



Gerrans School Newsletter



Friday 17th November

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 has been a busy week here in school with lots of exciting learning taking place. On Wednesday, our Y5 children were excellent ambassadors for our school when they visited Truro to attend the Junior Life Skills workshop. The children learnt about the role of agencies (such as the police, fire service and traffic enforcement officers) play in keeping us safe. Also on Wednesday, staff members from Pengelly Garden Centre near Hewaswater to begin a planting project with the children that will run through the year.

Today, we have sent out two letters. One regarding recent investments made in our school and the exciting curriculum changes that are underway. The second letter is in relation to wrap around care provision. We are grateful to those parents who have returned the recent questionnaire and are looking to run both breakfast and after school club after Christmas. However, this will be dependent on staffing, uptake and financial viability. If you would like to use our wrap around care provision after Christmas, please return the questionnaire at the earliest opportunity. We will then be in touch to confirm our final wrap around provision offer subject to this.

Kate Douglass and Matthew Richards
Executive Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher

Porthcurnick Class News

Porthcurnick have begun a new English unit linked to the book Hidden Figures. The children are eager to explore this true story and how it links to our science topic - Earth and space. In reading we continue to enjoy Letters from the Lighthouse which is getting really interesting as we progress through the story. We have also looked at an extract from the classic story Wind in the Willows.

In maths both year groups are rising to the challenge of a new fractions unit of learning.

In science we learned how Aristotle discovered the world was a sphere and not flat while in geography we researched the alpine town of Innsbruck.

Pendower Class News

Pendower thoroughly enjoyed their visit from Pengelly Garden Centre this week where we were able to share our impressive knowledge of a plant's structure and how we can support its survival rate. This visit was most informative as we now look ahead to identifying the seven requirements for all living things in Science, using vocabulary such as respiration, excretion and sensitivity.

Year 4s have completed their block on Addition and Subtraction in maths and are interested in learning about their totally new topic of Area next week. Whilst year 3s have been working super hard to master counting through one hundred and identifying three digit numbers which are multiples of 10.

Towan Class News

Towan have been busy designing and constructing windmills this week. We have learned to make a splayed join and found out about why windmills were used.

Children in Year 1 and 2 have been extending their understanding in addition and subtraction and have worked collaboratively to support one another in their learning.

Our stories based on Town Mouse and Country Mouse are well under way and the children have worked extremely hard to apply new learning.

Tatams Class News

Tatams class have been getting sticky making sweets to celebrate Diwali.



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Class certificates

Towan - Poppy for excellent attitude and progress in writing this week.
Pendower - Amber for showing her wonderful nurturing abilities as she encouraged a peer to shine in PE.
Porthcurnick - Layla - for consistent effort, positive learning behaviours and all round caring nature

Team points

Choughs: 245

Dolphins: 295

Pilchards: 164

Seals: 209

Letter reminders

- Towan Class -
- Pendower - Eden Trip
- Porthcurnick -
- All classes, Hatchbox school
Photography (in book bags),
Curriculum Letter, School Pantomime.

Attendance

Pendower: 97.9%

Towan : 95.9%

Porthcurnick: 98.7%



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White band (15 reads) -
Porthcurnick:
Pendower:
Towan: Lilly

Yellow band (30 reads) -
Porthcurnick:
Pendower:
Towan: William, Bria

Orange band (50 reads) -
Porthcurnick:
Pendower:
Towan: Georgina, Ozni, Freddie

Red band (70) -

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



Please see the link below for our latest online safety newsletter and up-to-date guidance on how to stay safe online.

<https://cdn.newzapp.co.uk/customers/18375/documents/OLSNewsletterforparentsOct2023-db5e82bb.pdf>

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

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Inset Days for 2023/24

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

Diary Dates

Friday 8th December - Christingle Service - 3pm Gerrans Church

Thursday 30th November - Gerrans Bake Off

Friday 1st December - PTA Non Uniform Day - Donations for Christmas Tombola

Saturday 9th December - PTA Christmas Fair, Memorial Hall 1pm - 4pm

Tuesday 12th December - Nursery, EYFS and KS1 nativity, Gerrans Church 2pm and 6pm

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

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

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

Many thanks

The PTA are busy arranging the following events:

Tea Towel Fundraiser

If you would like to pre-order one of our fantastic Gerrans School self-portrait Tea Towels please email dodmanalice@hotmail.com with the quantity and your child's full name. We have limited numbers available and they are selling fast so do get in quick! Prices are £6.50 for one, or £5 each if you purchase two or more. Thank you for your support.



