

Gerrans School News

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11th February 2019



Attendance **14th January 2019 - 8th February 2019**

KS1 95% KS2 96.6% Whole School 95.8 %

In order to maintain OFSTED's judgement of Personal development, behaviour and welfare as outstanding this percentage is expected to be at least 95%

Attendance ratings Good attendance ~ 95% - 100%

Poor Attendance ~ 90% - 94%

Unsatisfactory Attendance ~ below 90%

Reading Karate

Well done to the following you have achieved karate reading bands.

Margot ~ Black/Red

Millie & Rosalie ~ Purple

Will ~ Green

Harlan & Moss ~ Black/Yellow

Oscar ~ Black/White & Black/Yellow

Kyle, Ivy & Isla ~ Red

Sophie ~ Orange

Liliana ~ Black/Green

Layla ~ Black/Blue

Samuel ~ Black/Black/White



Keep Reading....Who'll be next?

Stars of the Week

KS1

KS2

Naomi M for superb learning attitude

Kane & Samuel for Supersonic learning in Maths all week

Letters & Reminders

* Resilient You, Resilient Me Workshop slips

Volunteer Drivers

Many thanks for those parents who have offered to become Volunteer Drivers which includes completing an online enhanced DBS.

Please can you arrange a date with Mrs Hooper who will give you details of the necessary documents.

Many thanks



School Games

Well done to our Rugby players who competed in the Rugby Festival, they all played well on a very cold afternoon.

Our next event is the Netball Tournament.



Poppy Appeal

Many thanks to everyone who donated to last year's Poppy Appeal at school. We have just heard from The Royal British Legion that we raised £81.25.



Class News

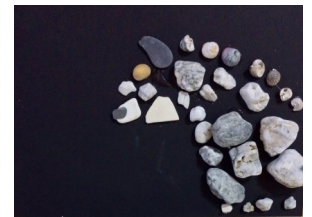
KS1

We have had a super Cornish Week: storytelling, drama, clay and painting. We have also made Cornish fairings and they tasted delicious!

Thank you to all of you who support and encourage your children with their Show & Tell each week. We are always very impressed!

KS2

KS2 really enjoyed learning about famous Cornish people through the workshop and performance from Kernow King and the Cornish Record Office. They had opportunities to use real information and artefacts to become history detectives.



Tuesday took us to the beach to collect materials to make beach pictures.

On Wednesday we designed Cornish Flags for Gerrans and Portscatho.. They thoroughly enjoyed the traditional, thrilling tales told to them by our visiting storyteller, John Brolly, who can be found sharing these stories around the county and especially at The Minack Theatre. Wednesday ended with us all enjoying Sea Shanties from the Fisherman's Friends.



On Thursday we baked delicious Heavy Cake with Mrs Hooper in the morning and performed traditional Cornish tales as dramas with KS1 in the afternoon.

KS2 have also found time to watch the launch lesson for 500 words story competition 2019 and are excitedly planning their entries!

Cornish week ended with a wonderful day on Friday (despite the wind and rain!) at Wheal Martyn and Poldark. We learnt all about Cornish Industries and landscapes different to The Roseland.

Nursery

Nursery have been looking and making Cornish Flags, Fairings and they especially enjoyed the Cornish storyteller.

Aspens Spring Summer Menu

Please see attached the new Spring Summer lunch menu. This menu will start week commencing 25th February and continue until the end of September.

As you can see there are some new meals being introduced and every day there will be a option of Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings.

Dinners will cost **£2.20** per day which can be paid daily, weekly, half termly or termly.



A note from the Education Welfare Officer on Absence

Reducing absence is a key priority nationally and locally because missing school damages your child's attainment, disrupts school routines and the learning of others and can leave a pupil vulnerable to anti-social behaviour and crime. Above all, missing school seriously affects your child's longer term life opportunities.

Reasons for issuing penalty notices

Penalty notices may be used to tackle unauthorised absence in the following circumstances:

- Where the parent has chosen to take their child on holiday during term time without authorisation, especially where the absence will lead to the child missing a public examination i.e. SATs and GCSEs.
 - In cases where pupils are persistently late for school after the register has been closed.
- * In cases where a pupil's parents fail to work with the school and the Education Welfare Service to improve attendance. If your child has at least 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absences within 100 sessions (10 weeks), then you could be liable for receiving a penalty notice.

Please see our website under parental information for more information on penalty notices.

Online Safety

Please see attached the latest Online Safety Newsletter for parents. A copy can also be found on our School Website.

