu 	th 	ng  thing on a string	ch 
nk  I think I snk	ck  tick tock clack			

Word Time

 mat	Word Time 1.1
 pin	Word Time 1.2
 cat	Word Time 1.3
 bed	Word Time 1.4
 jog	Word Time 1.5



Please use the links below to support your children with their Set 2 and Set 3 sound recognition and speedy reading.

Set 2 sounds

ay may I play?	ee what can you see?	igh fly high	ow blow the snow
oo poo at the zoo	oo look at a book	ar start the car	or shut the door
air that's not fair	ir whirl and twirl	ou shout it out	oy toy for a boy

Set 3 sounds

ea cup of tea	oi spoil the boy	a-e make a cake	i-e nice smile
o-e phone home	u-e huge brute	aw yawn at dawn	are care and share
ur nurse with a purse	er a better letter	ow brown cow	ai snail in the rain
oa goat in a boat	ew chew the stew	ire fire, fire!	ear hear with your ear
ure sure it's pure			

Speeding Up Word Reading Videos (updated weekly)



Read Write Inc. Set 1
Green Storybooks
Colour



Read Write Inc. Set 2
Purple Storybooks
Colour



Read Write Inc. Set 3
Pink Colour Storybooks



Read Write Inc. Set 4
Orange Storybooks
Colour



Read Write Inc. Set 5
Yellow Storybooks
Colour



Read Write Inc. Set 6
Blue Storybooks
Colour



Read Write Inc. Set 7
Grey Storybooks
Colour



	Main Hall	Time
MONDAY	Breast Intentions (Breastfeeding Peer Support Group) Association of WRNS (3 rd of each month) 1 st Helston Brownies	1000 – 1200 (Term time only) 1330 – 1530 1830 – 2000 (Term time only)
TUESDAY	Culdrose Happy Crafters Coodes solicitors (1 st & 3 rd week of the month) Drop in Clinic Tae Kwon Do	0930 – 1130 (Term time only) 1300 - 1500 1700 – 1800
WEDNESDAY	Culdrose Coffee morning (1 st of every month – housing VIVO and Pinnacle) (3 rd of every month organisations/charities) Youth provision – Minis Juniors Seniors (Group only runs for the first 3 Wednesdays in the month)	0900 – 1200 1000 - 1200 0930 - 1200 1545 – 1645 (5-7) 1700 – 1830 (8-11) 1900 - 2030 (11+)
THURSDAY	Home start Home Start – baby bots Tae Kwon Do Culdrose Military Wives Choir	0900 - 1030 1100 - 1200 1700 – 1800 (Term time only) 1930 – 2115 (Term time only)
FRIDAY	Guides	1800 – 2000 (Summer hrs) 1800 – 1930 (Winter hrs) (Term time only)
SATURDAY		
SUNDAY	Helston Baptist Church	0930-1230

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE EVENTS LISTED PLEASE PHONE 01326 565132

Or contact via email: NAVYNPS-PEOPLESPTRNFPCULD@mod.gov.uk



Fortnite: Chapter 2 has finally landed! With a whole host of new in-game features including a brand-new map, more water-based activities, upgraded character skins and a more streamlined arsenal of weapons, this Fortnite is promising to be the best yet. Almost all of the changes are cosmetic which means the concept of the game remains the same, with players still aiming to be the last man standing. Players will no doubt find the game much more enjoyable with so much more to explore. For parents and carers however, it pays to remain vigilant.



What parents need to know about FORTNITE



BATTLE ROYALE

Battle Royale games have become very popular over the last couple of years, and most tend to follow a very similar setup. Taking Fortnite as an example, 100 players drop into a map, loot buildings for weapons and armour and attempt to beat all the other players to be crowned victor at the end. If you've ever seen the Hunger Games movies, you'll have an idea of what this entails. Each game can take up to 20 minutes (assuming you last to the end) and can be restarted relatively quickly once 100 free players have been found.



IS FORTNITE ADDICTIVE?

