



The Pen

Parc Eglos News

Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome back to school - I hope that you were able to spend some time with your loved ones over the holiday period.

Feedback

Thank you to those of you who were able to complete the parental feedback questionnaires. It is great to know that so many of our children are happy and settled in school. It is also extremely useful to receive feedback on what we need to continue to improve.

Our post OFSTED action plan has been moving swiftly, with actions this year to date including:

- The employment of a full time substantive headteacher and deputy headteacher.
- The establishment of updated values and visions shared with parents on January 31st 2025
- The introduction of a Positive Relationship Policy, following the Paul Dix - When the Adults Change Programme shared with parents on March 14th 2025
- The introduction of our new school rules - Ready, Respectful, Safe shared with parents March 14th 2025
- The introduction of a new phonics scheme, supported by Kernow English Hub
- The development of our maths curriculum - supported by Cornwall Maths Hub
- The introduction of mid-term reports to ensure that parents know their child's academic attainment throughout the year
- Adaptations to classroom environments to reduce cognitive load
- The use of Arbor to allow for more efficient sharing of information and pupil data
- 6 weekly attendance monitoring to support children's attendance at school
- Re-opening of the school field post remedial works
- A decision and planned action on the school swimming pool (shared with parents on the 22.4.25)
- New toilets for Years 2/3/4 children.
- New playground equipment for our nursery children
- Funding applied for new playground equipment for our KS1 and KS 2 children
- HMS Heroes events inc the upcoming Pizza with Pals and raising awareness of the Month of the Military Child.
- The selection of new curriculum resources for History, Geography and Science - training in place for a September start.
- The implementation of a new reading strategy for whole class reading - to inspire a love of reading (on-going)
- The introduction of The Pen.
- New celebration of achievement strategy including Post Cards Home, and Golden Key certificates

I know that we still have much to do and your feedback outlines a number of areas which we will double-down upon. Parc Eglos is in a period of change, thank you for supporting us on this journey.

As ever, please do pop in and see me, or catch me on the gate if you have any concerns or questions , Kind regards, Mrs Sanderson



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Staffing Update

Welcome Mrs O'Kane

Mrs Helen O'Kane joins us as substantive Deputy Headteacher this term. We are delighted to welcome Mrs O'Kane, who brings with her a wealth of primary experience, having been the head of Nancladra School - Penzance. She is also a Literacy Lead, working with the Kernow English Hub. Please note, Miss Morris-Marsham will remain with us at school as Assistant Head Teacher.

Mrs Hall and Mrs Humphrey

We are sorry to be saying goodbye to Mrs Humphrey, who has been teaching Year 4 Coverack Class for a term - her positive and happy nature will be missed at school. We wish her all the very best, as she moves to Kehelland School next week. We are also sorry to be saying goodbye to Mrs Hall, who has been working in Year 4 this year. Mrs Hall supports learning in Year 4 and across our school, and we will miss her - but wish her all the very best as she continues to develop her career at Godolphin School

COMMUNICATION AT PARC EGLOS

BY PHONE

Ring 01326 572998 between 8am and 4pm to speak to one of our secretaries or leave a message.

BY EMAIL

Email parceglossecretary@croftymat.org anytime. Queries will be responded to between 8am and 4pm.

ARBOR

All our communications will now come through Arbor. Please download the app and speak to the office if you need assistance.

OUR NEWSLETTER

'The Pen', our weekly round up including a message from Mrs Sanderson, will be sent directly to you and uploaded to our website.

OUR WEBSITE

Our website contains all our statutory information as well as useful information about the school.

Calendar

Additions in white

- 29.04.25 - Cross Country Race 5**
- 30.4.25—Year 1 parents Phonics Screening
Check information afternoon 2:45—3:15
- 01.05.25 - 7.30pm PTA Meeting Inn and Still
- 08.05.25 - Flora Day
- 13.05.25 - Cross Country Race 6 **
- 16.05.25 - Y5 HCC Roadshow Presentation
- 19.05.25 - Break the Rules Day **
- 20.05.25 - Foundation Vision Screening
- 21.05.25 - 23.05.25 - Year 4 BF Adventure
- 2.6.25 - 4.6.25 - Year 6 Barton Hall
- 4.6.25 - 3.15pm Y5 Porthpean Trip Meeting
- 20.06.25 - Summer Fayre **
- 2.7.25 - 4.7.25 - Year 5 Porthpean Trip
- 11.07.25 - PTA Sponsored Event **

* More information sent separately via email
** More information to follow

Team Points!

Davy

835

Trevithick

685

Kingsley

866

Trengrouse

694

Contact us!



