

MOUSEHOLE NEWS

Friday 8th March 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, what a wonderful fun packed week at Mousehole School. The children have had variety of lovely experiences that hopefully will stay with them in years to come!

Congratulations to our Youth Speaks Team (Otto, Ella and Peter) who took part in the district final on Saturday in Tavistock. They competed against 10 other schools from across Cornwall and Devon. We were runners up-an amazing achievement and we are all very proud of their success!

Monday evening at St Johns Hall Luggar children joined over a hundred other children to sing beautiful Cornish songs to a large audience at the St Piran Concert. They sang with joy and enthusiasm and it was delight to listen to.

Tuesday saw Schooner Class and our school band taking part in the St Piran Parade. We were blessed with lovely weather. The children danced enthusiastically around the town and the band played beautifully throughout as well as in the band stand in Morrab Gardens, representing Mousehole School perfectly!

Yr 4 had a super time at forest skills this week learning knife skills with Mr Ansell to whittle sticks.

The girls football team played against St Erth on Tuesday evening. It was a very close match and the girls thought they had scored off the post but it bounced just out of the goal line! The final score was 0-0. Well done again to the girls for the great teamwork and enthusiasm.

Wednesday morning we welcomed the 'Open the book' team and the children were really brave and spoke confidently, delivering an assembly to the whole school on the theme of the Creation story.

On Wednesday afternoon we had fun as a whole school planting trees in the new Community Orchard at Paul Cholera field. Fortunately, the rain held off for most of the afternoon! A huge thank you to Rev Andrew Yates and the Paul Church community that organised both these activities with Mr Ansell and Ms St Pierre.

World Book Day was a huge success with all the children and teachers dressed up as a variety of book characters, they looked fabulous! We welcomed the author and polar explorer Dr Huw Lewis Jones in the afternoon. He shared an engaging and exciting assembly about bears and poop related to his book "Do Bears Poop in the Woods?" There was lots of laughter and many facts learnt. A huge thank you to Huw who took the time to share his wonderful experiences with us.

Hope you have a peaceful weekend and enjoy Mothering Sunday and we look forward to seeing you at 8.45am on Monday.

Sarah Trow



WHOLE
SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE:
97%

Stars of the week

Dinghy Class	- Owen	- For your super phonic, super reading and being a superstar! Well done Owen.
Skiff Class	- Luna	- For being a brilliant friend and wonderful member of Skiff class always trying her hardest with a smile!
	-Sienna	- For working hard on her handwriting and presentation in all her work.
Lugger Class	- Esme	- Wow Esme! You have wowed us with your super dizzy maths! You are always kind, helpful and caring of other. Well done.
	- Bethannie	- You really impressed us this week showing great empathy and care for your friends. You showed excellent sportsmanship.
Schooner Class	- Henry	- For being kind and supportive to others on our Schooner trip to London.
	- Bella	- For rising to the challenge of Year 6 with confidence.
	- William	- For being methodical with his maths and leading the St Piran Parade.

Marvellous Mouse Of The Week



Eli

Blowing us away with how confident you are becoming!

HOUSE POINTS:



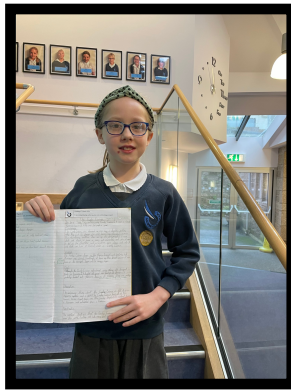
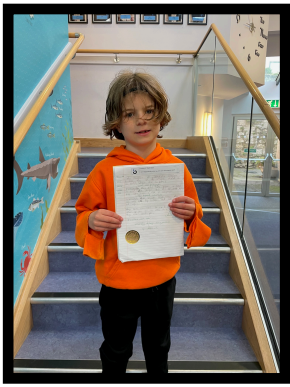
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Fantastic non chronological report writing happening in Luggar Class this week with Caleb and Iona achieving well deserved Headteacher awards.

