

MOUSEHOLE NEWS

Friday 7th February 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

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We started the beginning of the week with an assembly on the theme, "Know Yourself, Grow Yourself," as part of National Mental Health Week. This was to highlight how we know ourselves and recognise different feelings, some are too helpful and some that are unhelpful. This is important for children, parents and staff alike and how we can all access support when we need it. The children and staff enjoyed wearing their odd socks to recognise that we are all unique and different.

A huge congratulations to Bunny for achieving not just one, but five Blue Peter badges all for fantastic reasons. Silver for raising over £250 for local children's hospice, Green Eco badge for planting 150 trees, Music badge for learning the ukulele as well as the Reading and Sporting badges. Hopefully this will inspire others to rise to the challenge. Well done Bunny!

Nine runners took part in cross country at St Ives, some for the first time. They all did fantastically well despite the bitterly cold weather. The top placing were: Jude 6th, Caleb & Kerra both 16th. The last event is at Cape next month all being well, will have a few runners that will qualify for the finals in March. Keep up the great resilience and determination all of you in your next race!

Thank you for all your support with the cake stall. We had a wonderful selection of cakes and thank you to FROMS for organising this event.

Mousehole Mice have been very creative this week making valentines cards, playdough for their cafe and making dragon music with Ms Judge.

Skiffs designed and made 3D skate parks and playgrounds as well as a giant sculpture of a spider in DT. They demonstrated great skill, teamwork and patience in creating them.

Luggers have been writing the most beautiful stories related to the Egyptian Gods and Goddesses. Their high tier language and descriptions are phenomenal.

Schooners have finished off their Barbara Hepworth sculptures using soap, demonstrating the great skills they have developed throughout the process with some lovely outcomes.

Online Safety Day is on Tuesday 11th February. Please take time to read the relevant posters attached to the newsletter to support in your child's online safety.

Finally on Friday 14th February it is our Valentines School Disco please drop your children at the main entrance at 5.30pm and collect at 7pm. There will be food and drinks provided.

Hope you have a super weekend.

Best wishes

Sarah Trow

Stars of the week



Skiff Class	- Luna - Raphi	- For her fantastic clapping rhythm and recorder playing. - For his wonderful positive attitude to his learning .
Lugger Class	-Isaac P	- For working really positively in all areas and your adverbial sentences in our topic writing were fantastic. Well done!
Schooner Class	- Agnes	- Well done Agnes. We have been very impressed by your overall attitude to learning and particularly your willingness to share your written work and read aloud in class.



Marvellous Mouse Of The Week



Matilda

For her amazing story telling and settling into Mousehole Mice. Well done Matilda.

HOUSE POINTS:



