

# Trewirgie Infants' & Nursery School

Part of Truro and Penwith Academy Trust

## Newsletter



*We care, we help, we succeed.  
Ni a with, Ni a weres, Ni a sewen.*

6<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### Cornish Word of the Week

As part of the Go Cornish Scheme, we are teaching everyone some Cornish words and phrases. Each week we will add a new word or phrase to the newsletter which you may like to use at home.

This week's words is: Clothes - **dillas**

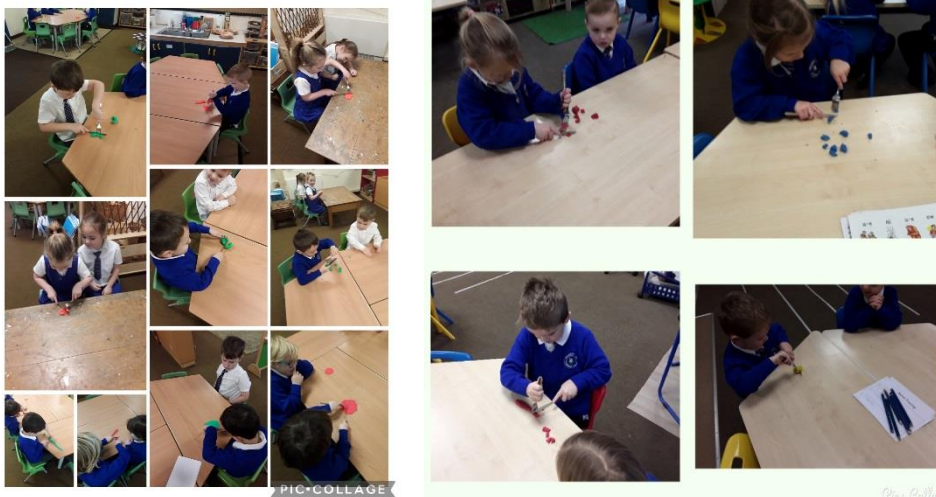


### Makaton sign of the week



Clothes

We are so proud of how well the Reception children have settled back into school after the Christmas break. This week the children have started in their new Read Write Inc groups, created a self-portrait, played 'follow my leader' in their Get Cycling session, to help them to practise steering and turning around corners and curves and learnt how to cut food using a knife and fork with the 'stab, slide, saw' technique. A great first week back at school!



This week in Year 1 the children have had such an exciting first week back! They have launched their new dragon topic with a beautiful book called 'Tell me a Dragon'. This has inspired lots of children to create their own ideas for their own magical dragon. In art, they painted dragon eggs in the style of Kandinsky recapping their colour mixing skills. In Science this week they have been learning about their bodies and the five senses. They loved playing 'Body Part Bingo' and using each of their senses to explore popcorn.



# Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week goes to

**Class 3 with 100% attendance!**

**Well done!**

**Learners & Superstars!**

	Learner	Superstar
Class 1 – King Edward	Amelia for being so enthused to continue her reading and writing into her independent learning time. Well done Amelia.	Florence for being so kind and thoughtful to others. We are very lucky to have you in our class.
Class 2 – Wheal Uny	Harlow for wanting to practise her sounds and her writing during her Independent Learning this week. Keep it up Harlow!	Leo for returning to school with such a positive attitude to his learning and for impressing us with how much of his learning he can remember during our retrieval quiz this week. Well done Leo!
Class 3 – Robinson	Tommy for his speedy subitising skills to 5 in our Maths learning. He was particularly quick playing the subitising game we played on the interactive whiteboard, sometimes he clicked the correct answer before we got to see!	Kaydence has been particularly kind and caring to all her friends this week. She has also counted our toys in each of the role play areas to make sure we have put the correct amount away and that they are in the right place. Thank you for being sure a kind and caring member of our class!
Class 4 – Wheal Basset	Harley has done fantastic learning in phonics this week. Well done Harley!	Tyler has displayed fantastic behaviour in school this week. Well done Tyler!
Class 5 – Grenville	Grayson for brilliant colour mixing skills in art.	Harison for working extra hard to catch up on a little bit of missed learning and ending up completing even more learning!
Class 6 – Pednandrea	Arlo M for trying his best. Well done!	Ethan for a great attitude to learning this week.
Class 7 – Carn Brea	Aaron for his amazing learning in Geography this week.	Issey for her help and care - setting the example with following our silent signals.
Class 8 – Dolcoath	Jenson for his effort in his letter formation - Jenson is working really hard with his writing and it shows! Well done Jenson.	George for settling into Dolcoath so brilliantly. It really seems as though George has been with us for much longer than a week - he has joined in enthusiastically with everything and we are thrilled that he is part of our class!
Class 9 – South Crofty	Lexi P for continually completing her work to the best of her ability and for being awarded her pen licence.	Georgia for working hard at completing her cork and aspiring to be a doctor when she is older.

