

# The Pen

## Parc Eglos News

### Messages from Mrs Sanderson

Welcome back to school, I hope that you had a lovely half term break, and feel refreshed and ready for the excitement of the Christmas term!

We have a number of events over the next couple of weeks; if you have not already booked a parent consultation (either by phone or face-to-face), please ring the office to book.

#### Free Books (or maybe a small donation...)

We have been auditing our library over half term, and have a number of duplicate reading books which will be available for you/your children to choose during face to face parents' appointments in the hall. Please take a look, and help yourselves.

#### How do we teach maths?

We can answer this and any other maths-related questions that you have at our open afternoon on the 18th November 2:45 pm - 3:15pm - please pop along to your child's class if you can (all powerpoints will be available on our website for those parents who are not able to pop in).

As ever, please do contact me if you have any questions or feedback. Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs. Vicky Sanderson

### Calendar

#### Additions in white

- 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
- 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 - New Date - rearranged due to double booking
- 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!

<u>Davy</u>	<u>Trevithick</u>	<u>Kingsley</u>	<u>Trengrouse</u>
519	478	671	577

## PUPIL OF THE WEEK

### CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Proudly presented to

<b>YR Gunwalloe</b>	Harry N and Holly	<b>Y3 Crantock</b>	Ezra and Florence
<b>YR Poldhu</b>	Erin and Xenia	<b>Y4 Coverack</b>	Grace and Harry P
<b>Y1 Rinsey</b>	Isla and Esme	<b>Y4 Gwithian</b>	Noah and Oscar
<b>Y1 Godrevy</b>	Bobby P and Tania	<b>Y5 Sennen</b>	Albie and Ethan
<b>Y2 Swanpool</b>	Bonnie and Jacob	<b>Y5 Zennor</b>	Olivia and Alfie
<b>Y2 Maenporth</b>	Ollie and Sydney	<b>Y6 Fistral</b>	Sienna and Levi
<b>Y3 Portreath</b>	Ella and Robyn	<b>Y6 Holywell</b>	Alfie W and Arthur V

### Boomerang Booking links

	<b>Breakfast Club</b>	<b>After School Club</b>
Week commencing 18th November	<a href="https://forms.gle/tshq5Jf53XPDA2oRA">https://forms.gle/tshq5Jf53XPDA2oRA</a>	<a href="https://forms.gle/jGBTwy45vx5DiFLE6">https://forms.gle/jGBTwy45vx5DiFLE6</a>
Week commencing 25th November	<a href="https://forms.gle/NF574GZVupoFWdJM8">https://forms.gle/NF574GZVupoFWdJM8</a>	<a href="https://forms.gle/Fba3HXJP1GRkVHaUA">https://forms.gle/Fba3HXJP1GRkVHaUA</a>
Week commencing 2nd December	<a href="https://forms.gle/pQRCTwynLkCj7BED8">https://forms.gle/pQRCTwynLkCj7BED8</a>	<a href="https://forms.gle/VSNkr6qZCmgEWqAC8">https://forms.gle/VSNkr6qZCmgEWqAC8</a>

### 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.



### Coastal and Eco Crew

Today we had a special delivery for our newly elected Coastal and Eco crew! These children put themselves forward to be part of the team and after a vote, were elected into the positions. Today they received their new badges! Over the year, the crews will be attending meetings along with the other Crofty schools to discuss different matters.

This year, the focus for the Eco council will be biodiversity and natural habitats, whilst the Coastal crew will be focussing on water safety, understanding fishing and sustainable seafood.



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On Monday, two of our children, along with Nathan Thomas (Projects and maintenance coordinator) and Mrs Eddy, unveiled brand-new toilet facilities, designed by the school council last year to create a cleaner, safer, and more comfortable environment for our children. Construction has now started on our next set of toilets, which we hope will be finished in the next few weeks. A big thank you to our central services team at Crofty for planning and project managing this refurbishment.



### Dance Competition

Darcy from year 3 took part in a dance competition at the weekend, they had great success coming 1st and 2nd in their team pieces and Darcy placed 4th in her lyrical solo. The troop have now qualified for the British Dance Festival in March.