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Great Gerrans Bake Off - Thursday 30th November

The theme this year is 'Winter' and you're welcome to bake and decorate any sweet treat. Bring your entry to school on Thursday morning for judging and then join us for a delicious cake sale at the end of the day in the school hall. Cash donations only please.

Own Clothes Day - Friday 1st December

All children are invited to wear their own clothes to school (no theme or specific colour) in exchange for a donation to our Christmas Tombola which will be held at our Festive Fun Day on the 9th December. All donations are greatly appreciated and ideas include chocolate, bottles, non-perishable treats, trinkets, plants or gifts - if you would like to win it then so would someone else! Please bring your donations to morning drop-off week commencing 27th November.

Festive Fun Day - Saturday 9th December

Join us from 1pm-4pm in the Gerrans Memorial Hall for an afternoon of festive fun! Expect new games, competitions, music, plenty of glitter and great prizes. There will be some free activities for everyone to enjoy, but please come with plenty of coins in your pockets as games, face painting and crafts will all cost 20p, 50p or £1. We'll also be selling delicious food and drink, running our popular Tombolas and showing a Christmas movie. If anyone would like to volunteer to help out on the day, please email

katemorse@hotmail.co.uk

Help us to raise money when you shop online this Christmas!

This month our supporters on EasyFundraising made the PTA bank account £75 richer with minimal effort and zero extra expense themselves! So a huge thank you to everyone who is using EasyFundraising when they shop online. If you're planning on buying Christmas presents online this year, or if you regularly shop with brands such as Sainsbury's, Tesco, Argos, H&M, ebay, John Lewis, M&S, Amazon (or thousands more), then you could easily be helping to raise funds for the PTA and in turn helping to subsidise fun activities for our pupils. All you need to do is sign up to EasyFundraising using their website, or the App and choose to support for Gerrans School PTA

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/gerransschoolpta>. When you want to shop online simply search for the shop you want on EasyFundraising and follow the link. The shop's website is exactly the same and the prices are exactly the same. The stores simply give cashback to EasyFundraising for the referral which is then passed onto the PTA. It's just two extra clicks before you shop. You can even set up donation reminders so if you're browsing a shopping website that's affiliated with EasyFundraising your computer or phone will automatically let you know before you make a purchase! If anyone would like to join up but needs some extra tech support, please grab Kate Morse at the school gate and she'll help you press all of the right buttons.

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 can all dinner balances be paid, you can check your balance on the School Gateway App.

Calling all Childminders

We are often looking for recommendations of registered childminders or babysitters to assist our families. If you have are a childminder, or a parent with a recommendation, please send the information to Laura Read lread@tregonyschool.co.uk

Many thanks



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Other information

Portscatho Christmas Market Weekend

Hosted by Insoll Interiors



3pm to 8pm

1st & 2nd December

At The Yard, Portscatho


Festive Food & Drinks

Christmas Gifts & Crafts

& Lots More...

Gerrans School PTA
Join us for our
Festive Fun Day
Saturday 9th December
Gerrans Memorial Hall
1.00pm - 4.00pm
Food and drinks
Games Festive film Music
Face paints Prizes Crafts
Adult & Chocolate Tombolas
Competitions

Price points for games, crafts and face painting will be 20p, 50p and £1 so be sure to bring along your loose change



Gerrans School PTA

Winter

BAKING COMPETITION

Thursday 30th November

Take part in our Great Gerrans Bake Off and be in with a chance of winning a wonderful prize!

1. Make a Winter themed sweet treat.
2. Bring it to school on Thursday morning, labelled with your name and year group.
3. Be happy that you've just earned yourself a house point!
4. Bring your parents/carers back to the School Hall at 3.30pm with some coins in their pockets.
5. Congratulate the winners and buy something yummy to eat!

GOOD LUCK!



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