FREE ENTRY

BLUE LIGHT OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 24 FEBRUARY | 11AM TO 3PM | CORNWALL AIR AMBULANCE TREVITHICK DOWNS NEWQUAY TR8 4DY

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CORNWALL AIR AMBULANCE
SEE THE HELICOPTER | MEET THE CREW | PARAMEDIC DEMOS

EXCITING DISPLAYS FROM OTHER LOCAL EMERGENCY SERVICES
Firearms & Dogs team • RNLI • Blood Bikes • Extrication team • HM Coastguard • Devon & Cornwall Police • Cornwall Fire & Rescue

PLUS» POP-UP SHOP | RAFFLE | REFRESHMENTS SERVED ALL DAY | CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

CORNWALLAIRAMBULANCETRUST.ORG

Cornwall Air Ambulance NEW HELI appeal
Saving more lives. Saving more lives.

Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust, Trevithick Downs, Newquay TR8 4DY | Registered charity 1133295
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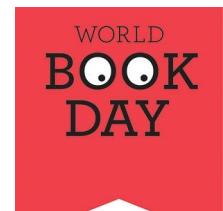
World Book Day ~ Thursday 7th March

World Book Day will soon be upon us! We will be celebrating in the following ways.
Our theme for this year is "The Mousehole Cat". Everyone is invited to dress up with that theme in mind. In addition we are running the following competition.

"Dress a potato up as your favourite Book Character" Entries for this will accepted from the 25th February - 7th March.



Parents and Grandparents please remember you are invited to use our library as a reading/ storytelling venue after school.



Staffing

We will soon say goodbye to Miss Peters who has been our temporary KSI TA. We have all enjoyed having her as part of our team.



On Thursday 14th February we will be interviewing for a permanent TA to work with KSI/EYFS.

The response to our advert has been incredible!

Multi Academy Trust

As a MAT we have in our Home/School agreement about appropriate use of Social Media. Whilst this vehicle of communication can prove very useful, such as additional communication during the ice and snow, parents are asked in the Home School Agreement not to use it as platform to air concerns.

We pride ourselves on our open culture here at Gerrans. If you have a question or concern please see your child's class teacher in the first instance rather than Social Media.



Diary Dates

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd February ~ Half Term

Monday 4th March ~ Messy Church

Wednesday 6th March ~ Resilient You, Resilient Me Workshop 9.15am

Wednesday 20th March ~ Parental Consultations

Thursday 21st March ~ Parental Consultations

Monday 1st April ~ Messy Church

Friday 5th April ~ End of Term School Finishes at 1.30pm

Tuesday 23rd April ~ Summer Term

Monday 6th May ~ Bank Holiday School Closed to Pupils

Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May ~ KS2 SATS

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May ~ Half Term

Friday 7th June ~ Inset Day - School Closed to Pupils

Monday 10th - Wednesday 13th June ~ Scholastic Book Fayre

Thursday 13th June ~ Sports Day

Friday 14th June ~ Reserve Sports Day

Monday 17th June ~ School Class Photos

Wednesday 19th June ~ Year 5 Transition Day at The Roseland Academy

Thursday 11th July ~ Whole School Production (morning performance)

Friday 12th July ~ Whole School Production (evening performance)

Friday 19th July ~ 1pm Leavers Assembly and End of Term

Half Term Fun

KIDS WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY HALF TERM

MAGNIFICENT MOBILES

Thursday 21st Feb 10 - 11.15am
Ages 5+ £8

Be inspired by the bright, bold and brilliant work of the famous artist, Kandinsky.

We will show you how to create your very own colourful hanging mobile by cutting and sticking funky shapes. They will be brought to life with layers and lots of laughs along the way!




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KIDS WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY HALF TERM

ECO ANIMATION

Thursday 21st Feb 3 - 5pm
Ages 8+ £12.50

Do you have ideas about a robot who can fish all the plastic out of the ocean or a satellite with a net which can catch the rubbish in space?

Be an arty eco-warrior and join us for a workshop where we will storyboard our eco ideas in groups, then form plasticine models to create imaginative and original animations.

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PAINTING THE GALAXY

Sat 23rd Feb 9.30 - 11am
Ages 8+ £10

Working with vibrant watercolours on watercolour paper, we will guide you through each step of how to create a cosmic painting of the milky-way!

Learn how to blend colours using sponges, and experiment with spray bottles, colour mixing and adding fine detail with white gouache.

Will you add a galactic spaceship to your lunar landscape?




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School Dog

As you know Scamp has made a few visits to school to share reading with the pupils. The pupils love this, although they find his occasional snoring during their reading a little rude!

Recently Mrs Blackie and I have been fortunate enough to be part of "Trauma Informed Schools" training, which is being offered free to all Cornish Schools as part of mental health awareness. This is the best training I have ever been on. A small part of it has been verifying the science behind working alongside animals and nature, how they calm the heartbeat, regulate brain chemicals etc. Children working alongside nature and animals is something I have always felt passionate about. With this in mind I registered Scamp as a Therapy Pet. He passed his assessment with flying colours so he can now come to school to provide comfort, calm and a listening ear (selectively!) to pupils.

At his age of 14 he won't be in everyday as he does get tired. If you would prefer your child not to have any contact with Scamp please let me know.

Mrs Elvy

