



Gerrans School Newsletter



Friday 29th September

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

Respectful, Responsible and Resilient



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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

It is hard to believe that four weeks have already passed since the start of term. This week, Towan class undertook a visit to Towan Beach; it was a pleasure to speak to the children about what they go up to, it seems that collecting sea glass was a real highlight of the day.

Reading is central to our curriculum as is the acquisition of new vocabulary. All children read daily in class, either in whole-class reading lessons or as part of their RWInc phonics lesson. Vocabulary is taught in all lessons as we recognise that vocabulary acquisition is crucial to success in lessons. As parents, you play a crucial role in supporting your child to read. The karate reading scheme, which has been recently relaunched, motivates children to read at home with you. We ask that you find time to read with your child a minimum of four times a week to support your child to make progress in their reading. We also encourage you to read aloud to your child as this helps your child develop their language skills as it increases their exposure to vocabulary and text structure. You may wish to explore our school website where we have listed recommended books for your child's age group; this can be found under the class pages section of the website. You may find the following website useful to support your child with their reading and vocabulary acquisition: <https://wordsforlife.org.uk/>. The game and activity suggestions are excellent and the book lists may help you during visits to bookshops.

Kate Douglass and Matthew Richards
Executive Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher

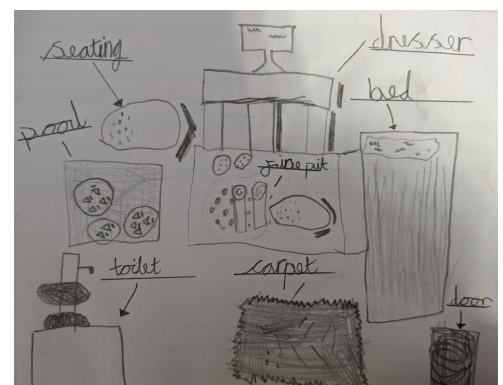
Porthcurnick Class News

Porthcurnick Class have been busy working on their art project entitled 'I need space' this week. The children have been learning about retro-futurism, an artistic movement inspired by the space race of the 1950s and 1960s. The children have created their own printing collagraphs, which they will use to create their finished pieces. In RE, the children have been learning about Muslim's religious commitment by exploring the five pillars of Islam; their conversations have been incredibly thoughtful and insightful.

Pendower Class News

In Penndower this week we have been developing our knowledge of punctuation and grammar as we prepare to innovate and invent our Talk for Writing stories. Pupils have been learning about contraction and possessive apostrophes, inverted commas and fronted adverbial sentences. Not only this but we have had a focus on our accuracy when spelling and ensured we know how to join our letters correctly consistently .

We have enjoyed the most wondrous videos in History of Skara Brae, a Stone Age settlement in the Orkney Islands before considering what life would have been like with such limited resources. By designing their own Stone Age dwellings pupils were able to consider where their fireplaces should go, how they were going to store food and if where they were going to sleep.



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Towan Class News

This week Towan have been busy responding to music (Debussy) to further explore different lines using pastels, pencils and crayons. We looked at some artists' work to investigate how different lines can be used to recreate the sea.

The children enjoyed looking at properties of materials and we considered their suitability for various objects, for instance we decided a kettle made from chocolate would be far from ideal!

In Maths Year 1s have been learning about 'fewer, more and the same' and counting forwards and backwards, while Year 2s have been partitioning numbers into tens and ones as well as into number facts.



The children have planned their new Defeating the Monster stories and have been learning about different sentence types and adjectives to make their stories more interesting.

On Thursday Towan Class visited their namesake...Towan Beach! The weather was kind and the children spent the day exploring, creating, building and responding. Teamwork and positive relationships were wonderful to see in action.



Class certificates

Towan - William for always keeping the Golden Values and Harry for settling back into school so well
 Pendower - Rupert for improving his spelling and handwriting significantly over the course of the week.

Porthcurnick - Annabelle for settling in well and making a positive start to her life at Gerrans school.

Team points

Choughs: 331

Dolphins: 366

Pilchards: 400

Seals: 456

Letter reminders

- Towan Class -
- Pendower -
- Porthcurnick - Newspapers

Attendance

Pendower: 97.5%

Towan : 94.4%

Porthcurnick: 98.9%

Reading Karate

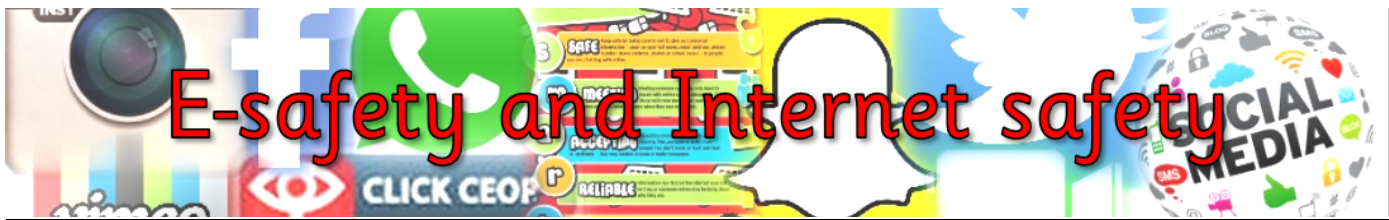
White band (15 reads) -
 Porthcurnick: Isla, Millie, Layla Alfie H
 Pendower: Heidi, Wilf
 Towan: Harris, Sky, Oisin, Alfie C