Congratulations to Otto, Ella and Peter for coming runners up in the district Youth Speaks Competition at the weekend-an amazing achievement!



The children represented the school beautifully at the St Pirans Concert and St Pirans Parade- singing, dancing and playing in the band! They all had a wonderful time and joined in with great enthusiasm!





The children help plant fruit trees at Paul Garden with the local community-they had great fun despite the weather!



The Open The Book Team worked with Dinghy Class and produced a lovely assembly about The Creation-well done to you all for your participation and confidence.



Well done girls for your 0-0 draw with St Erth this week- Great team work and enthusiasm-keep it up!



Year 4 had a great time learning how to whittle sticks in forest schools this week.



We had a wonderful turn out for World Book Day-it was lovely to see the range and joy the children displayed taking part.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Spring Term:

Wed 27th March Tempest Group Photos-changed date

Tue 12th March Athletics

Wed 13th March-Yr 6 Swimming Gala

Fri 15th March Comic Relief Red Nose Day

Tues 19th-Wed 20th March Luggar Camp

Fri 22nd March Skiff Parent/Grandparent Lunch

Tues 26th March Songfest

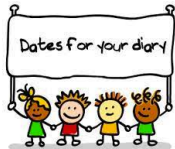
Thurs 28th March Last day of clubs

Last Day of Term- Thurs 28th March- Easter Egg Raffle

2023-2024 INSET Days:

Wednesday 24th July 2024

We welcomed the author and polar explorer Dr Huw Lewis Jones who shared a wonderfully engaging assembly about his book "Do Bears Poop in the Woods?" He was impressed with the amount of the knowledge the children had about bears and poop! The children pipped the teachers to the post in the final quiz!!





CALLING ALL JUNIOR CRICKETERS

DO YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN CRICKET? THEN WHY NOT GIVE IT A GO? JOIN AS AT HUMPHRY DAVY SCHOOL ON TUESDAY

EVENINGS FROM 6PM UNTIL 7.

OPEN AND FREE TO ALL FROM THE AGE OF 8 UP

NO EXPERIENCE OR KIT NECESSARY!

CALL 01736 362960 OR EMAIL PENZANCECRICKETCLUB@GMAIL.

The Great Cornish Model Show



A Celebration of modelmaking talent in Cornwall

Pool Academy, Church Road, Pool TR15 3PZ

Sat. & Sun. April 13 & 14 2024

Free parking, easy access, refreshments & hot food

15 model railways plus displays of boats, aircraft,

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Sleep Wise

A WORKSHOP FOR TIRED FAMILIES
presented by the Cornwall Mental Health Support Team

Sleep Wise – a short presentation by Hunrosa Sleep Consultants to help parents with sleep strategies for young people and families..



Tuesday 12th March 2024
10:00 - 11:30 am
Book [HERE](#)

OR



Wednesday 13th March 2024
16:30 - 18:00 pm
Book [HERE](#)



Mental Health Support Team (MHST)



Managing Screen time from Internet Matters

Are you worried your child has too much screentime or would like more advice on how to support your child in managing their screen time? Internet Matters have a wealth of information on their website to help support you.

This first link discusses how to get the most out of screen time and how to talk to your child about screen time based on their age:

- <https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/screen-time/protect-your-child>

This second link provides advice on how to tackle too much screen time and what the signs of too much screen time might be:

- <https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/screen-time/deal-with-it/>

This final link provides a guide on how to balance screen time:

- <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/creating-a-balanced-digital-diet-with-screen-time-tips/>



Fortnite Battle Royale

Fortnite Battle Royale is rated PEGI 12 because it features moderate violence which means it is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age.

It is important to remember that when rating games, PEGI do not take into consideration the communication features of a game. Fortnite does include a chat facility, which adds further risks.



What is Fortnite?

There are different versions of Fortnite, including Battle Royale, which is free to play (although in-app purchases are available). In Battle Royale up to one hundred players compete against each other.

