



The Pen

Parc Eglos News

Messages from Mrs Sanderson

As you can see from the information within this week's newsletter, this has been a busy week here at school—with special mentions to our fabulous footballers, and talented musicians. It is great to be part of these community events, which our children gain so much from.

Deputy Headteacher Interviews

On Monday, we will be holding interviews for the substantive deputy head teacher position at Parc Eglos - we will let you know how we get on in next week's Pen.

Maths Open Afternoon

Please join us on Monday at 2:45pm for our maths open afternoons. Entrance to school will be through the glass walk-way.

Pre-loved Toy Sale

On Wednesday we will be holding a pre-loved toy sale, to raise money for some new playground games. If you are having a clear-out before Christmas, we would love to have your pre-loved toys to sell, and remember to bring some pennies next Wednesday :)

Remember to wrap-up warm, it's getting colder next week. (Names in all coats means that they can be returned to their owners if they are lost)

Have a great weekend

Vicky Sanderson

Calendar

Additions in white

18.11.24 - Maths open afternoon*
20.11.24 - 3.15-4pm Toy Fayre
25.11.24 - Helston food bank donations open
29.11.24 - Year 1 History afternoon
3.12.24 - Uniform Shop FREE 3pm
5.12.24 - Godrevey at Helston Museum
6.12.24 - Rinsey at Helston Museum
6.12.24 - PTA Christmas Fayre 4.30pm
9.12.24 - Panto KS2 - Squashbox KS1
11.12.24 - Christmas dinner day
12.12.24 - Year 6 Christingle
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 - 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

Team Points!

Davy

404

Trevithick

416

Kingsley

662

Trengrouse

425

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.



The Pen

PUPIL OF THE WEEK CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Proudly presented to

YR Gunwalloe	Teddy and Zephraim	Y3 Crantock	Jonathan and Sienna
YR Poldhu	Aria and Wilfred	Y4 Coverack	Ruben and Cadan
Y1 Rinsey	Noah F and Mia	Y4 Gwithian	Finn and Isabella
Y1 Godrevy	Theo and Isla P	Y5 Sennen	Cisco and Elsie
Y2 Swanpool	Lowen and Arran	Y5 Zennor	Alice and Gracie
Y2 Maenporth	Arya and Noah	Y6 Fistral	Elizabeth P and Theo
Y3 Portreath	Whole Class	Y6 Holywell	Jacob W and Bella C

Boomerang Booking links

	Breakfast Club	After School Club
Week commencing 25th November	https://forms.gle/NF574GZVupoFWdJM8	https://forms.gle/Fba3HXJP1GRkVHaUA
Week commencing 2nd December	https://forms.gle/pQRCTwynLkCj7BED8	https://forms.gle/VSNkr6qZCmgEWqAC8
Week commencing 9th December	https://forms.gle/b83aCGGh8aofv45t7	https://forms.gle/bpNEz9wYgBijKoMu6

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.



Anti-Bullying Workshop

Year 5 enjoyed an anti-bullying workshop on Wednesday morning as part of National Anti-Bullying Week. The children had a fantastic informative morning which we are sure they will take away lots of important messages from.



Crofty Eco Councils

Our Trust Eco-Council works within the framework of the 8 United Nations Sustainability Heroes to pledge action that will result in increasing sustainable approaches both within and outside the school day. Their ongoing interactions with a range of external agencies not only enriches their education and understanding of the current climate crisis and possible responses but also provides opportunities for them to consider green career pathways.

The focus for 2024/25 will be **biodiversity and natural habitats.**



Please use the links below to access the Speeding Up Word Reading videos on the Virtual Classroom.

Green Storybooks - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/b09A8MRV/3Kp2FCGR>

Purple Storybooks - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/XiFkJQpX/fkeDeC4N>

Pink Storybooks - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/oKfU0ii3/2Q4qcNKi>

Orange Storybooks - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/U2ZP3YnG/BuIfx2Nm>

Yellow Storybooks - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/MQC3dIgQ/bA4rMm7H>

Blue Storybooks - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/PYG44hdp/dZtMt6lu>

Grey Storybooks - <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/lv8iIwQ3/HdPzdsU6>

Music Festival

This week our musicians have been making us very proud! Our recorder and woodwind players attended the Camborne Music Festival on Wednesday and Thursday, and competed in lots of different classes, playing solos, duets and in ensembles. Sennen and Elsie both won first prize trophies for their solo performances and there were medals for Grace, Holly, Sidnie and Maisie-Grace. The children had a wonderful time taking part in the competition and enjoyed hearing other performers while we were there. They were also commended by several people for their excellent behaviour during the day. Many thanks to Mrs Watkiss for all her hard work with the children and for giving them the opportunity to take part in the festival. Parc Eglos certainly has talent!



Nursery & Foundation Team

World Nursery Rhyme Week

This week has been World Nursery Rhyme Week. The children in Gunwalloe and Poldhu Classes have been enjoying singing and performing some familiar favourites, as well as learning some nursery rhymes that they didn't already know. Singing nursery rhymes and counting songs, are a key part of our learning in Music, Literacy and Maths in the Early Years and something that we do each day. We are so impressed with how many rhymes the children know already, and their enthusiasm for singing together. Nursery rhymes can help your child to extend their vocabulary, to hear sounds in words, to develop a sense of rhythm and rhyme, to structure sentences, to develop fine and gross motor skills, to make links with other areas of learning, to develop emotional awareness and to self-regulate. Singing rhymes can promote well-being through the joyful experience of singing together. (BBC Tiny Happy People, has further information on the benefits of singing nursery rhymes together). We are sure the children will be happy to have a sing song with you over the weekend. Have fun!

