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This week's virtue is "Kindness".

Foundation stage -

Rainbowfish and Angelfish have been learning more about space this week. The reception children have been watching a video about astronauts and then writing their own list of 10 things they would take to space. Someone decided they'd pack their Alexa speaker, essential space equipment! In maths the nursery children have been working on subtraction and singing lots of number rhymes. The Rainbowfish reception children have been discussing measuring, exploring length and weight. We also sadly announced that the next two weeks are Miss Braisby's final weeks at school after almost 20 years. We are very sad to see her go but we wish her all the best in her teaching career.

Key Stage 1

Year 1 - Year 1 have really enjoyed learning about Norman castles in History this week. They practiced different joins in DT this week in preparation for building their castles in DT on Thursday and Friday next week. If you have any more boxes please send them in. In science this week the children have enjoyed finding their pulse rate and seeing what activities make it speed up or slow down. The children have really enjoyed learning Spanish this week and learning to say 'hello, my name is.....'. Ask them if they can remember at home. Please can you also practice teen numbers and writing them so they understand there is 1 ten and so many ones.

Year 2- In our Science this week, the children learnt more about how exercise keeps us healthy. They identified activities that they thought would increase their heart rate and then we tested them out. We had great fun trying to find our pulse! In History, we began our work on the invasion of Britain by the Normans. They learnt a lot about the features of a Norman castle, ready to design their own castle in DT before beginning to make them next week. In Literacy, we are writing a fact file on alligators. We used our ICT lesson to research alligators and found out lots of interesting facts. They will now write these up on their report. In maths, they have continued to learn about multiplication. Their homework links to the work we covered on arrays. Please continue to practice times tables at home. At the end of year 2, children are expected to know x10, x2, x5, x3 and the corresponding division facts.

Key Stage 2

Year 3/4 - This week, the children have all become familiar with coins and are now beginning to add amounts together. It would be great if the children could add two items before next week as we will be opening a shop on Monday for them to practice their skills. After last week's skipping workshop, you would be amazed with how much they have improved in just a week. Thank you to parents who have named their skipping rope. The children have completed some beautiful poems, inspired by 'The Magic Box'. Some children have even written it twice to bring a copy home! In grammar, we looked at what is meant by a preposition – they were super at applying them to a picture prompt and we will build on this next week.

Year 5/6 - Year 5 and 6 have been enjoying our topic on the Shang Dynasty: interpreting hieroglyphics and artefacts and learning how people live in that region of China 3000 years ago.



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COVID Guidelines - If your child has any COVID symptoms or a positive lateral flow/PCR test then please ensure that they begin isolation immediately and let the school office know. If your child tests positive over a weekend please email the school office with date of symptoms and test results.

Isolation Rules

Negative tests can start from day **five** and isolation can end on day **six** if two consecutive negative LFD tests are returned, children can return to school on day 6 following the negative LFD test results.

Reporting Absence - It is extremely important that the school office is informed of any child absences and medical appointments. An absence text is sent if your child is not present at school and if no reason is given then it will be marked as an unauthorised absence. You can inform us by calling 01326 562249 and leaving an answerphone message or emailing secretary@porthleven.cornwall.sch.uk

School Dinner Menu - We will be on WEEK 3 of the menu next week.

Staff News from Mrs Wood in Rainbowfish Class - We need to let you know some changes in Rainbowfish class. It is with mixed emotions that I must inform you that Miss Braisby will be leaving us at February half term. We are devastated to be losing her but are so happy to announce that she is moving on to a teaching position at Parc Eglos school. Kate is a fantastic teacher and I am glad that she is now able to progress in her career and lead her own class. It is our loss and their gain and I hope you will all join me in wishing Miss Braisby every success in her new job. Mrs Wood



Mental Health week: Mon 7th – Fri 11th February - Wednesday 9th February - 'This is Me' Day

Our school's theme this year is 'This is Me'. Throughout the week your child will be taught important lessons to support their mental health. The focus areas will be gratitude, kindness and resilience. Classes will have brain breaks each day to learn a motivating dance and to discuss a positive quote for the day.

On Wednesday 9th February is 'Mental health and Well Being Festival for Educational Settings' so we would like all the staff and children to dress in the theme, 'This is me'.



'Wear Red Day' for Heart Week - Friday 11th February 2022 - £1 donation - Children can wear a little or a lot of red clothing on this day to raise awareness of babies and young children born with serious heart defects. We are working closely with the PTA to organise a tombola after school also - watch this space!

Scholastic book Fair -

The Book Fair will be arriving in school soon, with lots of new children's books to browse and buy. Card payments will be accepted via QR code.

