



Gerrans School Newsletter



Friday 26th January 2024

Multi Academy Trust
Our Mission, Vision and Values

Mission: The Roseland Trust provides outstanding education for our communities, where everyone succeeds.

Vision: To inspire a love of learning within environments that are happy, respectful and challenging, where everyone feels valued and able to reach their full potential.

Values: Kindness, Ambition, Responsibility.

Gerrans Very Golden Values

We are **G**entle and kind

We **E**ncourage each other

We have lovely time visiting We **R**espect others and property

We are **R**esilient learners

We are **A**lways truthful and trustworthy

We are a **N**urturing environment

We are **S**upersonic



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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Yesterday, we welcomed our CEO (Chris Challis) and our school improvement partner (Tamsin Lamb) into school to see our learning routines, lessons and to speak to the children about their learning. Both were impressed by what they saw and had many positive comments about our school.

Kate Douglass and Matthew Richards
Executive Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher

Towan Class News

This week Towan have completed their maths units of work and are looking forward to moving on to Multiplication/Division (Y2) and Addition/Subtraction (Y1). In English the children have started to write their new versions of Peter Rabbit and have been learning about enhancing their sentences with more exciting vocabulary.

This week's clay work enabled the children to experiment with the joining techniques score and slip, and they enjoyed finding out about the artist and sculpture Rachel Whiteread.

Pendower Class News

Yesterday, Pendower pupils completed the final paragraph of their quest story where their main character had to defeat an evil fiend to recover the sacred ingredient and fulfil their potential! Pupils have been looking at fronted adverbial phrases and subordinate conjunctions to really enhance their sentence structure. We have also been discovering frottage in art (collages are created from textural rubbings), being inspired by the many bunches of flowers we have around the classroom and investigating the properties of rocks!

Porthcurnick Class News

In English the children have been writing expanded noun phrases, similes and metaphors to describe the setting of The Last Bear by Hannah Gold. In reading they are exploring a new novel - Holes by Louis Sachar. In maths year 5 are learning about fractions and year 6 continuing with algebra. In history we have been learning about stereotypes relating to the Vikings using primary and secondary sources while in PE we are using our knowledge of traditional Indian dance to retell well known stories. In music the children are really enjoying learning to play the ukelele and are exploring musical theatre.

Totoms

The children in Early Years have been exploring capacity in their play; they used different sized containers to compare quantities of water and other substances such as rice, becoming familiar with the connected language.

Heart Heroes Fundraiser

On Friday 9th February we will be supporting Heart Heroes by inviting all children to wear red for the day for a suggested donation of £1. Please can all donations be made via the School Gateway, unfortunately we cannot accept cash donations.

All monies raised will go directly to Heart Heroes who support children and their families living with heart conditions. More details can be found in the link below.

[Heart Heroes](#)



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Wrap Around Care

Despite our efforts to recruit a member of staff to provide wrap around care for Gerrans School we have not received any applications. Therefore it is unlikely that we will be able to facilitate this for the next half term. However, we will re advertise in the hope that we can provide this facility in the near future.

PTA News

Invitation to Our Community Coffee Morning

Mark your calendars! On **Saturday, February 24th** we'll be holding a Coffee Morning from **11am to 1pm** in the Memorial Hall. Bring along your family, friends and neighbours and start the weekend with great company and a delectable selection of sweet treats. You'll also have the opportunity to explore an assortment of wonderful stalls, and a chance to win a prize in our raffle! More details to follow, but if you're interested in booking a stall, or wish to contribute by donating a homemade cake (or a raffle prize), please send an email to katemorse@hotmail.co.uk

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

We would like to give notice that the AGM of the Gerrans School PTA will be held on **Tuesday 6th February, starting at 7.30pm** in the school hall. The PTA plays a big part in the school community and all parents/carers are invited to support the AGM. This is your chance to hear how the funds you have helped to raise have been used for the benefit of the children at our school and to discuss future fundraising projects. The AGM is also an opportunity for you to elect the PTA Committee, who represent the association throughout the forthcoming year. If you would like any further information about the AGM, or joining the PTA please email katemorse@hotmail.co.uk

Bag2School

Our next clothing collection is booked for **Tuesday 19th March at 9am**.