(Please see [Nursery Rhymes in the Early Years | National Literacy Trust](https://www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com/) for further information and visit <https://www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com/>, for access to some further resources).

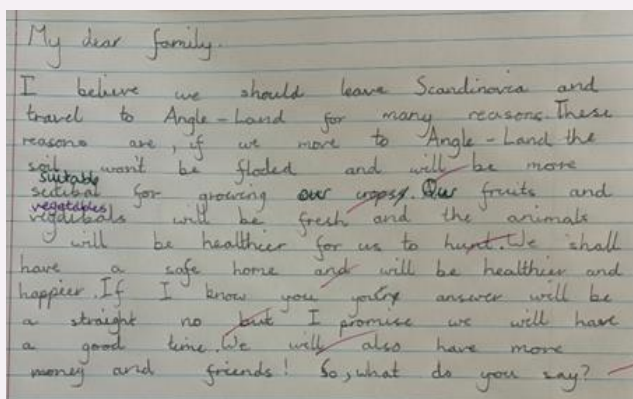
Year 1/2 Team

Maenporth and Swanpool classes both really enjoyed a trip to Helston Library. We walked from the school and looked at our local area along the way. We were met by Kerry, who talked to us about the library, all the books, Lego Club and that she really enjoys it when school children come to visit. We had a chance to explore all the books they have there and finished our trip with a story telling session. It was a great afternoon and really made us realise even more that everyone in our classes LOVES BOOKS



Year 3/4 Team

This term, Year 4 is excited to delve into the Anglo-Saxon era! Children are learning about the daily lives, customs, and culture of this significant period in British history and discover what was important to them. We wrote a speech as an Anglo-Saxon warrior to convince our families to move to Angle-Land with us.



Year 5/6 Team

This week Year 5 have started their new English unit on persuasive letter writing. They have enjoyed doing some role play trying out their best persuasive techniques and learning about informal and formal situations - so watch out for these techniques trying to creep in at home! The children have also been working hard on our fractions unit in maths; learning all about equivalent fractions, converting improper fractions and mixed numbers. In Science, we have been continuing our Space Theme and learning all about the comparative size of planets and their shapes - it really is mind-blowing! We've had a great start to the new half term.





Sports at Parc Eglos

Sporting news

On Monday evening the footballers completed their final round of league fixtures. They knew that if they won their games against St Michael's B team and Godolphin (which they did) that a championship decider would probably await them in the final match against Nansloe. It did! There was action at both ends of the pitch in the first half, with Nansloe eventually taking the lead from a quickly taken throw in. At half-time, Joe handed the goalie gloves to captain, George; Jack and Milo switched roles too and the second-half began. Immediately, Parc Eglos attacked with intent. Finn was first to every ball and his determination was infectious. Then, Jack played a great pass out of defence to Milo, who scored a well-deserved equaliser. This gave the team a further lift and when the final whistle blew Milo had completed his hat-trick: Parc Eglos 3 Nansloe 1. The boys were league champions. Thank you to Steve Cobbin for his coaching skills and to all parents and friends of Parc Eglos who watched and cheered from the sidelines.





MATHS OPEN AFTERNOON

**Monday 18th November
2:45-3:15**

**Please join us to learn about how
we teach Maths at Parc Eglos!**

**Classroom doors/the glass
walkway will open at 2:45.**

**All powerpoints
shown/information given will be
emailed out after the event.**

We look forward to welcoming you!

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

ROBLOX

PEGI RATING
7+

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

ONLINE DATERS

These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODER is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter ODERs. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, and some private or VIP servers also have a cost.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

PRIVATE SERVERS

If your child has some genuine friends to play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.

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.



NOS National Online Safety®
#WakeUpWednesday

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/2020/12/23/33343/roblox-over-half-of-us-kids-are-playing-virtual-parties-fortnite>
<https://corp.roblox.com/parents/>



www.nationalonlinesafety.com



@natonlinesafety



/NationalOnlineSafety



@nationalonlinesafety

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into. Current as of the date of release: 10.10.2022

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



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

£3

Starfish,
Foundation & KS1

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



The Federation of Children's Book Groups



NATIONAL NON-FICTION NOVEMBER COMPETITION

National Non-Fiction November is the Federation of Children's Book Groups
annual celebration of all things factual.

The theme this year is 'Why Don't You?' which aims to stimulate discussion about
hobbies and leisure activities and to encourage children to try something new.
For this year's competition, children are invited to create a short 'advert' for their
hobby. This could be a video, a poster, a letter or a leaflet, but the focus must be on
'why don't you?' - in other words, encouraging others to have a go.

There will be two age group categories:

5-8
9-12

All entries must explain:

why the hobby is so enjoyable
what equipment (if any) is needed
why someone else might enjoy trying it themselves

Each winner will receive a bundle of books, kindly provided by
Magic Cat Publishing.

Written entries must be no more than 200 words for the younger category and no
more than 400 words for the older category.

Entries should be no larger than A3.

Video entries must be no more than one minute long and consent must be given by
a parent or guardian for these entries.

Every entry should include the entrant's name, age, book group or school, and the contact details of a
responsible adult.

Please send entries to 'Why Don't You?' Competition, 32 Washington Road,
Caversham, Reading RG4 5AA or email to nnfn@fcbg.org.uk

Video entries need to be submitted to nnfn@fcbg.org.uk by WeTransfer (or similar)
with a covering letter of permission from a parent or guardian in order to be entered.

All entries must be received by midnight on Monday 2nd December 2024.