When: Monday 14th, Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th February 2022 - after school
Friday 11th February each class will get a chance to browse and make a wish list.
Where: The Infant School Hall

If you can't make it to our Book Fair, try our discounted Gift Vouchers available at www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents
 They're a great way to ensure your child doesn't miss out on buying a book.
 Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get FREE BOOKS for our school library!



Narwhals and Swordfish Class - Hall for Cornwall Gangsta Granny Trip - Friday 18th February 2022 -
 Payments can be made via ParentPay and you can also chose your child's lunch option if you would like them to have a school lunch.

Chartwells Menu Change - Pancake Day - Tuesday 1st March 2022 - Jacket potatoes, tomato pasta and ham sandwich will also be available.



All Day Breakfast (vegetarian option available)

American Pancakes (with a choice of dessert toppings)




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Book Of The Week -

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This week 9+ readers



Book information

ISBN: 9781780060002

Publication date: 3rd June 2021

Author: Ella Risbridger

Publisher: Nosy Crow Ltd

Format: Paperback

Pagination: 336 pages

Suitable for: 9+ readers, 9+ readers

Genres: Crime / Mystery, Historical Fiction

Recommendations: Debuts of the Month

Collections: Summer Reading 2021

The Secret Detectives

Written by Ella Risbridger

Tell me more...

In a classic set-up, after finding herself orphaned, eleven-year-old Isobel Petty is plucked from her home outside Calcutta to live in England with a distant uncle. Pondering her future, Isobel declares, "England sounded very cold and unpleasant, and her uncle, worse" - not the best of starts. Life aboard the S.S. Marianna, in the charge of Mrs. Colonel Hartington-Davis, is an irritation, not least due to her charge's exasperating daughter, Letitia. "If you're not a native and you're not English, what are you?" she demands of Isobel. Then, while despairing of having to spend three long weeks at sea, Isobel witnesses someone being thrown overboard. When the captain insists no one is missing, Isobel sets about solving a double mystery - the identity of the culprit, and their victim.

Isobel's wit and determination are immensely appealing (as is her straight-thinking, straight-talking aspect), and I especially loved the ebb and flow dynamics between Isobel and her fellow (initially reluctant) co-investigators. In short, this is a perfectly-pitched history mystery, possibly best enjoyed by torchlight with a stack of fortifying ginger biscuits to hand.

Look inside...

Could you spare a small amount of time each week to become a regular reading volunteer in school and help us with one of our most important activities?

Helping children to become confident, independent readers is one of the most important things that we can do - and it is an area of our work where parents, carers and other members of the community can make a big difference. We are always keen to hear from people who would be interested to help us and supporting reading by joining our volunteers. Could you help the children with their reading by listening to them read, and talking to them about their books and reading choices? Your support is so important to us. If you think you could help, feel free to talk about a suitable time then please contact Mrs Louise Figgins.

*The school policy is committed to safeguarding all of our pupils: we require enhanced criminal record checks (through the Disclosure and Barring Service) and background checks for all **regular** volunteers.*

Parent & Toddler Group - Limited spaces - Every Tuesday - 9am to 11am - £1 per family - Please contact the school office to book your space - Forest school activities, snack provided for children. Children will need to wear old clothes and bring coats. We will also be using our indoor spaces some weeks and if the weather is bad.

Cross Country Dates -

Tuesday 15th February Cross Country – Race 5 Reception/KS1 and KS2 Mullion 4pm
 Tuesday 1st March Cross Country – Race 6 KS2 HCC 4pm
 Tuesday 14th June Fun Run KS2 Mullion 4pm

School Vacancies - If the position below is of interest to you please contact the school office on 01326 562249 or email secretary@porthleven.cornwall.sch.uk for an application form:

EYFS Teaching Assistant - 27.5 hours per week - closing date: Thursday 17th February 2022

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

Wednesday 9th February 2022 - 'This is Me' Day - Mental Health Week
Friday 11th February 2022 - 'Wear Red Day' for Heart Week & PTA Tombola
Monday 14th February 2022 - Scholastic Book Fair
Tuesday 15th February Cross Country – Race 5 Reception/KS1 and KS2 Mullion 4pm
Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February 2022 - February Half Term
Monday 11th April to Friday 22nd April 2022 - Easter Holidays
Monday 2nd May 2022 - Bank Holiday - School closed to all children
Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022 - May Half Term
Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th July 2022 - INSET days - School closed to all children
Wednesday 27th July to Friday 2nd September 2022 - Summer Holidays