

MOUSEHOLE NEWS

Friday 29th September 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another productive week at Mousehole School.

A big thank you to all the children and Ms Judge who came along to the Harvest service at Solomon Browne and sang enthusiastically and took part in the service alongside Katherine Baxter. They produced a lovely picture of a tractor which we shared in our own Harvest assembly on Monday. We have started to collect a wide range of produce for Penzance Food bank and thank you for your generosity in providing items to support those in need.

The children had a fantastic time with Jodie Hood this week the football coach teaching various skills to enhance their football prowess. We luckily had super weather and were able to take full advantage of our beautiful school field.

Well done to Tom and Henry for achieving their Headteacher awards for their super writing this week describing a setting for Tudor London. It was a real joy to read their work and admire their beautiful presentation. Caleb M also achieved a star of the week for being the star reader in Skiff Class for 3 weeks running- excellent keep up the good work Caleb!!

The children have been practicing for our Feast concert on Monday 9th October at 6pm in Paul Church. You are in for a real treat!

Congratulations to Ruby and Bethannie who took part in a Judo Full Fat Grappling competition last weekend in Bristol and came home with a medal. She had to demonstrate the correct holds and throws. Well done Ruby.

A quick reminder that Year 6 will be attending their Secondary School taster days next week. Mr Mullaney will share the details via Seesaw.

Attendance: It is vital that your child attends school to ensure they receive the education they are entitled to. Please ensure that they are in school everyday in term time unless they are unwell. If they are ill please ring the office first thing to let us know of their absence.

Please remember to have a water bottle, coat and healthy snack. The children are looking very smart and thank you to all who have ensured that your child is wearing school black shoes and only have trainers on a PE day and that their hair is tied back if it is on their shoulders.

Please can you use the footpath when walking up to school and not the road as cars are coming and going at this time for your own safety.

Best wishes

Sarah Trow



Stars of the week



Dinghy Class	-Mawgan - Spencer C	- Well done for your kind hands, kind feet and kind words in class! -For your brilliant story making this week-keep it up!
Skiff Class	- Kerra - Hugo	- For your fantastic writing this year- I am blown away by your use of language and love reading your stories. - For your brilliant change in attitude this week and coming into school with a lovely smile!
Lugger Class	-Bethannie -Ezra	- For your super focus and concentration in all your work. Kept it up! - For your fantastic work this week on place value in maths on numbers to 1000!
Schooner Class	- Tom - Henry - Amelie	- Wow! You have come back to school and started Yr6 with a great work ethic. Keep up the good work. - Wow! You have demonstrated the excellent progress you have been making especially in your writing! - Well done you have come back with a super attitude to learning for Yr 6 and this is demonstrated in all areas of your learning!

HOUSE POINTS:



PORTHCHAPEL: 169

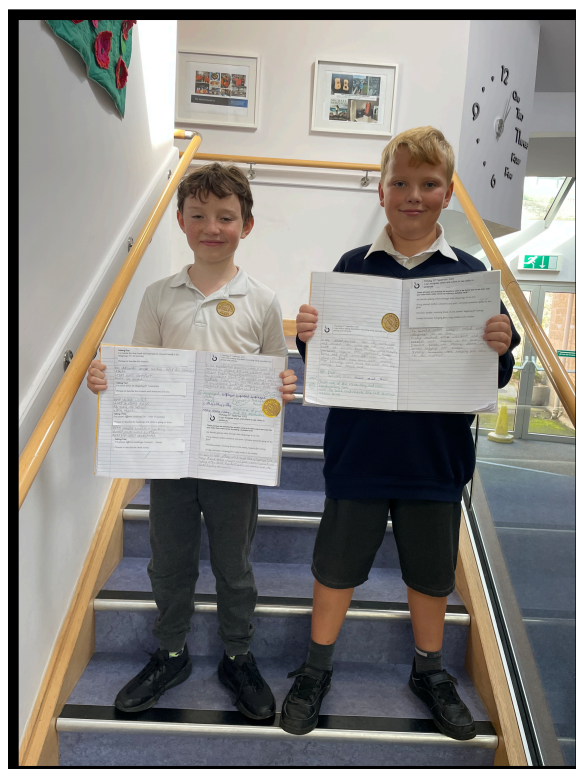
GWYNVER: 188

SENNEN: 121

PRAA SANDS: 150



**WHOLE SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE:
95%**





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

HALF TERM: Monday 23rd October 2023

Monday 2nd Oct Year 6 Open Day Cape Cornwall School

Tuesday 3rd Oct Year 6 Open Day Mounts Bay Academy

Thursday 5th Oct Year 6 Open Day Humphry Davy School

Sunday 8th October 2023- Paul Feast Service 10.30am Paul Church

Monday 9th October 2023 Feast Concert 6pm

Wednesday 11th October 2023- Paul Feast Activities in School-come in PE kits

Wednesday 18th October 2023-Yr 5 Junior Life skills

Wednesday 18th October 2023 Parent Consultations: 1pm-6pm

Friday 20th October Mousehole Mice and Dinghy Cake Stall

Tues 31st Oct/Wed 1st/Thurs 2nd November Mousehole Mice parent Meetings

Thursday 9th November 2023-Nasal Flu

Friday 17th November 2023-Children in Need

Friday 8th December 2023 Save the Children Christmas Jumper day

Tuesday 12th December 2023 Christmas Concert 6pm

Tuesday 19th December 2023-Last day of Autumn Term

2022-2024 INSET Days:

Monday 30th October 2023

Monday 19th February 2024

Wednesday 24th July 2024



Online Safety Newsletter

October 2023

Parental Controls

Does your child have a games console? If yes, have you set up age-appropriate parental controls? The controls vary across the different consoles, but all will allow you to restrict spending and communication for example.

