



Gerrans School Newsletter



Friday 9th June

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),

Welcome back after the half term.

The last half term ended in the best way possible for Porthcurnick Class; two days away in the sunshine and the Atlantic coasteering, body boarding and surfing. As well as a silent disco and beach BBQ. The children were amazing in every way; co-operative, happy, caring, polite, responsible and willing to have a go at everything. They epitomised our Golden Values and everything we value highly at Gerrans School. The staff were well behaved too, having a go at the water sports, despite Mr Steward trying to put his leg down the arm of his wetsuit while he was putting it on! Many thanks to Mrs Hooper and Mr Steward for all their hard work before and during camp. For my last camp at Gerrans I couldn't have wished for anything better and it gave me great pleasure to see the children so happy within themselves and with one another.

Many thanks to our PTA, who have subsidised educational visits giving pupils opportunities for off site learning opportunities as well as some extensive gardening and clearing in our lower school outside area.

Congratulations to Louie who won the Year Six Squash Tournament and many thanks to Suki and Richard Sharp for continuing to give our pupils this unique coaching opportunity all year round. Mrs Lydia Husband has been appointed to join our teaching team in September. A full list of staffing changes across both Trust Primaries will be shared with you very soon. Our transition day will be held on Thursday 29th June when all children will experience their new class and curriculum for September as well as meet their teaching staff. Details of this will follow in a separate letter. I would like to share some spontaneous quotes with you about our children and school.

'It was lovely to see you all on Monday. Everyone has commented on how lovely the children were!' Clint Hoskin Learning Manager, Geevor Tin Mine.

'You, your team and your group were a delight, thank you for coming, we loved having you.' Bex, Instructor First Wave Adventures.



Porthcurnick Class

On Monday we enjoyed a fantastic day at Geevor Tin Mine where the children learnt a lot about the history of mining which will help them with future learning this term.

In maths Y4 have been preparing for the times table check while years 5 and 6 have focused on time.

In English we have completed our comprehension book - Two Weeks With The Queen - which the children have thoroughly enjoyed.

In science we have started a unit learning about sustainability.

We have also had a first read-through of our summer play!

Towan Class

This week the children have enjoyed starting a new topic 'What did the Romans do for us?' and have been writing their own information texts about rivers or plants.



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In Maths the children have been thinking about new topics of learning: fractions, multiplication/division, position/direction.

The children all put an enormous effort into their 'Show and Tell' projects last half term so a big well done to them and thank you to parents for supporting them.

Tatams Class

On the Wednesday before half term, Tatams Class enjoyed a sunny walk down to Portscatho harbour to meet Simon Taffinder, the Harbour Master. He talked to the children about keeping safe near and in the sea. Will Taffinder also joined us on his boat with some of the sea life he had caught that morning including octopuses, crabs, lobsters and a dogfish. A super end to half term.

This week, the children have enjoyed lots of water play, where we have included toy sea creatures to carry on the rich discussions. The children have also enjoyed using our new wooden blocks in their open ended play.



Julie Elvy Headteacher



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School Council



Headteacher awards

Tatams - Aoife Rushe
Towan - Josie Osborn
Porthcurnick - All Class for exemplary behaviour at Camp and Geevor

Team points

Yellow: 100

Green: 105

Blue: 68

Red: 156



Letter reminders

- School Uniform Letter
- Planting Letter - Towan & Tatams
- Heligan Letter Reception - Year 3



Attendance

Tatams: 92%

Towan: 94.1%

Porthcurnick: 94.8%

E-safety and Internet safety

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

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

March Newsletter

<https://newzapp-files.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/customers/18375/documents/OLSNewsletterparentsMar2023-21c581c4.pdf>



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Forthcoming dates

Inset Days for 2022/23

- Monday 24th July
- Tuesday 25th July

School Dinners

Thank you to everyone who is now using the School Gateway, please ensure you regularly access your accounts to keep payments up-to-date. We will no longer be sending weekly dinner money reminders, please check your account for your dinner balances. Thank you.

Kitchen Manager - Vacancy

Our school kitchen manager is leaving if you are interested in this vacancy see link below:

<https://apply.pineapple-recruitment.co.uk/members/modules/job/detail.php?record=604>

Free School Meals

If your child is attending reception class this September and you are in receipt of any of the benefits listed below, we recommend you apply for **benefit related Free School Meals**. Although your child will be entitled to a free meal each day under the **Universal Infant School Meals** scheme, the school could be entitled to extra funding known as **Pupil Premium** to help support their education. In addition, your child may also be entitled to additional funding to access the **Time2Move Holiday Programme** and a **Household Support Grant**, cost of living winter payment.

[Time2Move Holiday Programme - Cornwall Council](#)

[Household Support Fund - Cornwall Council](#)

Any pupil who is in receipt of **benefit related Free School Meals** on or after the 1 April 2018 will continue to receive **benefit related Free School Meals** whilst **Universal Credit** is rolled out (March 2025 – subject to change). This applies even if they no longer meet the eligibility criteria during that time. Once **Universal Credit** is fully rolled out, any existing pupil who no longer meets the eligibility criteria at that point will continue to receive **benefit related Free School Meals** until the end of their current phase of education, i.e., primary or secondary.

[Benefit Related Free School Meals Criteria](#)



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- 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) Support.

If you are claiming the benefits listed below you are **not** eligible for **benefit related 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

See link below to apply online.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium/>

Summer Reading Challenge

Your child is invited to sign up for this year's [Summer Reading Challenge](#). Sign up at your local library!

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy anything they like to read! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal, and collect rewards for their reading.

It's **FREE** to take part, and last year 75% of children taking part improved their reading skills over the holidays.¹

Why should my child sign up?

- They will be **better prepared to return to school in the autumn.**
- The Challenge **supports the move into a new year group.**
- Becoming more independent in their reading **boosts children's confidence and self-esteem.**
- The library provides **free access to books and fun family activities all through the summer.**
- Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations.



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Your child will be part of a UK-wide programme developed by [The Reading Agency](#) and delivered in partnership with the [public library network](#).

How can my child take part? (Library OR online)

In the library. Visit your local library and sign up. Your child will:

- Set a reading goal for the summer and borrow and read books, eBooks and audiobooks. Your child can choose anything they like to read!
- Receive a Challenge folder and collect special stickers and rewards for reading.

OR

Online. Take part online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

- Sign up on the [official Challenge website](#).
- Set a reading goal and get tips for accessing books for free at home.
- Unlock digital badges and online rewards, including a printable certificate.

When?

Throughout the **summer holidays**. Check with your local library to find out start & finish dates near you. Unsure where your closest library is? Use the [Library Finder](#) to check.

Head to your local library this summer and sign up!





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