



Gerrans School Newsletter



Friday 22nd 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 has been a busy week in school as children continue to thrive in their learning and share their enthusiasm for school with their peers. It has been especially good to see and hear so many wow moments in lessons as children unlock new learning and piece together difficult concepts. On Monday, during assembly, we shared the book 'Odd Dog Out' by Rob Biddulph; this book talks about the importance of celebrating difference and the children sensitively discussed the need to recognise and celebrate each other's uniqueness. We will continue to build on this message in forthcoming assemblies as we discuss friendships and how bullying can be identified.

Last Friday, we were given a range of new books by the estate agent, Lilicrap and Chillcott. These books sensitively and age-appropriately introduce the five fundamental British values and nine protected characteristics to the children. As well as using them in assembly, they will be used in our weekly PSHE lessons. We are very grateful for this donation.

We would like to draw your attention to the useful resources produced by the NSPCC regarding Online Safety. As our children spend more and more time online, we ensure that Online Safety messages are discussed within both our PSHE and Computing lessons. The resources produced by the NSPCC support you as parents in talking to your children about how to stay safe online.

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

Kate Douglass and Matthew Richards
Executive Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher

Porthcurnick Class News

In maths this week Y6 have completed their place value unit and are about to move onto addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Their end of unit assessment showed a good level of understanding. Y5 are continuing with place value.

In reading, we are enjoying the book *Incredible Journeys* by Levison Wood. On Fridays, we visit the library giving children the opportunity to change schemes and library books to take home.

We have been very pleased with the effort children are going to learn their weekly spellings, all have done well in the tests so far. Y5 will be learning the 'ible' words next week and Y6 the second set of suffix words - test on 29/9/23.

In English, we continue to read *Boy in the Tower* and have been comparing newspaper articles about the events in the story.

We helped Cinderella sort a variety of materials and compare their properties in science, making a bit of a mess in the process!

In PE, we continue to build on our gymnastic sequences.

Y6 maths homework has gone home this week and is due in on Thursday 5th October.

Pendower Class News

Pendower Class have been learning lots of new vocabulary like *verandah*, *monsoon* and *sari* as we explore Tamarind's world in *Tamarind and the Star of Ishta* during our reading sessions. Considering the similarities and differences between the UK and India has really helped us to imagine our protagonist's setting.

We have continued to solidify our learning of place value in maths and been enthused by numbers with three digits (year 3) and four digits (year 4). In writing we have been considering word classes as we decipher nouns from verbs and include adjectives and adverbs. Learning our Talk for Writing text by heart has already enabled us to use vibrant vocabulary like 'ragged', 'eerie' and 'vibration' in our writing...We cannot wait to pen our final stories in a couple of weeks!



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Science has taken centre-stage during our afternoon lessons as we planned how to conduct a fair test around the requirements for a plant's growth. Pendower classroom is now home to six pansy plants whose sunlight, soil, air, light and heat will be restricted in turn...Which plant will survive?!



Towan Class News

Towan have enjoyed guessing the mysterious staff member in History this week and have been talking about memories as part of finding out about 'ourselves' and our past.

In Science, we continued thinking about properties of materials and distinguishing between objects and materials. We explored our outside spaces and spotted many materials on our doorstep.

In Maths, Year 2s have learned to count by grouping large numbers in tens and adding on the extra ones, while in Year 1 the children have been counting accurately and finding one more.

By the end of the week every child will have a library book to enjoy. Please set aside time to share a story and listen to your child read their RWI books (if they have one). We are looking forward to watching the children climb our reading karate ladder and celebrating their success.

Next **Wednesday** children are invited to bring in an item that has special significance to them for our next History session.

Don't forget.... Thursday is our beach visit day so fingers crossed for some sunshine!



Class certificates

Towan - Fergus Holman for always being ready for a challenge in Maths.

Pendower - Oliver Towler for taking the leap to join his handwriting and always providing insightful answers.

Porthcurnick - Lukas Koncius - for his effort, involvement and teamwork skills

Team points

Choughs: 294

Dolphins: 350

Pilchards: 421

Seals: 471

Letter reminders

- Towan Class - Beach Letter
- Pendower - Class Letter
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Attendance

Pendower: 98.3%

Towan : 93.3%

Porthcurnick: 99%

Reading Karate

White band (15 reads) -
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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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/>



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Inset Days for 2023/24

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

Diary Dates

Friday 22nd September - Meet & Greet with Mrs Douglass, Mr Richards and Laura Read - 9.15am - 10am - SEND Parent(s) & Carer(s).

Saturday 23rd September - Gerrans Horticultural Show - 2.30pm

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

New Office Email & Staffing

Monday & Tuesday - Ashley Dredge

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - Tracy Hooper

For general office enquiries please can you use the following email address: -

gerrans-reception@gerrans.cornwall.sch.uk



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PTA Update

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](#).

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



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- 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.

Cycle to School Week

Do you want to save money, get healthier and protect the environment? As well as have lots of fun on the journey to school? Then get involved with Cycle to School Week! This year, Cycle to School Week will take place between **Monday 25 – Friday 29 September 2023**.

Bikeability Trust and Sustrans, are celebrating the fun and freedom of an eco-friendly cycle commute, and encourage all families, pupils and teachers to get involved.

Win with Sustrans Cornwall special incentive for schools in Cornwall! All you need to do is email cornwall@sustrans.org.uk your Active Travel data for a day during your C2SW and post your C2SW photos on Facebook [@SustransCornwall](#) before Monday 16th October and the winning photo will be awarded a book pack for their school library; on topics such as cycling, scooters, climate change and the environment.

Also: Make a pledge – and win with Bikeability Trust

This year the Trust is asking pupils, parents, schools and teachers to **make a cycling pledge**. From Friday 1 September, simply [CLICK HERE](#), choose your pledge, and be entered into our prize draw to win a brand new Frog children's bike worth £535! Don't forget to share your pedal power pledge with Bikeability Trust on social media to boost your chances to win. Stay tuned for more information, and huge cycling giveaways on our social media channels. Follow Bikeability on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

Gerrans Horticultural Show

Don't forget to bring your geraniums! You can drop them off Friday evening or Saturday morning before 10am.



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**GERRANS ANNUAL
HORTICULTURAL &
HANDICRAFT SHOW**

at

GERRANS MEMORIAL HALL

SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2023

DOORS OPEN 2.30pm

Teas, Cakes and Raffle

Admission to show

Adults £1 Children Free



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Other information

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Charles Rashleigh
Charlestown and China Clay

22 September to 23 December 2023
Exhibition at Wheal Martyn Clay Works

2023 marks the bicentenary of the death of Charles Rashleigh, who built Charlestown in the late 18th century. Although initially created to ship copper ore Charlestown quickly became one of the major clay ports in Cornwall. Discover more about Charles Rashleigh's remarkable life and legacy.

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