Fortnite is at the forefront of gaming addiction discussions because it is so popular with young people. But whether it actually contributes to gaming addiction is up for debate. WHO (World Health Organisation) have classified gaming as a legitimate addiction, but this is not solely a concern with Fortnite. Signs of addiction can include irritability when not playing, lying about the amount of time played and a preoccupation with thoughts of the next gaming session. Realistically, it must be down to parents and carers to recognise these symptoms and act accordingly if they think they are developing.



FREE TO PLAY... OR IS IT?

While Fortnite is technically free to play (in that you can download and play it without paying) it does come with the caveat that spending money on things like skins and emotes in-game is heavily pushed to players. The currency used in game is called 'V-Bucks' and can be bought with real money through the game's online store. It's worth remembering that these purchases are absolutely not necessary, are cosmetic only and that V-Bucks can be earned in-game with enough play time.



SEASONAL UPDATES

Every 10 weeks or so Fortnite is updated with a new season. This essentially adds new things like skins and emotes to the game, while also sometimes changing up the game map in interesting ways. These seasons are free to everybody and don't require additional money to play, though battle passes for each season can be bought with V-Bucks. A battle pass will typically allow a player to earn experience faster and gain fun in-game items by completing a host of daily challenges.



CROSSPLAY IS AVAILABLE

One of the wonderful things about Fortnite is that it can be played cross-platform. This means that no matter what platform a person plays on (PC, PlayStation 4, Xbox One etc) they can play with friends who own the game on a different platform. To do this, an Epic Games account must first be created online (which is free) and then linked with your platform account. Doing this removes the age-old boundary of not being able to play together because you don't have the same console and opens up a whole new world of playing online with friends.



IS FORTNITE VIOLENT?

Fortnite has been rated by the ESRB (Entertainment Software Ratings Board) as being, as it contains cartoony violence and the weapons and acts depicted in the game are some way removed from their real life inspirations. Characters don't draw blood when shot and instead of dying, they are simply beamed up off the map. Naturally, players younger than the recommended age limit will want to play the game and that should be at the discretion of parents and carers.



Top Tips for Parents

BUYING V-BUCKS

As mentioned, Fortnite does contain in-game purchases and microtransactions in the form of V-Bucks which can be bought with real money. If you do decide to let your young one spend money in the game, be sure to delete your card information afterwards as it can be very easy to purchase more items at the press of a few buttons. It's important to set a limit on any purchases (as mentioned they are absolutely not necessary to play the game) and a suggestion would be capping the spending at around £50 - this is the normal retail price of a game.



GAMING WITH STRANGERS

Fortnite Battle Royale is an online game, and as such, there is a chance that young children could come into contact with strangers who are randomly placed into their groups in a game. It's difficult to predict what another person might say or do in a game, so it's a good idea for friends playing together to be grouped together. The only real counter measure to interacting with strangers offered by Fortnite is to turn off all mic communications, which can be done in the game's settings. Using outside chat apps, like Skype or Discord while playing, is a great way to make sure you know who you're talking to and that nobody else is listening in.

LIMIT TIME, BUT BE FLEXIBLE

A game of Fortnite can last up to 20 minutes, so be flexible when it's time to put it away. The approach of 'one more game' as opposed to '10 more minutes' will stop any complaints that a match is still ongoing. Better still, play with your child and take it in turns that way you're helping control the time played and can keep an eye on what they're experiencing.



TALK TO OTHER PARENTS / CARERS

If you're concerned about play time or spending money in the game, talk to other parents and carers of your child's friends. If you approach as a collective, it will be easier to know when their friends are online and you don't have to worry about who they're playing with. It can also help curb expectations on spending money on battle passes and skins if you stick together.



CAN DEVELOP SOME IMPORTANT SKILLS

It's often overlooked just how good gaming can be for young people. Fortnite encourages team play, quick and complex problem solving and communication that's not to mention the lightning fast reflexes gamers can develop. While taking breaks to do other activities is of course important, there are benefits to screen time which might not be immediately obvious.



PLAY THE GAME YOURSELF

There's no substitute for sitting down and playing the game yourself to learn all about it. Fortnite is available for free on almost anything you can imagine, even your smartphone, so there's never been a better time to get involved and see what all the fuss is about. You never know, you might even be able to impress your children when you show them your impressive Victory Royale tally!



Meet our expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 5 years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGBible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



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