PlayStation

Set up your account as a family manager and create a separate child account so you can tailor their activities. Find out more here: <https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/psn-safety-parents-guide/>

Xbox

You can download an app to manage your child's gaming experience. Find out more here: <https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/apps/family-settings-app>

Nintendo Switch

Nintendo also offer a free app to monitor what and how your children are playing. Find out more here: <https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Nintendo-Switch-Family/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls-1183145.html>



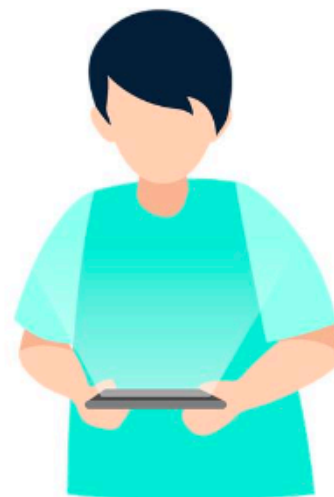
Does your child watch livestreams?

What is livestreaming?

Livestreaming is when an individual broadcasts video live over the internet. People can watch livestreams from any device that is connected to the internet.

Who is watching livestreaming?

Research from Ofcom reported that 57% of 3 – 17 year olds have watched live streams and the most used platforms to watch live streams were YouTube and TikTok. The research also showed that the percentage watching content on livestreaming app/sites increased by age. A third of 3-4 year olds were watching live content with this number growing to eight in ten of 16-17 year olds. This is reported in [Children and parents: media use and attitudes report 2022 \(ofcom.org.uk\)](#).



What are the risks?

There are risks associated with watching livestreams that you should be aware of. The main risk being that your child may see or hear something inappropriate as your child may come across themes or content that is not suitable for them. It is difficult to moderate live content as it is happening in real time.

How can I help my child?

- All online platforms have an age rating, ensure your child only accesses platforms that are appropriate to their age. For example, TikTok has an age rating of 13.
- For any platforms that your child uses, ensure appropriate parental controls and privacy settings are applied.
- Take an interest in what your child is doing online and on a regular basis, ask your child to show you what they are accessing.
- Ensure your child knows how to use any reporting/blocking tools on the app that they are using and as always please ensure that your child knows to talk to a trusted adult if they see anything that concerns them online.

Further information

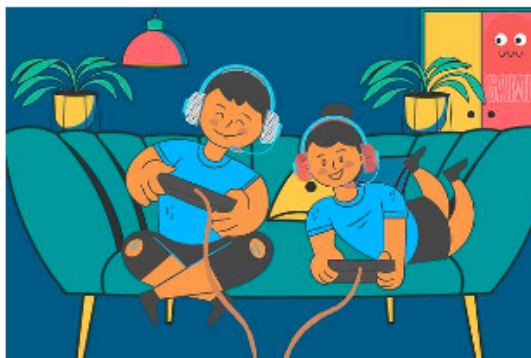
- <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/livestreaming-parents/>
- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-is-live-streaming/>

Playing games online

Does your child play games online? We have outlined some points that you may wish to consider to try and create a safer experience for your child.

Have you set up parental controls?

As well as setting up appropriate parental controls through the game's setting, ensure you have set them up on the console/device your child is playing on. For example, many consoles allow you to restrict the games accessed by age.



Chatting to strangers

Some games will allow communication, for example (FIFA and Fortnite). Depending on the game, this may be via the in-game text chat, direct messages or talking through headphones. Some games do offer the ability to switch communication off or restrict bad language so make sure settings appropriate to your child are set up for each of the games they play.

It can be difficult to moderate online chat so ensure your child knows how to block and report other players who make them feel uncomfortable and that they know to talk to you or a trusted adult if they have any concerns. It can also be very easy online for children to behave in a way that they would not if they were face to face with each other. Talk to your child about how they are speaking to others online and encourage them to talk to people online with respect, like they would if they were face-to-face.

Is the game age appropriate?

Before buying the game, check that your child is old enough to play it. All games will either have a PEGI rating or be rated by the App Store /Google Play. UK Safer Internet Centre have published a blog, which shares tips on what to do if your child asks about playing a new game:

- <https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/help-my-child-wants-to-play-games-that-are-too-old-for-them-2>

In app purchases

In addition to the above, you should be aware of in app purchases as lots of games include the option to purchase additional items/subscriptions so ensure you do not have payment cards saved or set up restrictions/pin code to approve.

Further information

The NSPCC provide further guidance and support regarding this topic:

- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games/>

Skill-building app suggestions from Internet Matters

Internet Matters have curated a list of apps that will help your child to develop skills and new interests in different areas, for example Game Builder Garage (7+), which helps children to create their own games and Tayasui Sketches to develop art skills. You can find the full list here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/skill-building-apps-guide-for-kids/>

Scary Teacher 3D

Scary Teacher 3D is a game rated as 12+ by the App store (due to Mild Realistic Violence) or as 'Teen' on Google Play (due to violence). The game does include in-app purchases as well. Players must scare their teacher by completing different activities. There are lots of videos of this game on YouTube as well.

As with all games your child is asking to play, please take note of the age rating and play the game first to see if you think it is appropriate for your child.

Teaching children about money

Lloyds bank have published information and resources to help us help our children develop good financial habits. The information is split into age groups so you can find support tailored to your child's age. You can find out more here:

<https://www.lloydsbank.com/help-guidance/family-finances/teaching-children-about-money.html>

