

Trewirgie Infants' & Nursery School

Part of Truro and Penwith Academy Trust

Newsletter



We care, we help, we succeed

16th September 2022

Monday 19th September, the date of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's State Funeral will be a national bank holiday and the school will be closed.



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 word is – Thank you - Meur ras



Makaton sign of the week



thank you

This week in the nursery we have been welcoming our new children. The older children have been doing a super job of showing them the routines and helping them to settle in. The children have been digging up some beetroots from our garden. Unfortunately, not big enough to eat so the children learned how to use a pestle and mortar to crush them up to make paint.



In Reception this week we have been getting to know each other. The children have been sharing their All About Me books with their classmates and finding out more about the adults who look after them at school. They have also been learning to read and write sounds during Read Write Inc. They are becoming excellent listeners and have learnt what being 'ready to learn' means, especially during whole class sessions. All three classes have earned their treat too by filling their pom pom jar! Well done Reception!



This week in Year 1, the children have been making up their own versions of Chicken Licken in English. In maths they have been learning to represent numbers on tens frames. They have also enjoyed using the outdoor area in their independent learning.



Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week goes to
Class 1 with 100% attendance!
Learners & Superstars!

| | Learner | Superstar |
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| Class 1 – King Edward | Forrest for offering some really great ideas during carpet time. Well done Forrest. | Alayna because she has been so kind and caring to all the children in class. Alayna has settled so well into school and is always so keen to try her hardest. |
| Class 2 – Wheal Uny | Benjamin for impressing us with his attitude to activities, especially writing the sounds he has learnt during Read Write Inc. Keep it up Benjamin! | Harper for always offering to help the adults and for being so polite. Well done Harper! |
| Class 3 – Robinson | Lawson for his determination when forming his letters in RWI. | Lori-Mae for being a kind and caring friend to all of her friends in Robinson Class. |
| Class 4 – Wheal Basset | Emmi has worked really hard in English this week, showing a fantastic attitude to learning and enjoying coming up with her own story. Well done! | Harley B for being a fantastic role model in our class, always behaving perfectly and having a super attitude to learning. Well done! |
| Class 5 – Grenville | Louie B for concentrating hard in Maths when drawing his counters. | Naomi & Marley for great confidence in helping everyone with their storytelling and singing. |
| Class 6 – Pednandrea | Emelyn excellent care with her Maths learning successfully sowing her numbers to ten. | Dexter for his super sitting during learning on the carpet time. |
| Class 7 – Carn Brea | Aaron for his care and help to be such a successful Trewirgie learner in all his lessons! | Alex for his help as a role model with super sitting, walking and legendary lining up all the time. |
| Class 8 – Dolcoath | Bella for being successful in her writing even though she found it tricky to start. | Daisy for being caring and helpful as she read to her friends in reading for pleasure time |
| Class 9 – South Crofty | Eli for completing his work to the best of his ability. | Georgia for coming into class a settling ready to learn. |

Dates for your Diary

Monday 19th September – Bank Holiday – School Closed

Children in Need - Spotacular - FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER

Cornwall Council have received funding from the Government's Household Support Fund to help families with the increased cost of living.

The money will support households in the most need against rising living costs, including:

- **energy**
- **food**
- **and water bills**

Cornwall Council will be making targeted cost-of-living payments to low-income families who meet the benefits-related Free School Meals eligibility criteria.

This will be £80 per child in Reception through to Year 11.

Cornwall Council hope that a cash payment will allow families to use this support in the way that best meets their needs.

Cost of Living Support payments

Cornwall Council will send you full details of how to access your cash payment via the Post Office.

Cornwall Council expect to start making payments before the start of the summer holidays.

Please note that this cash support scheme is not a replacement for the previous 'Free School Meal Holiday Voucher Scheme'.

To submit an application, please complete the form below and send it direct to: Free School Meals Team of Cornwall Council, New County Hall, Truro TR1 3AY. Or apply online using the following link...

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolmeals> Application Form for Free School Meals

Applications will usually be processed within three working days of being received. However, we do try to process applications much quicker. In peak periods, such as the start of term, it may take a little longer to process your application.

Online Safety Newsletter

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Instagram

Instagram is used to post photos and videos. Users can also DM (direct message), send disappearing messages, add to their stories (these disappear after 24 hours) and broadcast live. **You should be over 13 years of age to set up an account.** To create an account, you must enter a date of birth (but this is not verified).