PORTHCHAPEL:150

GWYNVER:109

SENNEN:165

PRAA SANDS:246



WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

91.3%%

SKIFF-90.3%

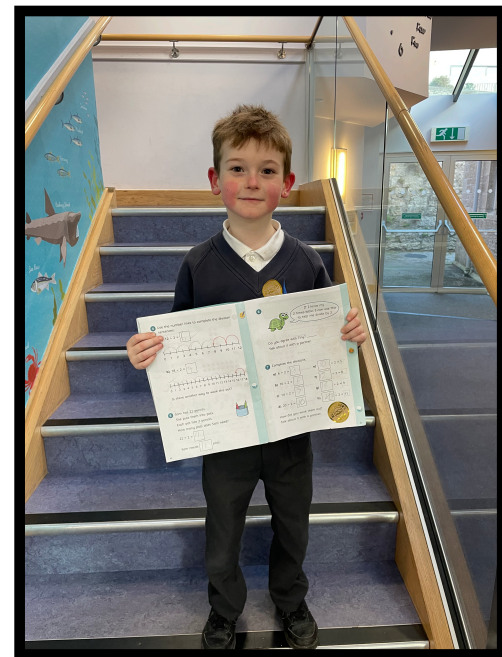
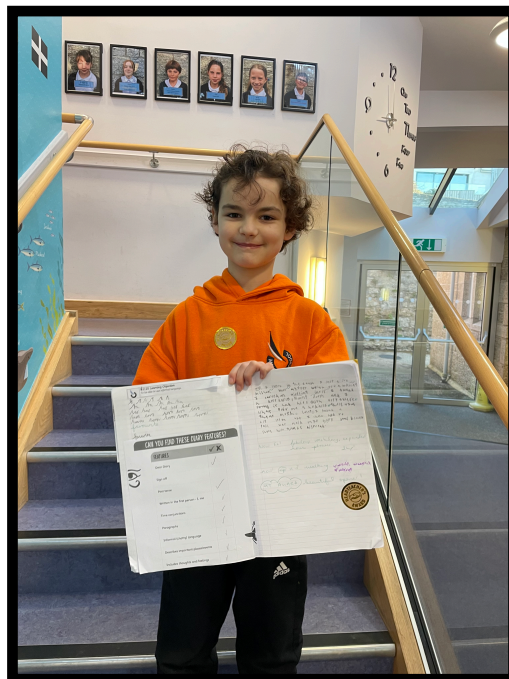
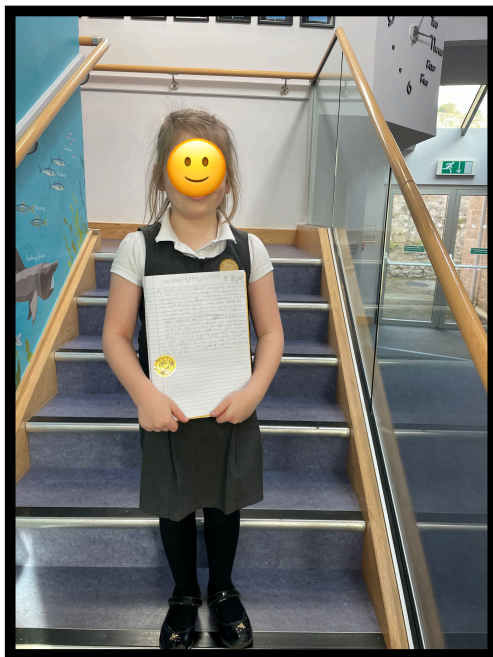
LUGGER- 91.5%

SCHOONER-88.9%

Cornish words of the week!

“Rudh”-

Red



Headteacher awards this week go to Phoebe and Ezra for their amazing descriptive writing and to Rudy for his division and multiplication knowledge in maths-keep up the great work!



Despite the very cold weather the all the children did a fantastic job at the St Ives cross country race this week. A special shout out to Jude for coming 6th!



Congratulations to Bunny for her fantastic achievement of winning 5 Blue Peter badges.



The children learnt to use knives safely and split wood as part of woodland skills this week.



Mousehole Mice enjoying their music lesson with Ms Judge.



Here is Eugenie's example of the 3D playgrounds and skate parks made in Skiff this week. Great designs and skills implemented.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Spring Term:

Fridays-Schooners swimming

Jumping Mice weekly on Tuesdays 10.30-11.30am

Tue 11th Feb Safer Internet Day Week

Friday 14th Feb Valentine Disco-5.30-7pm

Half Term 17th-21st February

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

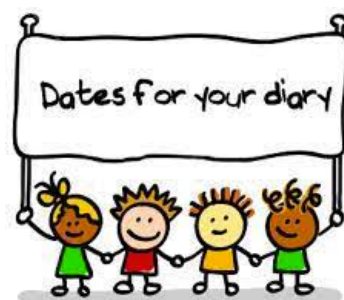
2024-2025 INSET Days:

Monday 21st July 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Wednesday 23rd July 2025

Autumn Term Begins 2.9.25





Online Safety Newsletter

Feb 2025

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 our 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>

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into.
Current as of the date released 01.02.25.

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/>

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Safer Internet Day

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



VALENTINE'S

DISCO

16th February

5:30-7:00



Family Morning

Saturday 15th February

10.30am - 12.30 pm

at

The Jackson Foundation Gallery

Free event for all ages

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