## Parking

As you are aware parking around the school can be difficult. Please be respectful at all times, and park thoughtfully. Parking/stopping on the yellow zig zags is illegal.

# Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January – Year 1 trip to Crenver woods – book packed lunch on the App.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January – Year 2 trip to Carn Brea – booked packed lunch on the App.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January – Menu Change – to be advised.

10<sup>th</sup> February – Junior school inset day.

13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term – School closed.

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – All children return to school.

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March – St Piran's Day – details to follow.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day for Comic Relief – details to follow.

3<sup>rd</sup> April – 14<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Holidays

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – All children return for the Summer Term.

## Parent Teacher Association

### **Gift Amnesty**

Did you get two of something? or receive something not to your taste?

If you have anything you would happily donate for future events and prizes, please bring to school and put in the box outside the office. This will be there until Friday 13th January

No perishables please unless they have really long dates!

**Thank you for your continued support**



## **St Andrew's Warm Bank**

Monday Breakfast  
8:00am - 9:30am

Drop-in & Refreshments  
9:30am - 12:30pm  
(including Foodbank)

Hot drinks  
Warm snacks  
Stay & keep warm  
All Free

### **OPENING**

Monday 9th, Jan, 2023

Open Every Monday

St Andrew's Church  
The Crypt, Clinton road, TR15 2QB  
email: redruthcurate@gmail.com  
Tel: 07981816361



# THE WRITERS' BLOCK OPENING WEEK

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After months of painting and hammering, designing and making, we are overjoyed to announce a week of activities for all the community to celebrate the re-opening of The Writers' Block in Redruth.

### Open Day

Visit the new immersive Writers' Block space, plus drop in activities with artists and writers, performances by The Story Republic and plenty of tea and cake.

Saturday 28 January | 10-3pm  
Free event

### Little Story Seekers

Story, song and craft session for pre-school children with Jo Lumber.

Monday 30 January | 11-12pm  
Free event

### Drop in session for under 8s

Drop in story, song and craft session for children with Jo Lumber.

Monday 30 January | 4-5.30pm  
Free event

### Write Up Your Street with Annamaria Murphy

A walking writing workshop for adults, taking the streets, people and places of Redruth as inspiration.

Tuesday 31 January | 1.30 - 4.30pm  
Free - booking essential

### Manga drop in session for young people 12+

Manga with Keith Sparrow, plus explore the new space.

Tuesday 31 January | 4-5.30pm  
Free event



### Launch of the Writers' Network with Cultivator

Workshops with Annamaria Murphy and Antonia Glucksman focusing on bringing playfulness into your writing. This is the start of a series of Writers' Network events.

Wednesday 1 February | 2-5pm  
Free - booking essential

### Speakeasy Special Event

Olivia Lowry in conversation with a special guest reader, alongside writers sharing their work.

Wednesday 1 February | 6-8pm  
Free - booking essential

### What are the Conditions for Comfort and Curiosity in Cultural Spaces?

A seminar of talks and discussions led by Jen McDerra. A timely event as we open a new venue, exploring how we can make cultural spaces in the UK more welcoming to the whole community.

Thursday 2 February | 10am-2pm  
Includes lunch  
Free - booking essential

### Book making drop in session for young people 12+

Book making with Tony Crosby, plus explore the space!

Thursday 2 February | 4-5.30pm  
Free event

### Meet the author with children's writer Anna Wilson

A special writer event for children aged 7-11. Anna is the author of many children's books including The Wide Wide Sea and 2023 Nature Month by Month, A Children's Almanac.

Friday 3 February | 4-5.30pm  
Free - booking essential

### Home Is Not A Place

What is it like to be black in Britain today, particularly if you live outside of the urban, metropolitan centres? Acclaimed poet Roger Robinson and award-winning author and photographer Johny Pitts will discuss this issue with reference to their stunning new book, Home Is Not A Place. With guest singer songwriter Angeline Morrison.

This event is in partnership with Speaking Volumes and Literature Works  
Monday 6 February | 7pm  
Tickets: £4 adults/£3 students and under 18s

For booking & info visit:  
[thewritersblock.org.uk/  
events](http://thewritersblock.org.uk/events)

## Broadband set up

Have you set up appropriate settings on your broadband/Wi-Fi? Most broadband providers include parental controls for free as part of their broadband package, which means that any device that connects to your Wi-Fi will be protected by any controls you set up. Find out how to set yours up here:

### Sky:

<https://www.sky.com/help/diagnostics/sky-broadband-buddy/sky-broadband-buddy>

### BT:

<https://www.bt.com/help/security/how-to-keep-your-family-safe-online-with-bt-parental-controls-an>