### 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.

- PTA Newsletter

### Parent/Carer Workshops

Please click the links below for details of Parent/Carer Workshops which are set to run from January 2025. These are one-off, one hour long, online workshops with NHS Mental Health Practitioners. These are open to everybody; people do not need to have a mental health need to join.

A Teams link will be emailed to parent/carers from MHST for each workshop prior to the workshop taking place.

Behaviour Workshop - <https://forms.office.com/e/1PwGDXSQ40>

Sleep Workshop - <https://forms.office.com/e/7ac7qHLPhc>

Worry Workshop - <https://forms.office.com/e/YR5MeEwtEF>

Resilience Workshop - <https://forms.office.com/e/TE2UmBZrHK>



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## Nursery & Foundation Team

The Nursery children have been talking about different celebrations and their own experiences this week, including bonfire night. We have been using our creative skills to create firework paintings and exploring how colours change when they mix together. The Starfish and Tiddler's have also been persevering to build rockets out of recycled materials and working as a team to achieve a goal. The children have been noticing the Autumnal changes in our nursery garden and have been collecting leaves, pinecones and conkers to use in sensory play activities.



## Year 1/2 Team

In English this week, Year 1 have been learning, exploring, retelling, and sequencing the story of Little Red Riding Hood. We have had lots of fun acting in front of our classes whilst working well as a team and being confident in front of others. Their actions for the wolf were amazing! Please encourage your child to practise retelling the story to you at home - maybe they can teach you some of the actions too!



## Year 3/4 Team

Good afternoon passengers- this is your captain speaking!



This week, Year 3 have been on an exciting adventure, boarding their flight to a time before creation! The children have started their new RE topic, all about what Hindus believe God is like. They started this unit by being issued a ticket to board an aeroplane to before time began- before heaven, Earth and space- just nothing. They looked at how Hindus believe the universe was created and how the skies, land and seas came to be. Luckily, there was no turbulence on board Parc Eglos Airlines and all children landed back in their classrooms safely.

We are very much looking forward to seeing how the rest of the unit unfolds and what other adventures await.

## Year 5/6 Team

Year 6 have been enjoying the chance to take part in drama and role play activities this week, as part of immersing themselves in the story we are learning for our 'Suspense Writing' unit. They have taken part in all these activities with great enthusiasm and thoughtfulness. We are also very impressed with the children in Year 6 who are completing their reading homework - reading five times (or 60 pages) every week. We appreciate that this might not always be easy for them - with lots of hobbies and busy lives - but we appreciate their diligence and know that it will make a HUGE difference to their learning across the whole curriculum (both now and in secondary school). On a final note, the children in Holywell had their first swimming session at the Leisure Centre on Tuesday. The centre staff were hugely impressed with their engagement and fabulous behaviour. Everyone left the pool with an enormous smile on their faces - even children who had been a little nervous to begin with.





# Sports at Parc Eglos

## Sporting news

### High 5 Tournament

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November, Mrs Hayden and Mrs Mitchell accompanied the Year 6 High 5 netball team to their first tournament at Helston Community College. They played three teams from Godolphin School and quickly found their feet on the full sized court. In Round 1 Parc Eglos were victorious against Godolphin C team 8 - 0 with goals scored by Alfie, Harry and Jacob. In Round 2 they won against Godolphin B team 5 - 0 with goals scored by Alfie. At this point Godolphin A and Parc Eglos had both won 2 matches a piece. At the half time whistle, the score was a nail-biting 2-1 to Parc Eglos. Each team stepped up their performance, and after a final rotation of positions, we went on to win the game 4 - 1 with goals scored by Allana, Alfie and Jacob.



Medals were graciously received from Mrs Ayotte. The team have qualified for the Netball Finals which will take place at Penryn later in the month. Congratulations to you all! Any children in Years 5 or 6 who are interested in learning to play High 5 netball are welcome to join Mrs Hayden's Netball Club after school each Thursday. Please contact the office for details.