Account Privacy

When you set up your account, it is automatically **set as public**. This means that anybody can see what you share. We would recommend changing this to private so only those your child approves to follow them can see their content. *To change a profile to private go to profile, tap Settings, tap Privacy, then under Account Privacy, tap to toggle Private Account on.*

IMPORTANT: Even if your child has set their Instagram profile to private, your child's bio (at the top of their profile) can still be seen by **everyone**. Check they have not included any personal information in their photo and bio info (e.g. they should not be wearing their school uniform in their photo).

Other additional privacy settings include:

- Story control – you can choose to allow message replies from 'your followers', 'followers you follow back' or turn off.
- Sharing – you can choose whether followers can share your photos and videos from your story in a message.
- Hidden words – turn this option on to hide comments that may be offensive in a separate section.
- Activity status – if switched on, other accounts you follow and anyone you message can see when you were last active or if you are currently on.

Make sure your child understands that there is a risk that content they upload can never be removed (other users can screenshot it for example) so they must only share content that they are comfortable with others seeing.

New Supervision features

You can now supervise your child's Instagram accounts. This gives you the ability to see who they follow and who follows them, see how much time they are spending on Instagram, set daily time limits and schedule breaks. Your child can also easily share when they have made any reports to Instagram with you. Learn more here: <https://familycenter.instagram.com/our-products/family-center/>

Safety Features

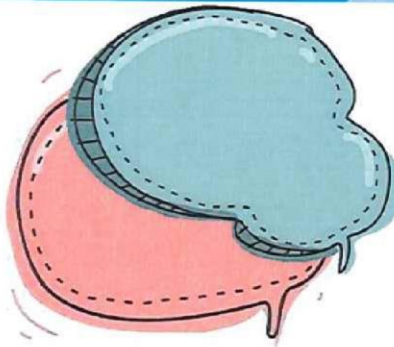
Ensure your child knows how to report posts and people as well as how to unfollow and block people, delete and turn off comments. View here: https://help.instagram.com/269765046710559/?helpref=hc_fnav

More information

Visit the family centre to learn more about the features available: <https://familycenter.instagram.com/>

Talking to younger children

According to the latest research from Ofcom, nearly half of all 3-4 year olds have their own tablet (Children and parents: media use and attitudes report 2022) so it is never too early to start chatting to our children about how to stay safe online. But how can we do this? Here are some of our suggestions:



Use books to spark conversations

Childnet have created a collection of five 'Digiduck' stories to help you educate your child (aimed at aged 3-7) about online safety. The stories are available here: <https://www.childnet.com/resources/digiduck-stories/>. In addition, Childnet have created a learning-to-read book for children aged 4 and above titled 'On the internet.' The book also includes puzzles to encourage conversations. The book can be downloaded here: <https://www.childnet.com/resources/a-learning-to-read-book/>

Watch Jessie & Friends together

ThinkuKnow have created three different animations for three age groups between 4-7 years. ThinkuKnow also provide some useful guidance and advice on what else you can do to keep your child safer online, such as setting up appropriate parental controls. You can find out more here: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends/>

Is your child under 5?

This article is specifically aimed at those with children under the age of 5 and discusses the benefits of being online as well as how to create a safer online environment. You can read the article here: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/keeping-your-under-five-safe-online/>

Online games

Is your child playing or watching others play games online? Your child could be using Twitch, Steam, Roblox, YouTube etc to access games or watch others play. We need to make sure that what they are viewing is appropriate for them. It is important to talk to your child to see what they are interested in so you can have a look first to see if they are appropriate. For example, there are games that may appear to be appropriate but are actually horror/survival games and characters can turn more sinister as the game progresses. It is important to remember that children may be playing the game, watching videos of it on sites such as YouTube or playing replicated versions on Roblox for example.

More information

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

Learning Times Tables?



10 Minutes a Day Times Tables by DK is an Apple app (works best on an iPad) and provides a fun way to learn times tables! Made for ages 6-8, your child will practice their times tables whilst racing against another car.

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/10-minutes-a-day-times-tables/id775904110>

Omegle

You must be 18+ to use or 13+ with parental permission. Omegle is a social networking/chat website that **connects two strangers** together for either a text or a video chat. Chats are anonymous unless a user provides this information. Omegle states that "Omegle video chat is moderated. However, moderation is not perfect. You may still encounter people who misbehave."

What should I be aware of?

- No registration is required to access Omegle (therefore no age verification) and there are no reporting facilities.
- Users are given an option to save the chat's log and share the link. It is also possible for other users to take screenshots of text and video chats.

We recommend that Omegle is not used by children due to the potential imagery shared and language used which can be explicit.

You can find out more information from Internet Matters, including ways of keeping your child safe:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/what-is-omegle-what-parents-need-to-know/>