What do I need to be aware of?

- **Chatting to strangers and inappropriate language:** Fortnite contains voice and text chat. Due to the nature of the game, your child may be chatting to strangers and may hear inappropriate language. Ensure your child knows how to report players for any inappropriate behaviour.
- **In app purchases:** All users can purchase V-Bucks directly through the game so make sure you don't store your card details within the game/device and restrict purchases.

Parental Controls

Fortnite includes several parental controls to help you make it a safer environment for your child including disabling voice chat, filtering language and setting privacy settings. **Also, remember to set up age-appropriate parental controls on the device your child is playing on.**

Further information

Virgin Media outline how to set up the different parental controls available: <https://www.virginmedia.com/blog/parental-controls/gaming-fortnite>

Does your child need a mobile phone?

If you are thinking about giving your child their own phone, then you might find this article from Family Lives useful as it discusses things you need to consider:

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/advice/primary/health-and-development/does-your-child-need-a-mobile-phone>

Instagram

You will probably know that Instagram is used to post photos and videos, but did you know that it can also be used to message, voice/video call and send disappearing messages? Users can also upload to 'Stories' (which disappear after 24 hours), broadcast live and upload reels (short videos).

You must be over 13 years of age to set up an account. To create an account, you must enter a date of birth (but it is not verified). *When you set up an account for users under 16 years old, the account is set to Private. This is the recommended setting so that your child approves who follows them and sees their content.* Even if your child's profile is private, their bio (at the top of their profile) can still be seen by **everyone**. Check they have not included personal information here e.g. they should not be wearing their school uniform in their photo.

Instagram includes several privacy settings, so go through these with your child and ensure they are set appropriately. Settings include:

- Messages/Group chats – set who can message you/add you to groups.
- Story replies – you can turn this off or choose who can message you.
- Hidden words – turn this option on to hide comments/messages that may be offensive. You can also add your own custom words or emojis.

Make sure your child understands that there is a risk that content they upload can be shared with others without their permission as other users can screenshot it.

Supervision

You can set up supervision on your child's (aged 13-17) Instagram account. This gives you access to a set of tools including the ability to see who they follow/who follows them, how much time they are spending on Instagram, set a time limit and view accounts your child has blocked. Your child can also share when they have reported anything to Instagram with you. Learn more here: <https://help.instagram.com/658522825492278>

Safety Features

Ensure your child knows how to report posts and people, how to unfollow and block people, delete and turn off comments. View here: <https://help.instagram.com/269765046710559>

Quiet mode

Your child can activate quiet mode, so they do not receive notifications (to provide less distraction whilst studying and at night time).

How can I keep my child safe on Instagram?

The NSPCC have published a blog with everything that you need to know: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/keeping-children-safe-on-instagram/>

More information

- Visit the family centre to learn more about the features available: <https://familycenter.instagram.com/>
- Download a parent's guide to Instagram: <https://help.instagram.com/299484113584685>

Do you need help managing your child's device?

You can use Google Family Link or Apple Family Sharing to help you depending on your child's device.

Google Family Link

This is a parental control app from Google that lets you:

- See activity reports showing how long they spend on each app.
- Approve or block new app downloads.
- Set screen time limits.
- Find their location (using their device).

You will need to download an app and then decide appropriate settings.

<https://families.google.com/familylink>

Apple Family Sharing

You can set up Family Sharing in the settings of your device. Family Sharing allows you to:

- Share Apple subscriptions.
- Share purchases from the App Store.
- Approve what children purchase/download.
- Limit screen time.
- Share locations and find devices.

<https://www.apple.com/uk/family-sharing/>

Monitoring Apps (paid for)

In addition, there are apps that you can pay for that you may find provides a better solution for you. Whilst we cannot recommend a specific product, these are some examples that you could review and test using a free trial:

- Norton Family: <https://uk.norton.com/products/norton-family>
- Qustodio: <https://www.qustodio.com/en/>
- Family Time: <https://familytime.io/>