If you need to get in contact with someone at school, please either ring 01326 572998 or email

parceglossecretary@croftymat.org

Please be aware that the office is staffed from

THE GOLDEN KEY AWARD

Proudly presented to

| | | | |
|--------------|------------------------|-------------|--|
| YR Poldhu | The Whole Class | Y3 Crantock | Noah and Jonathan |
| YR Gunwalloe | Arthur and Elio | Y4 Coverack | The Whole Class |
| Y1 Rinsey | Alfie-James and Bailey | Y4 Gwithian | Scarlett and Florence |
| Y1 Godrevy | Chloe and Elsie-Mae | Y5 Sennen | The Whole class for a great Eden Trip! |
| Y2 Maenporth | Macie and Oliver | Y5 Zennor | The Whole class for a great Eden Trip! |
| Y2 Swanpool | Bailey and Ellie | Y6 Fistral | Nellie and George |
| Y3 Portreath | Harvey and Jayden | Y6 Holywell | Amy and Rex |

Boomerang Booking links

| | Breakfast Club | After School Club |
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| Week Commencing 5th May | https://forms.gle/21T4cmuyE5kVPjgr8 | https://forms.gle/M4PQNY9jVS5A6Xrt8 |
| Week Commencing 12th May | https://forms.gle/vgCF8wHU+VymBtTP6 | https://forms.gle/4hwDGzhtVrFNGHjr7 |
| Week Commencing 19th May | https://forms.gle/U9TcMoVtJi9JfNSg8 | https://forms.gle/DTUVazRncw5wCQxa8 |

Little Princess Trust

Maisie in year 3 is fundraising for the little princess trust by having her hair cut on 3rd May.



If anyone is able to make a contribution towards this fantastic fundraiser any donations would be very welcome.

Please see link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/maisie-rose-hammond?>

Decoration of the Guildhall for

Flora Day

If any families are able to help with collection of Bluebells for decorating The Guildhall for Flora Day, Helston Town Council would be very grateful.

Please drop any Bluebells to the Guildhall by the morning of Wednesday 7th May.

Your assistance will be very much appreciated to help make the focal point of Helston look at its best on what is such a great day for Helston.



Nursery & Foundation Team

The children have settled back into our school routines well.

They have really impressed us this week, using their imagination to create their own stories and games. It has been a real joy to spend time together chatting and sharing ideas. The girls and boys have also worked hard to use their phonic knowledge to write their own sentences.

Thank you so much for your super effort.

Year 1/2 Team

Year 1 has kicked off the summer term with a wonderful burst of learning! From brilliant writing and exciting maths to fascinating topic work, our classrooms have been buzzing with creativity and curiosity.

A special focus this term is phonics, as we prepare for the Phonics Screening Check in June. Keep up the amazing reading at home, and don't forget to watch the virtual classroom videos—they're a great way to reinforce learning.

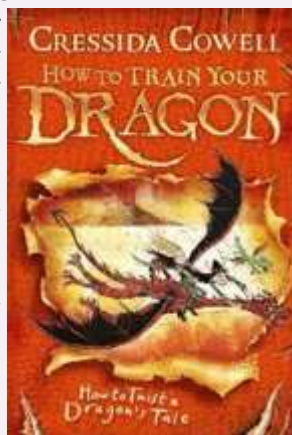
Parents, we'd love to see you at our **Phonics Screening Parent Talk next Wednesday at 2:45pm.**

It's a great opportunity to support your child's learning journey. See you there!

Happy reading!

Year 3/4 Team

Year 4 have made a fantastic start to the new term and are thoroughly enjoying their new English and reading text, *How to Train Your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell. This engaging and imaginative story has already captured their interest and is providing a rich context for learning. This week in English, the children have been exploring the features and characteristics of dragons through reading and discussion. They have used this knowledge to design and describe their very own unique dragons, demonstrating great imagination and attention to detail. Children will use these creations to write their own dragon-themed adventure story as the term progresses. Watch this space!



Year 5/6 Team



Year 5's Green Adventure at The Eden Project!

This week, our Year 5 children embarked on an exciting journey to The Eden Project, where they explored the fascinating world

of plants and their incredible adaptations. As part of their visit, the children participated in the "Darwin's Doodles" workshop, focusing on evolution, adaptations, and inheritance—through the lens of plants. During the session, the students learned how different plants have evolved unique features to thrive in various environments. They discovered how cacti store water to survive in deserts, how some plants have sticky leaves or flowers to trap insects, and even how certain trees grow tall to reach sunlight in dense forests. The children also investigated the concept of inheritance, learning how traits like flower colours or leaf shapes are passed down from parent plants to their offspring.

A huge thank you to The Eden Project for hosting such a memorable and plant-focused adventure! Our Year 5 pupils left inspired and full of newfound knowledge to share. Well done, Year 5, for being such enthusiastic learners!



Sports at Parc Eglos

Sporting News.....

