

MOUSEHOLE NEWS

Friday 14th February 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

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It was lovely to round off the half term with our Valentines Disco. Thank you to FROMS for organising and the staff for helping to run it. The children danced their socks off and had an amazing time!

An amazing well done to Ava, Elizabeth and Alina for representing us in the Rotary Youth Speaks Competition this week. They showed great courage and resilience in delivering each of their roles in their team speech " Do we have proper seasons in the uk?" We are very proud of your performance and putting yourself out of your comfort zone-true role models!

The High 5 team demonstrated great determination and teamwork to prevent Bodriggy from scoring more goals. It was a very close game in the end with Bodriggy winning 1-0. We are showing great improvement each time-keep it up!

Girls football team played Trythall in the freezing cold on Tuesday. There were several shots at the goal from Coco and Uma but despite all their effort the score was 0-0. Well done girls a great job and keep practicing shots at goal!

On Thursday several children from Schooner went to represent us at The Penzance Schools Symposium. They listened to several speakers from The Wildlife Trust and Surfers Against Sewage. They had to deliver a proposal to the Mayor for him to share with Cornwall Council. Our children would like to see more sustainable fruit and vegetables being grown in our poly tunnel to use in our hot school meals. The children were excellent ambassadors for Mousehole School.

Hope you have a wonderful half term and manage to get some rest. we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 24th February.

Best wishes

Sarah Trow

Stars of the week

Skiff Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Margot - Cian 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -For her brilliant report writing on the seasons. -For his engagement with the recorder session and knowledge about being safe on the internet.
Lugger Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yael - Allora - Milo -Jordan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -What a fantastic diary entry, you have used fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases to make your writing exciting! Well done. -You have been working hard in maths pushing yourself to achieve! You are growing in self belief and it is showing in your work. Keep it up! -What fab enthusiasm in our French lessons and also working hard all week, editing and improving your wonderful diary entry. Well Done! -For fantastic concentration in art and design creating an Egyptian scroll in the style of an ancient civilisation in our topic. Well done!
Schooner Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alina - Elizabeth - Ava - Lilah - Jude 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Well done for facing your fears and speaking so clearly at the Youth Speaks Competition. Also, I am so impressed with your desire to improve in all areas of your learning. - Well done for having the confidence to present the Youth Speaks Competition. Also, well done for showing great commitment and enthusiasm in your school work. -Well done for having the confidence to present a clear and articulate speech at the Youth Speaks Competition and showing real courage and perseverance. -Well done for working so hard in maths this week. Your willingness to give new sports a go has also been noticed. You show commitment at football and worked really well with your partner Jude in dance. -Well done for overcoming your reluctance and uncertainty about performing a dance in PE. You worked really sensibly and thoughtfully with Lilah as your partner. Your finished piece looked ace!



HOUSE POINTS:



PORTHCHAPEL:99

GWYNVER:58

SENNEN:105

PRAA SANDS:101



WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

92.8%

SKIFF-98%

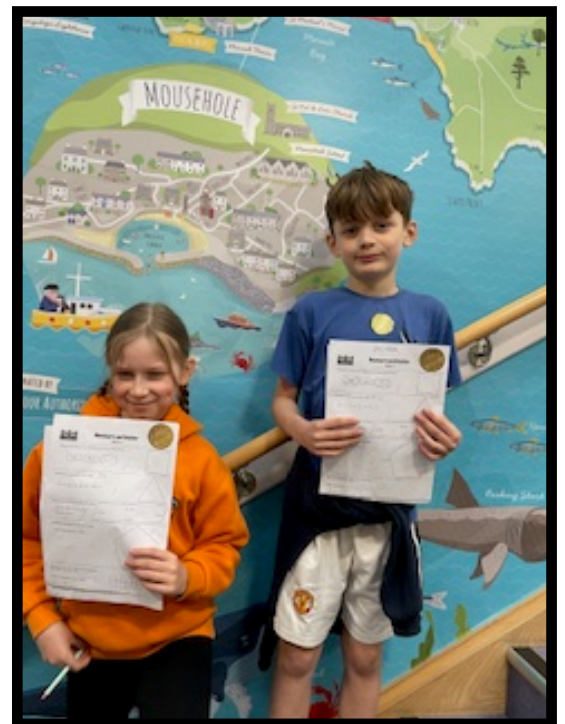
LUGGER- 91%

SCHOONER-88%

Cornish words of the week!