Yellow band (30 reads) -
 Orange band (50 reads) -
 Red band (70) -

Purple band (95) -
 Green band (120) -
 Blue band (150) -
 Black band (180) -



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Inset Days for 2023/24

- Monday 22nd July
- Tuesday 23rd July
- Wednesday 24th July

Diary Dates

Wednesday 18th October - Bag2School clothing collection

Friday 20th October - Harvest Festival 2.30pm

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October - Half Term

Wednesday 1st November - Parental Consultations 3.30 - 5.30pm

Thursday 2nd November - parental Consultations 4pm - 7pm

Friday 17th November - Whole School Individual Photos

Saturday 9th December - PTA Christmas Fair, Memorial Hall

Wednesday 13th December - School Christmas Lunch

Friday 15th December - Whole School Christmas Treat

Wednesday 20th - January 3rd - Christmas Holidays

Thursday 4th January - First Day of Spring Term

Monday 12th - Friday 16th February - Half Term

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

Monday May 6th - Bank Holiday

Friday 19th July 24 - Last Day of Summer 24 Term

School Records & Contact Details

It's important that we hold the most up to date records of your child in school. Please can you let either Mrs Hooper or Miss Smith know of any changes or new medical details that may have risen over the holidays. If you are unsure of what records we hold please contact us and we can check for you.

Have you moved address or changed your mobile or email, please let us know so we can update your records.

Many thanks

PTA Update



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Bag2School

Our next clothing collection is on Wednesday 18th October. Getting involved is easy...just take the opportunity to sort through your wardrobes and donate good quality items for reuse. We are collecting men's, ladies' and children's clothing, paired shoes (tied together please), handbags, belts and hats. Donations can be put into a normal bin bag/s and brought to school on the 18th October before 9am. Bag2School are currently paying 50p per kilo and all proceeds will be used by the PTA to help fund future school projects.

Easy Fundraising

Thank you to everyone for raising donations for the school with #easyfundraising! If you haven't signed up to support us yet, it's easy and completely free. Brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping - so far we've raised over £80. These donations really help us fund activities for the children, so it would be great if you could take a moment to get started and please do share the link with family and friends. You can find our page by searching for Gerrans School www.easyfundraising.org.uk

School Uniform

We do have some sweatshirts in stock(selected sizes), please see Mrs Hooper.

Online orders via :-

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

School Dinners

Please check your School Gateway for balances, any unpaid balances from last year have been brought forward.

Free School Meals

Find out if your child can get free school meals, how to apply, and understand how to get extra funding for your school.

Preschool children aged 2, 3 and 4 (not yet in a reception class)

Your child will be eligible for free school meals if they meet the [eligibility criteria](#) and attends:

- the nursery class of a school/academy

To be eligible for a free school meal, your child will need to be attending sessions before and after lunch on that day.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2

All Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) pupils are entitled to receive a free school meal. This is part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) initiative and regardless of what benefits are being claimed.

However, some children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 may also have an entitlement to benefits-related Free School Meals. Children in this group are also eligible for Pupil Premium – additional funding paid to the school to support your child in their learning. It is important to apply for benefits-related Free School Meals if you think your child may be eligible. This is so that your child's school can receive this funding.

Your child will be eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals if you meet the [eligibility criteria](#).

Your child may be eligible for benefits-related free school meals if you, or the child themselves, meet the [eligibility criteria](#).



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If eligible for Free School Meals, your child will also be eligible for pupil premium. This is additional funding paid to the school to support your child in their learning.

Free school meals eligibility criteria if you receive benefits

A child is eligible for free school meals if their parent/carer (or the child themselves) receives any of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS)
- Job Seekers' Allowance (Income-Based) and equal based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA-IR) and equal based Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (CTC) with an annual income of less than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Guarantee Element of Pension Credit (GPC)
- Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (IAA) Supports

If you are claiming the benefits listed below you are not eligible for free school meals. This is regardless of what other benefits/credits are being claimed.

- Working Tax Credit
- Contribution-Based Job Seeker's Allowance and/or Contribution-Based Employment and Support Allowance

There are different [eligibility criteria for families who are not entitled to benefits](#) (NRPF - No Recourse to Public Funds)

Free School Meal transitional protections

The benefit related free school meal (FSM) protections policy was introduced in 2018 to protect those eligible for benefit related FSM from becoming ineligible while Universal Credit (UC) is being rolled out. This was originally set to last until March 2022 and was subsequently extended to March 2023.

The end date for protections has now been extended further until March 2025. This is when we expect UC roll-out to be complete for most cohorts.

This means that a pupil who was benefit related FSM eligible on 1 April 2018, or who has become eligible under the benefits/low-earnings criteria since then, will continue to receive free meals, even if their household income exceeds the eligibility threshold, up until March 2025 and then until the end of their phase of education.

Gerrans Horticultural Show

Well done to all the children for their amazing Horticultural Show entries, the judge was blown away with the entries. Congratulations to Demelza for winning the cup for the most points and also to Lucas Y for winning best children's entry.



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Aspens Theme Day

Thursday 5th October 23

Italian Beef Bolognese Ragu with Twirly Spaghetti or Creamy Cheesy Spaghetti Topped with Garlic Crumbs with Swirly Carrot and Courgette Ribbons and Zucchini & Limone Muffin



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Other information

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