We would like to say huge congratulations to Ethan in year 3 who signed his 1st contract with Plymouth Academy on Monday 14th April



Year 6 Football Report

Yesterday, the Year 6 footballers took part in the semi-final of the 9 v 9 competition. We have been fortunate to play all of our ties at home (Helston College 3G pitch) this year. Our semi-final opponents travelled from St Agnes and we knew they were going to offer us a stern challenge. Within a few minutes of the start, St Agnes took the lead. Although our attackers, Jack, Milo and George, were making some neat exchanges around the opposition box, they could not find a way through. St Agnes were quick on the counter attack and quickly added a second goal. Our heads did not drop and just before half-time, Jack threaded a lovely ball through to George, who scored. 1–2 at the break. Not long after the second-half whistle, St Agnes scored again. Once again, our players were more determined than ever to find a way back into the match. Rio and Finnley won many of the midfield contests, which was excellent to see. Joe pulled off some excellent saves. The whole team had that never-give-up attitude. Our reward was another goal from George, assisted by Jack. Both teams came close to scoring another goal as the final whistle approached, with Jack having the best opportunity to equalise for Parc Eglos. Sadly, it was not to be. However, it was a great performance and an exciting finish to a good cup run.



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WEEKLY REMINDERS

Letters

Please click the image below for a list of recent communications, or alternatively ring the school office to speak to a member of the team.

[Letters](#)

Online Safety

Please click the image below for advice on keeping your children safe online and on their mobile phones. If you would like any further guidance, please contact the office to make an appointment with a member of staff.

[Online Safety](#)

RWI Phonics

Please click the image below for our dedicated "Phonics practice at home" page, which has now moved to our website!

[Read Write Inc. Phonics](#)



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.

Many thanks, Mrs Sanderson



Hall of Fame Competition

Back by popular demand, the
Maths-Whizz Hall of Fame Competition
returns for Summer term 1, starting
Monday 28 April 2025.

Each Week, when 90% or more of students in a class make it into the Hall of Fame, the class earns a virtual rosette, used as their ticket to enter the grand prize draw.

The competition will run for four weeks, meaning your class has the opportunity to earn four rosettes, giving them more chances to win.

Let's see if Parc Eglos can get into the Hall of Fame and win some prizes for our school??

Top Tips for...

MANAGING SCREEN TIME

According to the latest stats, people aged between 8 and 17 spend four hours on digital devices during an average day. Obviously, a new year is ideal for fresh starts and renewed efforts – so lots of families are trying to cut down their combined screen time right now, creating more moments to connect with each other and relying less on gadgets to have fun. Our top tips on reducing screen time are for everyone, so you can get your whole family involved in turning over a new leaf this year!

BUY MILK

GET OUT AND ABOUT

If the weather's decent, spend some time in the garden or go for a walk. Even a stroll to the local shop would do: the main thing is getting some fresh air and a break from your screen.

TRY A TIMED TRIAL

When you're taking a screen break to do a different activity or a chore, turn it into a game by setting yourself a timer. Can you complete your task before the alarm goes off?

GO DIGITAL DETOX

Challenge yourself and your family to take time off from screens, finding other things to do. You could start off with half a day, then build up to a full day or even an entire weekend.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let your family see you successfully managing your own screen time. You'll be showing them the way, and it might stop some of those grumbles when you do want to go online.

AGREE TECH-FREE ZONES

Nominate some spots at home where devices aren't allowed. Anywhere your family gathers together, like at the table or in the living room, could become a 'no phone zone'.

HOLD A SCREEN TIME AMNESTY

As a family, agree specific windows when it's OK to use devices. This should help everyone to balance time on phones or gaming with enjoying quality moments together.

BE MINDFUL OF TIME

Stay aware of how long you've been on your device for. Controlling how much time you spend in potentially stressful areas of the internet – like social media platforms – can also boost your wellbeing.

'PARK' PHONES OVERNIGHT

Set up an overnight charging station for everyone's devices – preferably away from bedrooms. That means less temptation for late-night scrolling.

SWITCH ON DND

Research shows that micro-distractions like message alerts and push notifications can chip away at our concentration levels. Put devices on 'do not disturb' until you're less busy.

TAKE A FAMILY TECH BREAK

Set aside certain times when the whole family puts their gadgets away and enjoys an activity together: playing a board game, going for a walk or just having a chat.

SOCIALISE WITHOUT SCREENS

When you're with friends, try not to automatically involve phones, TVs or other tech. Having company can be loads more fun if your attention isn't being split.

WIND DOWN PROPERLY

Try staying off phones, consoles, tablets and so on just before you go to sleep. Reading or just getting comfy in bed for a while can give you a much more restful night.



Meet Our Expert

Minda Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



DEVICE BOX



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

Helston School Jazz Orchestra

Presents the

SPRING CONCERT

2025



With guest performers the

FASTR@CK Big Band

Bar and pasties

Tickets £7.50 on the
door or

to book a table call

07875 223032

Friday 16th May

7.00pm

South Site Hall