



Garras School Newsletter

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Attendance last week (2.2.24—8.2.24)

(Whole School Target—97%)

Barn Owls – 97.9%

Hawk Owls-98.8%

Eagle Owls— 96.4%

Year to date (whole school)—96.56%

This term's pupil progress meetings for parents will take place in the week beginning Monday 26th February and are a wonderful opportunity for you to discuss your child's learning with their class teacher.

These meetings will be face to face, in school, and the sign up sheets are now outside the classrooms. You can also call the school office to make your appointment.



Teachers will try to keep to the timings, but we do appreciate your patience when meetings overrun.

Morning drop off

A polite request for our Barn Owls families. May we ask you to please wait until a member of staff is in the playground before allowing your child to walk down to the classroom, especially if you arrive a little early?

This allows us to ensure that Miss Bird or Mrs Rowe are in the class to receive them.

If you need an early drop off, (even if it is only 5 minutes!) please use the breakfast club. Our minimum charge is £2.10.

Please call if you need any further clarification.

After school club lead

Having passed the application deadline for the post of After School club lead, we are sorry to report that we did not receive any applications or expressions of interest.

We plan to re-advertise after the half term break, but will ask once again for your help in sharing the details of the vacancy with your friends and family.

If there is any interest, please ask them to get in touch with the school, there is no need to wait for the advertisement.

Many thanks!!

CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN'S SUCCESS

Year 1 and 2 represented our school at the KS1 Gym event at Penryn Gymnastics Centre on Monday afternoon. Thanks to Mrs Desmond and Liz for helping with transport.

We have received the results and they came second in the non-club category, and against some much bigger schools too!

Well done to you all!



DIARY DATES	
Fri 9 Feb	Valentines Cake Sale 3pm
Fri 9 Feb	GAMES CLUB 3.15-4.15pm
12-16 Feb	HALF TERM
Mon 19 Feb	INSET DAY-school closed to pupils
Tue 20 Feb	Barn Owls Forest School 9-12
Tue 20 Feb	SPORTS CLUB 3.15-4.15pm
Wed 21 Feb	Y6 SATS Club 3.15-4.15pm
Thu 22 Feb	FILM Club 3.15-4.15pm
Fri 23 Feb	GAMES CLUB 3.15-4.15pm
Mon 26 Feb	Pupil Progress meetings this week
Mon 26 Feb	NO 'DRAW IT' Club today
Tue 27 Feb	Barn Owls Forest School 9-12
Tue 27 Feb	Cross Country Race 4 KS2 HCC 4pm (South Site)
Tue 27 Feb	SPORTS CLUB 3.15-4.15pm
Wed 28 Feb	Y6 SATS Club 3.15-4.15pm
Thu 29 Feb	FILM Club 3.15-4.15pm
Fri 1 Mar	GAMES CLUB 3.15-4.15pm
Mon 4 Mar	Y3/Y4 Girls Football League @ HCC 4.15-5.15pm
Tue 5 Mar	Y5 Forest School all day
Tue 12 Mar	Y4 Forest School all day
More dates on the school website...	



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/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/>

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

FOREST SCHOOL DATES

The dates for the spring term are as follows:

Barn Owls (09:00-12:00)

Tue 20 Feb
Tue 27 Feb
Tue 26 Mar

Hawk/Eagle Owls (all day)

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.

