

MOUSEHOLE NEWS

Friday 10th May 2024



Dyth Da Parents and Carers,

Year 6 SAT's will be next week from Monday to Thursday. Please can you ensure that the children get lots of rest this weekend and arrive promptly at 8.30am. There will be a breakfast provided for them and time to relax and socialise with their friends. We are very proud of how the children have prepared themselves both academically and emotionally-Good luck to you all you will be fab!!

The Year 3/4 football team played against Gulval on Tuesday at Mounts Bay school. They showed great resilience and determination against a strong team and lost 3:1. Well done to the whole team and Sonny for scoring the goal. Keep up the good sportsmanship.

Reverend Ralph paid us a visit on Wednesday in our assembly. He taught us a new song about Rolling Along which they learnt quickly and enjoyed making up new actions to remember it. Some of the children acted out a short story in front of the school about travelling alongside Jesus and sharing the bread with him as part of the Easter story.

We have sadly had some damage to our school community poly tunnel over the past couple of weeks. Mr Ansell has managed to repair it as best he can. But we ask that you remind the children and any older siblings that it is school property and needs to be looked after and respected. We are very lucky to have such a lovely field and we need to look after it.

As many of you may have noticed our playground is looking a bit sorry for itself. This was due to the fact that we were awaiting the culvert works taking place over the summer holidays which would have been happening across the playground. This has now been put on hold so I am working with FROMS and the school council to invest in some new toys, playground markings and flowers for our flowerbeds to make it a bit more inviting and interactive for the children.

A polite reminder can you leave the school premises after school and not play on the school apparatus or take out the equipment.

Please can you ensure your child has a sunhat, suncream and a water bottle in school now the sunshine has finally arrived!





Hope you enjoy the weekend and we look forward to seeing you for a 8.45am start on Monday morning.

Sarah Trow



WHOLE
SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE
89.4%

Stars of the week

 <p>Dinghy Class</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rupert - Ivy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For making a super start to your school days. Great stuff! - For your super positive attitude in all that you do-keep it up!
 <p>Skiff Class</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Caleb M 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For his fantastic interest in our dinosaur topic and all the brilliant facts he knows!
 <p>Lugger Class</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Esme - Allora 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For her fab maths working on tenths and hundredths-keep it up! -For her amazing resilience and perseverance with all that she does, despite having a broken arm.
 <p>Schooner Class</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Heath 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For his conscientious approach to all his learning.



Marvellous Mouse Of The Week



Leo

For growing in confidence and have a lovely cheeky smile!

HOUSE POINTS:



PORTHCHAPEL: 223

GWYNVER: 176

SENNEN: 190

PRAA SANDS:187

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Summer Term:

Yr 1 Swimming Friday 19.4.24- 24.6.24

Year 6 SAT's week w/b 13.5.24- 16.5.24

Lugger Parent Lunch 17.5.24

Skiff trip to Paradise Park 20.5.24

Lugger Cake stall 24.5.24

Half Term w/b 27.5.24

Sports Day 5.6.24 (Changes to dates)

Back up Sports day 26.6.24 (Changes to dates)

Yr 2 Swimming Friday 7.6.24- 5.7.24

Mazey Parade 29.6.24

Humphry Davy Yr 6 Transition Day 2.7.24

Schooners Parent Lunch 5.7.24

Schooners Cake Stall 5.7.24

Operation Kernow Practice (Lugger Class) at The Minack Theatre 15.7.24

"Gruel" School Production 11.7.24 1pm/6pm

"Gruel" School Production 12.7.24 1pm

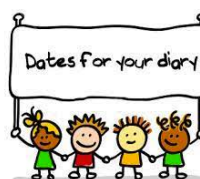
Operation Kernow Concert (Lugger Class) at The Minack Theatre 15.7.24

Lugger brass assembly for parents 18.7.24 9.15am

Year 6 Leavers Assembly 23.7.24 2pm

End of term 23.7.24

INSET DAY 24.7.24 SCHOOL CLOSED



SATURDAY 11TH MAY 6:45 - 9:15PM

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A documentary about the fight to protect
our rivers- the Bristol way



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Online Safety Newsletter

May 2024

Smartphone Free Childhood

Smartphone Free Childhood is a parent-led movement whose mission is to protect children from the dangers of using smartphones too young.