“GOAL VALENTYN LOWEN!”-

Happy Valentines Day



Headteacher awards this week go to Morwenna for her fantastic handwriting practice with the letter “d”. Also to Ula and Jordan for their brilliant understanding of perimeter in maths- Keep up the good work all of you!



I High 5 team played against Bodriggy and narrowly lost 1-0. Great team work!



The girls football team put up a go fight on Tuesday despite the freezing weather and drew 0-0 against Trythall!

Ava, Elizabeth and Alina represented us at the Youth Speaks Competition and demonstrated great resilience and perseverance. Thank you for doing such a great job with your speech on "Do we have proper seasons in the uk?"



Some children from Schooner attended the Penzance Schools Symposium to discuss proposals for making our school and environments more sustainable. They shared their ideas with the major to take back to Cornwall Council.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Spring Term:

Fridays- Schooners swimming

Jumping Mice weekly on Tuesdays 10.30-11.30am

Half Term 17th-21st February

Mon 24th Feb first day back from half term

Tue 4th March St Piran Concert 7pm St Johns Hall

Wed 5th March St Piran Parade 10am

Thurs 6th March World Book Day

Wed 12th March Parent Consultations

Fri 21st March Red Nose Day

Wed 26th March Tempest whole school photos

Thurs 27th March Songfest 3.30-8.45pm St Johns Hall

W/B 31st March No Clubs

Friday 4th April Easter egg Raffle

Friday 4th April- Last Day of Term

Yr 6 SAT's w/b 12th May 15th May

Summer Term Begins 22.4.25

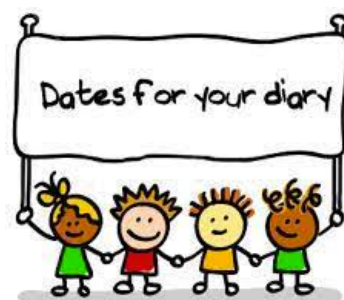
2024-2025 INSET Days:

Monday 21st July 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Wednesday 23rd July 2025

Autumn Term Begins 2.9.25





Messaging others

There are many ways in which our children can communicate online, for example via messaging apps, social media apps and online games such as FIFA and Fortnite. We need to understand how and who our children are communicating with to keep them safe online.

Ensure your child knows to talk to a trusted adult should they need to. However, remind them that it is not appropriate to contact teachers online, they should only use official school communication methods.

What are the risks?

- Bullying and inappropriate chat.
- Contact from strangers.
- Sharing personal information including images.
- Sextortion - this is a form of extortion where somebody threatens to share a nude/sexual image of you.

How can I mitigate the risks?

- Ensure your child is accessing age-appropriate apps/games and that appropriate parental controls are set up.
- Chat to your child about the risks so they are aware of what can happen online.
- Depending on the age of your child, it may be more appropriate for devices to be used in family rooms so you can monitor what they are doing.

Further information

- <https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/Concerned-about-your-child/Online-contact-and-staying-safe/>
- <https://www.brightcanary.io/what-to-do-when-your-child-sends-inappropriate-texts/>

Squid Game – rated 15+

Season 2 of Netflix's Squid Game is now available and has been **rated 15** by the British Board of Film Classification (BBFC). You can find out why Squid Game has been rated 15 by visiting the BBFC: <https://www.bbfc.co.uk/release/squid-game-q29sbgvjdgvlbjpwwc01mzm3ndg>.

Due to its popularity, Squid Game related content can be found on numerous other platforms such as YouTube, TikTok and Roblox, so your child may come across this show without even viewing it on Netflix. Content may range from trailers of the show or content that other people create such as memes and games.

What can I do?

- **Parental Controls** - Set up appropriate parental controls on your broadband, devices and on individual apps to reduce access to content that is not appropriate for their age.
- **Talk** - Chat to your child about age ratings and why this means certain programmes are not suitable for them to watch.
- **Individual Profiles** - Set up child profiles on any streaming services to ensure your child is only viewing content appropriate to them.
- **Reporting** - Make sure your child knows how to report and block on all platforms that they use.
- **Explore** - Watch and explore things online together so you can see what your child is doing and how to support them.

