

# MOUSEHOLE NEWS

Friday 1st March 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

The children from Schooner Class had a wonderful trip to London this week visiting Buckingham Palace, The Houses of Parliament, London Eye, Mud larking, Museums, St Pauls Cathedral, China Town, Leister Square and and many more sights. This was all finished off nicely with a trip to the theatre to watch Matilda. The children were beautifully behaved and have made many memories from their visit. Thank you to all the staff who made this trip so magical for them all.

Mousehole Mice Nursery had a great turn out for parent consultations this week with very positive feedback for the provision, particularly their learning through outdoor opportunities in our local community and how happy the children are within the setting.

Sonny, Jude and Caleb C represented us at the cross country on Tuesday at Cape Cornwall School. Congratulations to all the boys who took part and came 10th, 16th and 23rd overall. We are awaiting to see if they have qualified for the Cornwall School Games in the summer.

Good luck to the Youth Speaks team this weekend in the District competition held at Tavistock College- we will all be thinking of you!

We have another very busy week next week with the St Piran Concert on Monday evening St Johns Hall at 7pm-good luck to the choir. Schooner and our band will be taking part in the St Pirans Parade on Tuesday from 10am through Penzance. The band sounded marvellous at this weeks practice at Humphry Davy School.

On Thursday it is World Book day please come dressed as your favourite book character. We are also looking forward to welcoming the author Huw Lewis Jones.

Finally on Friday is our school disco from 5.30-7pm. Please can you ensure that your child has bought in an named envelope by Wednesday with £4 inside so we can calculate the amount of food to order.

Please take time to read the Online Newsletter attached to the newsletter for any up to date information regarding online safety for your child.

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

Sarah Trow



WHOLE  
SCHOOL  
ATTENDANCE:  
93.6%

# Stars of the week

Dinghy Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stanley P</li> <li>- Kit L.S</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For your super creativity. We love your drawings, paintings and models!</li> <li>- You are a phonics superstar and super class helper-Thank you !</li> </ul>
Skiff Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ruan L.s</li> <li>-Otis T</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We have been blown away with both of your English skills and lovely retelling of the story of Olivers Vegetables. Great work boys.</li> </ul>
Lugger Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bethannie</li> <li>- Leonie</li> <li>- Milo</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For her kindness and sportsmanship this week.</li> <li>- For her excellent maths and challenging herself with rectilinear perimeters.</li> <li>- For his super rainforest animal writing adding great description to draw the reader in.</li> </ul>
Schooner Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Freddie</li> <li>- Delilah</li> <li>- Annabel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All 3 of you have demonstrated great kindness, caring and helpfulness with the younger children in the school this week. Keep up these lovely virtues you have been fantastic role models for Mousehole School</li> </ul>

## Marvellous Mouse Of The Week



### Harbour

For always working so hard in all that he does with a smile!

### HOUSE POINTS:



**PORTHCHAPEL: 147**

**GWYNVER: 57**

**SENNEN: 120**

**PRAA SANDS: 99**







Well done to Orson and Otis for achieving Head teacher awards this week. Orson for his work on perimeters and Otis for his writing based on the story of Olivers Vegetables- great work boys.



Mousehole Mice have been planting succulents that they saved from the village in our school boxes. You did a super job !



Schooner Class had a wonderful experience on their London trip this week. Taking in many sights, visiting parliament, mud larking and watching Matilda to name but a few!



Well done to Sonny, Jude, Uma and Caleb for representing us at the Cape Cornwall cross country this week and coming in 10th, 16th, 32nd and 23rd!



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Spring Term:

Mon 4th March St Piran Concert 7pm St Johns Hall- tickets on the door.

Tues 5th March St Piran Parade 10am

Thurs 7th March World Book Day-Dress up

Fri 8th March School Disco 5.30-7pm

Wed 13th March Tempest Group Photos

Fri 15th March Comic Relief Red Nose Day

Tues 19th-Wed 20th March Luggar Camp

Fri 22nd March Skiff Parent/Grandparent Lunch

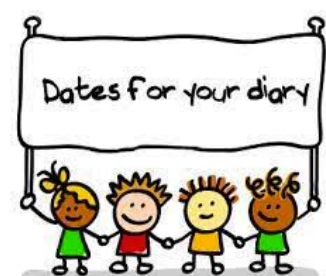
Tues 26th March Songfest

Thurs 28th March Last day of clubs

Last Day of Term- Thurs 28th March

**2023-2024 INSET Days:**

Wednesday 24th July 2024







# 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 UPWARDS.**

**NO EXPERIENCE OR KIT NECESSARY!**

**CALL 01736 362960 OR EMAIL [PENZANCECRICKETCLUB@GMAIL.COM](mailto:penzancecricketclub@gmail.com)**



Together For Families

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Professionals and parents/carers in the Penzance area are invited to the launch of the new Penzance... see more

## **Penzance Family Hub** *Open Day Invite*

We are excited to invite you to come and have a look at our fantastic new Family Hub.

**Monday 4 March 2024, from 12pm**

Penzance Family Hub, St John's Hall, Penzance, TR18 2QW



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# Online Safety Newsletter

## March 2024

### 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/>