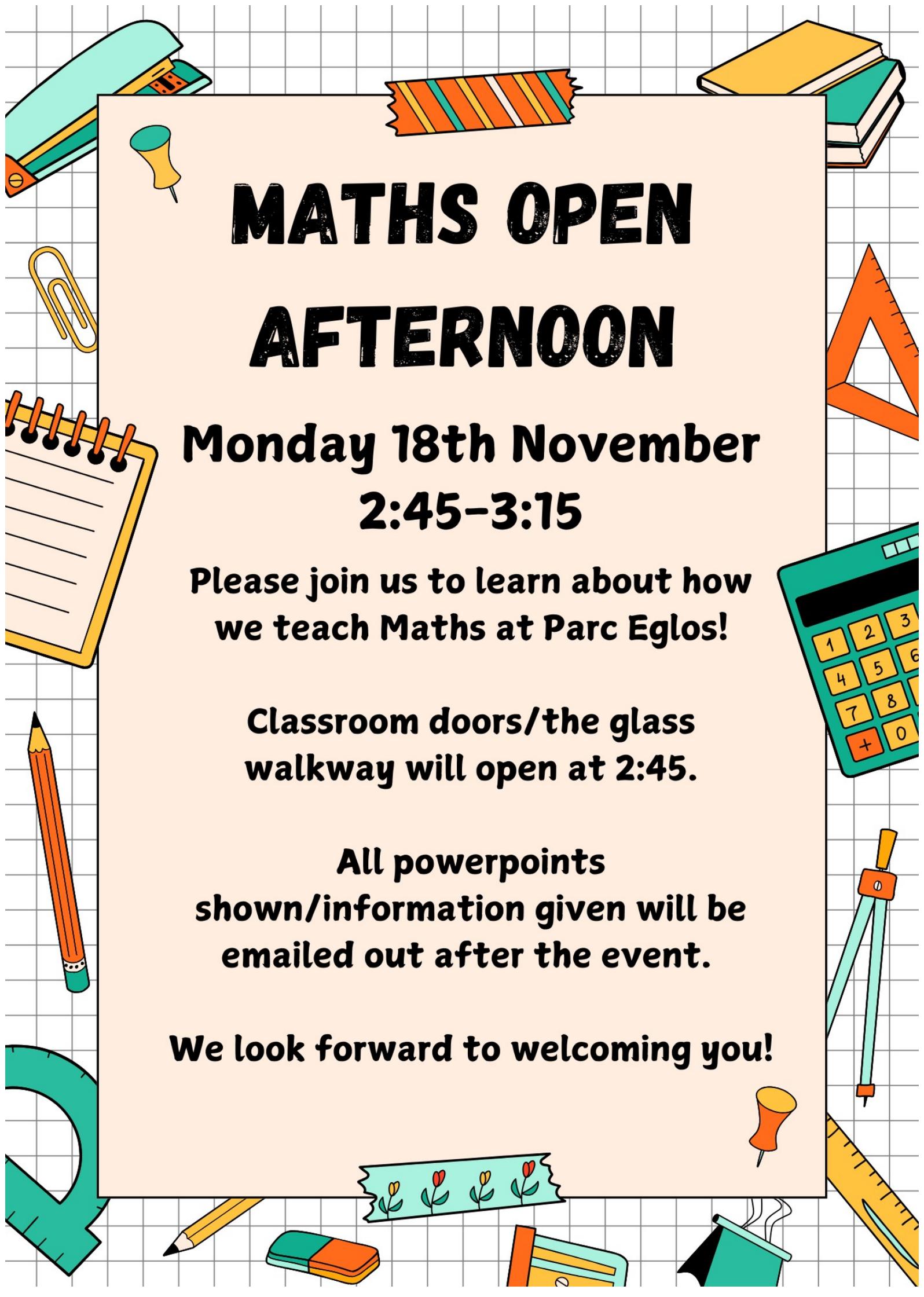
### Cross Country

This week our amazing children took part in the third Cross Country Race of the season at Helston North site on a wet and cold evening! I am so proud of the runners; they have really shown their resilience and represent our school so well. We had some fantastic individual performances again with some of our children finishing in the top three but the whole team ran with enthusiasm and determination. The next race will be in the New Year and I hope to see even more children running.



### Remembrance Parade Sunday 10th November

If you would like to take part in this years remembrance parade on Sunday please meet Mrs Monks in the Trengrouse Way Extension Car Park no later than 10.15am (Please note road closures throughout the town will be in place from 1000). The Parade Master will coordinate Standard Bearers and form up the rest of the Parade, ready to step off at approx. 1030. The Parade will then make its way to the Grylls Monument where the Service will commence. Please can we ask that children attend in school uniform. Many thanks.



