



Garras School Newsletter

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Attendance last week (15.12.23-11.1.24)

(Whole School Target—97%)

Barn Owls – 94.2%

Hawk Owls-100%

Eagle Owls— 94.4%

Year to date (whole school)—96.34%

12th January 2024

Garras staff wish to say thank you to our wonderful families for the Christmas gifts they received. We are always overwhelmed by your generosity, and more so this time given the difficult economic times we are living in.

Happy New Year to you all, and thank you once again.



Eagle Owls—parent readers

Our parent and community volunteers add so much to the school and its pupils, and we are so grateful for their time. We are looking for additional volunteers to help with reading in Eagle Owls; if you have any spare time and would like to help, please get in touch.

Eagle Owls—old shoes

Eagle Owls are in need of old/unwanted shoes (any type) that can be dismantled in class ready to use after half term.



They will need 15 individual shoes as a minimum, but more would be great!

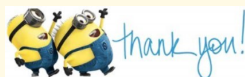
Thank you!

Christmas Jumper day and Christingle

A huge thank you for your generous donations during the Christmas Jumper days and the Christingle.

We raised £70 for Save The Children (jumpers) and £105 for The Children's Society (Christingle).

Thank you!!



Safeguarding Bulletin 10

January 2024— Staying Safe Online

Get to know Age Ratings

Age ratings are in place to help protect your child, so we thought we'd provide you with a little reminder of how important it is to check the age ratings of what your child is accessing online. Here are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are accessing. **Did you know that WhatsApp has an age rating of 16?**



Whether your child is viewing films, accessing apps, playing games online, using social media or downloading other apps – check the age rating first to see if your child is old enough. In addition, the likes of PEGI include further content descriptors, which will give you an indication of the type of content that your child might view e.g. violence, if accessing the app/game etc.

It is important to note that whilst age ratings do allow you to see if something may be appropriate for your child, it is also important to review the content yourself. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable for your child to access and if it would be beneficial to apply further parental controls.

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

It can be difficult to keep up to date with new technologies and to know if there are any related risks that we need to be aware of when using new technologies. AI is being talked about a lot, so it is worthwhile learning more about it now to help support/answer questions if our children show an interest. Twinkl provide a brilliant overview of AI here:

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/blog/parents-guide-top-tips-for-navigating-generative-ai-safely-with-kids>

Fake Profiles and Cyberbullying

Setting up a profile impersonating somebody else with the intention of being unkind to others/to cause embarrassment to the individual is a form of cyberbullying. If your child has set up a fake profile, talk to them about how this is a form of bullying and therefore not acceptable. It is important that we talk to our children about the issue of cyberbullying and let them know that if they are ever a victim of it then it is not their fault, and they should tell you (or a trusted adult) straightaway. Talk to your child about reporting and blocking tools on social media or online games and show them how to use them to report any form of bullying. You can read more about cyberbullying here:

•<https://www.childline.org.uk/in-fo-advice/bullying-abusesafety/types-bullying/bullyingcyberbullying/>

•<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/wha-t-is-child-abuse/types-ofabuse/bullying-andcyberbullying/>

Additionally, Report Harmful Content have listed how you can report impersonation accounts on the different social media

Minecraft

Minecraft remains ever popular and with Christmas just gone, maybe your child received this game as one of their presents. Minecraft Legends is rated as PEGI 7 meaning it is suitable for those over 7 years of age. The App store rate Minecraft as 9+. You should be aware that there is a multiplayer option so players can chat to each other, and in-app purchases are available. Parental controls are available, either within Minecraft or on the console itself e.g. Nintendo Switch or PlayStation. Find out more here:

<https://www.minecraft.net/enus/article/parental-controls>

What is Snapchat?

Snapchat is a social media app used for messaging and sharing photos and videos. You must be 13+ to sign up. Users can send messages (snaps) to others that can only be seen for a set time e.g. 10 seconds and users can also upload snaps to stories, which disappear after 24 hours. What should I be concerned about? There are risks to using Snapchat, including the risk of your child viewing content that is not appropriate for them, location sharing and contact from strangers.

DIARY DATES	
Fri 12 Jan	GAMES CLUB 3.15-4.15pm
Mon 15 Jan	'DRAW IT' CLUB 3.15-4.15pm
Tue 16 Jan	Mr Sturges out all day
Tue 16 Jan	Y2 Forest School all day
Tue 16 Jan	SPORTS CLUB 3.15-4.15pm
Wed 17 Jan	Mrs Woodhead in Hawk Owls
Wed 17 Jan	Y6 SATS CLUB 3.15-4.15pm
Thu 18 Jan	FILM CLUB 3.15-4.15pm
Fri 19 Jan	GAMES CLUB 3.15-4.15pm
Mon 22 Jan	Mrs Rayner out - Miss Hall supply
Mon 22 Jan	Y3/Y4 Football league 4.15-5.15 @ HCC
Tue 23 Jan	Hawk Owls trip to the Maritime Museum all day
Tue 30 Jan	Y3 Forest School all day
Wed 1 Feb	Governors meeting 5.30pm
Fri 9 Feb	Y5/Y6 Bible Exhibition @ Light & Life
12-16 Feb	HALF TERM
More dates on the school website...	

FOREST SCHOOL DATES

The dates for the spring term are as follows:

Barn Owls (09:00-12:00)

Tue 23 Jan
Tue 6 Feb
Tue 20 Feb
Tue 27 Feb
Tue 26 Mar

Hawk/Eagle Owls (all day)

Tue 16 Jan Year 2
Tue 30 Jan Year 3 Tehidy
Tue 5 Mar Year 5 Gwithian
Tue 12 Mar Year 4 Idless
Tue 19 Mar Year 6

*Please note that these may be subject to change during poor weather and staff shortages, but we will keep you informed of any changes.

PE Kit

IMPORTANT!!

Can you please make sure that your child's PE kit (PE shirt, shorts/leggings and plimsolls/trainers please) is in school at all times? Thank You!



GWECK YOUTH CLUB





Every Friday

6:30 – 8:30 pm

@ Helford River Gig Club

Chapel Hill, Gweek, TR12 7AE

If you're 8+, come along and join us for ball games, badminton, snooker, card games and more ... indoor and outdoor spaces to play. Tuck shop

Under 8s welcome with a parent or carer

60p weekly entry, 50p annual subs

For more info contact Brian 01326 221652

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The remaining INSET days for this year are;

INSET 2023-24

Mon 19 Feb 24
Wed 8 May 24 (Flora Day)
Mon 17 Jun 24
Wed 24 Jul 24

Bank Holidays

Mon 6 May 2024

Term dates can be found here:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges/school-term-dates-and-inset-days/>