Shopping Online

Whether you're buying train tickets online, ordering your weekly supermarket shop, upgrading your phone, buying car insurance, splurging on a holiday, or simply shopping for a birthday present, there are hundreds of brands on Easy Fundraising who will donate money to the Gerrans School PTA at no extra cost to you. It's basically magic. The link below will take you to our fundraising page and if you need any tech support please email katemorse@hotmail.co.uk or grab me at the gate.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/gerransschoolpta>



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Class certificates

Towan - Georgina for keeping the golden values and making excellent progress in English
Pender - Penelope Tomlinson for her continued focus and determination to succeed in Numeracy.
Porthcurnick - Jackson Harvey - focus and effort in learning, especially maths

We have lots of vacancies within the [Roseland Trust](https://www.gerrans.cornwall.sch.uk/website/vacancies/96872). Please follow the link below for further information and to apply.
<https://www.gerrans.cornwall.sch.uk/website/vacancies/96872>

Team points

Choughs: 385
Dolphins: 449
Pilchards: 400
Seals: 472

Letter reminders

*Video Consent Email

*Complete Nursery bookings for after half term and new EY2C funding forms for any additional hours.

*Cross Country Permissions - Selected pupils

*Porthcurnick Camp permissions and deposits

*Pender Camp permissions and deposits

Attendance

Pender: 96.6%

Towan : 95%

Porthcurnick: 97.8%



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<p>White band (15 reads) - Porthcurnick: Pendower: Towan:</p> <p>Yellow band (30 reads) - Porthcurnick: Pendower: Esme Towan:</p> <p>Orange band (50 reads) - Porthcurnick: Pendower: Nelly and Edda Towan: Heath, Myles</p> <p>Red band (70 reads) - Porthcurnick: Pendower: Towan: Fergus, Poppy</p>	<p>Purple band (95) - Pendower: Towan: Ozni</p> <p>Green band (120) - Blue band (150) - Black band (180) -</p>
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Please see the link below for our latest online safety newsletter and up-to-date guidance on how to stay safe online.

[Online Safety Newsletter](#) December 23

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

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Inset Days for 2023/24 & 2024/25

- Monday 22nd July 2024
- Tuesday 23rd July 2024
- Wednesday 24th July 2024
- Tuesday 3rd September 2024
- Monday 21st July 2024
- Tuesday 22nd July 2024
- Wednesday 23rd July 2024

Diary Dates

Tuesday 06th February - PTA AGM 7.30pm Gerrans School

Friday 9th February - Wear Red Day to support Heart Heroes

Saturday 10th February - Music of The Roseland Day - Gerrans Memorial Hall 11am - 5pm Free Entry

Monday 12th - Friday 16th February - Half Term

Tuesday 20th February - Parental Consultations 4pm - 7pm

Wednesday 21st February - Parental Consultations 3.30pm - 6pm

Saturday 24th February - PTA Coffee Morning Gerrans Memorial Hall 11am - 1pm

Tuesday 5th March - St Piran's Day - Special Menu

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day - Special Menu

Tuesday 19th March - Bag2School Collection

Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April - Easter Holidays

Monday May 6th - Bank Holiday

Friday 19th July - Last Day of Summer Term



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School Uniform

Online orders via :-

https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/Gerrans_Primary_School_TR2_5ED



School Dinners

Please find attached our new dinner menu for Spring/Summer 24. There will be several special days during the year and these will be added to your APP.

Please see link for guidance on how to book school lunches.

<https://parent-support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/articles/4409418879889>



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Other information



Invite you to a FREE day of music, dancing workshops and more to kick off a new project celebrating all things 'MUSIC OF THE ROSELAND'! Join us for:

MUSIC - DANCING - MEMORIES

10th February, 11am - 5pm, Gerrans Memorial Hall, TR2 5EE

This project has been funded by:



GERRANS SCHOOL PTA HOSTS

COFFEE *for a cause* MORNING

SATURDAY 24 FEBRUARY
11AM - 1PM
GERRANS MEMORIAL HALL

Join us for a good cause, great company and a tasty start to the weekend!

You'll find drinks, delicious cakes, a raffle and stalls including plants, crafts and books.

Drop in on your own, invite family, meet up with friends, or even treat a neighbour - we'll bake enough for everyone!

We appreciate everyone's support in helping us to raise money for new outdoor play equipment that will make all the children at Gerrans School smile.



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