More information:

It is important to talk to your child regularly about what they are watching and ensure that they know they should always tell you or another trusted adult if they do see anything upsetting. You can find out more about the type of inappropriate content your child might come across online here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/inappropriate-content/learn-about-it/>

Should children have mobile phones?

The Children's Society explore this important question in their recent blog titled "Should children have mobile phones?" The article discusses concerns such as excessive screentime being linked with mental health issues as well as the benefits of a child friendly phone rather than a smart phone. You can read the full article here:

<https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/what-we-do/blogs/should-children-have-mobile-phones>

Snapchat

What is Snapchat?

Snapchat is a social media app used for messaging and sharing photos and videos. **You must be 13+ to sign up.** Users can send messages (snaps) to others that are only seen for a set time e.g., 10 seconds and users can also upload snaps to stories, which disappear after 24 hours.



Key Concerns

There are potential risks to using Snapchat, including:

- the risk of your child viewing content that is not appropriate for their age.
- location sharing (via Snap Map) (this can be switched off).
- cyberbullying.
- contact from strangers.
- excessive screen time.

Family Centre features

Snapchat's Family Centre is a set of parental controls and includes tools such as allowing you to:

- see who your child is friends with.
- see who your child has sent messages (not the contents of conversations though), photos or videos to in the last week.
- view a list of group members for groups that your child has been active in.
- restrict content to limit access.
- report any accounts that you are concerned about.

You can learn more about Family Centre here:

<https://parents.snapchat.com/parental-controls?lang=en-GB>

Safety tips

Please make sure the appropriate privacy settings are set up on Snapchat, including who can see their location and also ensure your child knows how to block and report other users if necessary:

- <https://help.snapchat.com/hc/en-gb/articles/7012343074580-How-do-I-change-my-privacy-settings-on-Snapchat>

More information

For more detailed advice and information:

- <https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/what-we-do/blogs/the-risks-snapchat-poses-to-children>
- <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/social-media/snapchat/>

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 free parental control app from Google that lets you:

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

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

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

Apple Family Sharing

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

- Share Apple subscriptions and 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/endorse 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/>

Established by the UK Safer Internet Centre (UKSIC), Safer Internet Day is celebrated around the world. This year, on Tuesday 11th February 2025, it will be celebrated with the theme:

'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'

How can I get involved?

UKSIC Resources

As usual, the UKSIC have created some fantastic resources, which includes top tips, help and advice and quizzes to help you start a conversation with your child. Find out more here:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025/tips-for-parents-and-carers>

Your free Self-Help Tool Centre from Get Safe Online

Get Safe Online have several free tools that you can use to help protect you and your family. The tools include checking a website, how to spot a phishing email, how to check your social media footprint as well as a fun tool to see if you can spot what has been generated by AI.

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/selfhelpcentre/>

Free Cyber Action Plan from the NCSC

The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) have a wealth of advice and tips on how to protect you and your family online, including a short questionnaire to assess how you can improve your cyber security. Once completed, they will provide you with a personalised plan:

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/section/information-for/you-your-family>

How to deal with online scams: a parent guide from Parent Zone

Parent Zone have published an article outlining how to deal with online scams. The article includes how to report scams, further support, and preventive measures you can put in place:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/how-deal-online-scams-parent-guide>

Interactive online scams guide from Internet Matters

Internet Matters have produced an interactive guide to help you understand scams. They also provide further links to additional resources. Find out more here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/tackling-online-scams-guide/>

Resources from London Grid for Learning (LGfL)

LGfL have produced this video titled "Life Online - What Grownups Just Don't Get!"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lde52EtjIjQ>

In addition, they have a selection of resources available here:

<https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/home>



Cornish Concert

Tuesday 4th March

7pm at St John's Hall

St Pirans School's Choir &
The Penzance Guizers



Tickets on the door
Adults £5 / Child £1



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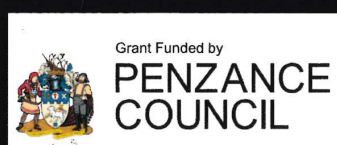


St Piran's Day Furry

Wednesday 5th March

10.15am Dance

Route - Causewayhead / Morrab Gardens



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