The premise behind this movement is that all parents/carers of a class all agree not to give their children smartphones (therefore the level of peer pressure is reduced) for a set time or until a specific age. Are you ready to join? Find out more here: <https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk>

You may feel your child does need a phone, particularly if they are walking home by themselves but there are alternatives to the smartphone, including a watch, which are listed here: <https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/alternatives>

If your child already has a smartphone then Internet Matters have a section on their website with advice on smartphone safety: <https://www.internetmatters.org/set-upsafe/>



Is being online affecting our child's mental health?

There are many positives to being online, but we do need to be aware of the negative aspects including those that may impact our child's mental health and wellbeing, for example:

- **Social media** (spending too much time on social media, comparing ourselves to others, filtered images and desire to achieve likes).
- **Cyberbullying**
- **Seeing inappropriate content**
- **Constantly connected/information overload**
- **Excessive screentime**
- **Negative impact on our sleep**



Further information

- Childnet discusses digital wellbeing in more detail and includes top tips and conversation starters: <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/digital-wellbeing/>
- The NSPCC provides further information about mental health including signs to look out for and how to get further support: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/childrens-mental-health/depression-anxiety-mental-health/>

WhatsApp Group warning

Whilst WhatsApp has an age rating of 13+ (recently lowered from 16), a BBC investigation has found that children as young as nine have been added to WhatsApp groups and seen inappropriate content. If your child is using WhatsApp, check their group settings as by default, group privacy settings are set to 'everyone,' which means anybody can add your child to a group without their approval. You can change this setting to 'My Contacts' so only contacts can add them to groups without their approval and if somebody who is not a contact wants to add them to a group then they will need to send them an invite.

You should talk to your child about the risks of joining groups and show them how to use the reporting/blocking tools. You can find out more about the BBC investigation here:

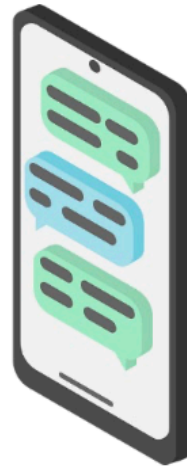
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cy0l4z8n1p9o>

Digital Addiction

Are you worried that your child is addicted to being online/on their device? Recent research from Ofcom reported that “34% of parents of children aged 3-4 said it was hard to control it, rising to half (49%) of parents of children aged 16-17.”* Bark have produced a blog which discusses what addiction is, how to recognise the signs and examples of what digital addiction can look like. You can find the blog here:
<https://www.bark.us/blog/digital-addictions/>

[*source:

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/research-and-data/media-literacy-research/childrens/children-and-parents-media-use-and-attitudes-report-2024> accessed 24.4.24]



Online Gaming Safety Tips: For parents/carers of neurodivergent young people

Internet Matters have published guidance outlining the benefits and risks of online gaming and how you can support your neurodivergent child. You can read the guide here:

<https://www.flipsnack.com/internetmattersorg/guidance-for-parents-of-neurodivergent-gamers-internet-matters/full-view.html>

Misinformation online

There is a lot of information online that is incorrect/fake or misleading and it can sometimes be difficult for adults to distinguish between what is true and what is fake, never mind for younger people. We need to develop digital literacy skills in our children by encouraging them to think critically about what they read online and to fact check. Both the BBC and Channel 4 have fact checking areas on their websites:

- https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/reality_check
- <https://www.channel4.com/news/factcheck/>

One way to start the conversation would be to play a game such as ‘Can you spot the signs of fake news?’ from the BBC:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zwfm8hv>

Further information

- <https://saferinternet.org.uk/online-issue/misinformation>



Encountering violent online content starts at primary school.

New research commissioned by Ofcom reported that “all children who took part in the research came across violent content online, mostly via social media, video-sharing and messaging sites and apps. Many tell us this is before they have reached the minimum age requirement to use these services.”

You can read more about Ofcom’s findings here:

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/news-centre/2024/encountering-violent-online-content-starts-at-primary-school>

Talking about online toxicity

Vodafone have published an article highlighting research which shows that “69% of preadolescent boys have encountered misogynistic content online”. This article discusses how to approach this issue with your child and what to do if they start repeating negative views seen online.

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/newscentre/smart-living/digital-parenting/how-to-talk-to-your-teenage-sons-about-online-toxicity/>

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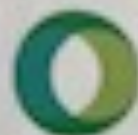
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