### Talk Talk:

<https://community.talktalk.co.uk/t5/Keeping-your-Family-Safe/bd-p/kfshub>

### Virgin:

<https://www.virginmedia.com/broadband/parental-control>

*Remember, children may have devices that use mobile data, so they won't always be connected to your wifi. Ensure you set up parental controls on these devices too.*

### Further information:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parental-controls-offered-by-your-home-internet-provider>

## Test Your Internet Filter

SWGfL have created a tool to test your filtering to give you an indication that your broadband is blocking certain categories. Access it here: <http://testfiltering.com/>

## Minecraft

*Check the age ratings: Minecraft is rated by PEGI as 7+ or 12+ depending on which game version you are playing. The App store rate it as 9+ and the Google Play store rate it as 10+.*

It is important to remember that when rating games, PEGI do not take into consideration the communication features of a game. Minecraft does include a chat facility, which adds further risks of seeing inappropriate language/content. This can be switched off.

Minecraft remains ever popular and can be a great learning tool that is often used in schools to teach planning skills, recreate famous buildings in 3D and coding. Players use building blocks (a bit like Lego) to create their own worlds.

### Which mode?

You can choose between Creative or Survival mode - creative mode removes the survival elements of the game (no mobs appearing at night) so may be a more appropriate mode for your child to play.

### What else do I need to be aware of?

- **Multiplayer** – children can interact with others (including strangers), you can switch this option off within settings or choose to play offline.
- **Block and report players** – if your child is playing with others, make sure they know how to block and report players within the game.
- **Additional purchases** – be aware of in app purchases and the purchase of additional items (skin packs) to support (although not needed) game play.

In addition, protect your child's privacy by using a nickname (don't include their age/birth year) rather than their real name for their profile and chat to your child to make sure that when playing online they know not to share personal information.



Also, make sure they know they can talk to you or a trusted adult if anybody or anything is making them feel uncomfortable.

Do not forget to make sure you have set up appropriate parental controls on the device your child is using to play Minecraft as well.

### Further information

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/is-minecraft-safe-for-children/>

# WhatsApp

You must be at least 16 years old to register for and use WhatsApp. WhatsApp is a free messaging app that allows you to send messages, voice notes, photos and videos.

## What are the features of WhatsApp?

**Group chats:** One of the key features is the group chat function. Everybody in the group, even if they are not one of your child's phone contacts, will be able to see all messages within that group. *If your child is added to a group with someone that they have previously blocked, that person can still see their messages and send them messages within the group chat.*

In settings, you can change who can add your child to groups, for example, you can change it to 'my contacts', which means that only those in your child's contacts can add them to a group. You can leave a group chat at any point so talk to your child and encourage them to leave any chat that makes them feel uncomfortable. You can leave groups silently (only the admin will be notified).

**Location sharing:** you can share your location on WhatsApp. Talk to your child about when this would be appropriate to use but also the potential danger of sharing their location, for example with strangers.

**Blocking/Reporting:** Show your child how to block and report.

**Online Bullying:** WhatsApp has been used in instances of online bullying, e.g. to send nasty messages or share images of other children without their permission. It is important to have regular chats with your child about their online life and that they understand that they must talk to you or another trusted adult if they are being bullied. This is a helpful article from Family Lives, which talks about what to do if you are being bullied:  
<https://www.familylives.org.uk/advice/bullying/cyberbullying/what-to-do-if-you-re-being-bullied-on-a-social-network>

**Disappearing messages:** With disappearing messages, you can control how long a message can be seen for before it is deleted – 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days (once set, this will only work for new messages).

**View once messages:** when sending a photo or video, you can set it so it can only be viewed once by respondents. Screenshots are also blocked when using this function.

**Choose who can see your profile pic and when you're online:** In settings (privacy), you can choose who can and can't see when you're online and your profile pic. You can choose either Everyone, My Contacts, My Contacts except and nobody.

## Further information

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/whatsapp>



## Whizz – Make new Friends App



Whizz is a social networking platform and is rated for 'Teens' on the Google Play store and as 12+ on the App store. It is free to download but does have in-app purchases ranging from £0.89 to £44.99.

Users swipe through the app to find people who are currently online and who they would like to chat with. **Users will be chatting with strangers, which can present risks.** Internet Matters have produced advice around chatting with strangers here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/connecting-safely-online/advice-for-parents/tackling-the-hard-stuff-on-social-media-to-support-young-people/chatting-to-strangers-online/>

## Is YouTube safe?

The NSPCC have produced this article discussing the risks associated with using YouTube and the safety settings and features that are available depending on how old your child is and what they do on YouTube. You can access the article here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/how-to-keep-your-child-safe-on-youtube/>

## TikTok refresh

Parent Zone have worked with TikTok to produce a series about safety when using TikTok. You can find out more here:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/tiktok>