# **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 iPADS

Apple debuted the first iPad in 2010, kickstarting the tablet market, and it remains the best-selling tablet to this day. Although Apple doesn't offer a child-specific version, iPads are hugely popular with youngsters due to their ease of use and endless choice of apps. There's a selection of models, with different-sized screens and distinct features – including the standard iPad; the iPad Air; the iPad Pro; and the iPad mini. Thankfully, they all offer parental controls so you can regulate how your child uses the device ... and how long they spend on it.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### PHYSICAL DAMAGE

While some tablets (such as the Amazon Fire Kids editions) come with rugged shock-proof cases, iPads aren't built for rough and tumble. They're also more expensive than most other tablets, and any damage your child's iPad suffers could be costly to repair. Buying a child-friendly case and screen protector for the device could be a wise move, especially if it's being used by younger ones.

### SCREEN ADDICTION

Like most digital devices, tablets have the potential to become quite addictive. You might find your child spending too long staring at their iPad, which could lead to irritability, mood swings and a loss of interest in more important tasks. If this happens, be sure to visit the built-in screen time settings and ensure you limit how long they're able to spend on the device each day.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

18  
CENSORED

Even if it would never occur to your child to go searching online for age-inappropriate sites, apps or information, there's always a possibility that something unexpected – perhaps a video that auto-plays or content incorrectly suggested by an algorithm – could appear on their tablet and upset them. You can help prevent this by adjusting the content settings (see our 'top tips' section below).

### SIRI SUGGESTIONS

The parental controls built into iOS (the fundamental operating system of Apple devices) enable you to block access to most age-inappropriate content – but your child could potentially still bypass these restrictions (either accidentally or deliberately) by using Siri, Apple's voice-activated digital assistant. To avoid this, toggle the 'Ask Siri' functions to 'off' in the iPad's settings menu.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Before letting little ones loose on an iPad, it's a good idea to set up Family Sharing, as this lets you utilise the parental controls to manage exactly how your child is able to use the device. You can do this fairly easily by going into the iPad's settings; once there, you'll be able to add an existing Apple account (if your child already has one) or set one up from scratch.

### APPLY SOME LIMITS

The 'Downtime' function allows you to tell the iPad to lock itself at certain periods (at mealtimes or before bed, for instance), while 'App Limits' removes access to certain apps once they've been used for a specified length of time each day. The iPad can display a reminder when these limits have nearly been reached, letting your child mentally prepare for the end of their gaming or viewing time.

### STOP ACCIDENTAL SPENDING

To empower your child with an increased sense of freedom on their device (without giving yourself something else to worry about in the process) you could enable the iPad's 'Ask to Buy' feature. Whenever your child tries to download or buy an app, game or product, the iPad sends you a request to approve (or deny!) it. This option only becomes available if you've set up Family Sharing.

### SET CONTENT AND PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS

The parental controls can stop the iPad from displaying explicit or age-inappropriate content (in apps like iTunes and Safari, for instance) when your child is signed into their account. You'll also be able to restrict the capacity to download and install apps, and you can specify permissions which prevent children from changing the iPad's privacy settings once you've selected them.

### TRACK IT DOWN

Just like the iPhone, Apple's iPads have 'Find My' software to help you locate your child's iPad – or indeed, any linked Apple devices that have gone AWOL, including phones, watches and AirPods. If you enable 'Find My' in the settings menu, it will display the last known location of an iPad that's been mislaid, as well as giving you the option to lock a missing iPad that you suspect has been stolen.

## Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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# NEARLY NEW *toy sale*



WEDNESDAY  
20TH  
NOVEMBER  
3.15-4.00PM



## Donations please!

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

(MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW)



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

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



£3

Starfish,  
Foundation & KS1

# 20 is plenty!

Children who read for  
20 minutes a day...

Will have a world of  
imagination & creativity  
opened to them

Will have better  
general knowledge

Will be exposed to 1.8  
million words a year

Will improve critical  
thinking skills

Will improve their  
communication skills

Will have a broad  
vocabulary

Will have reduced  
stress levels

Will learn how to  
develop empathy

Will improve their test  
results

100%