



Weekly Newsletter

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Monday 1st July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow! What a fantastic time Year 5 and 6 had last week @ PGL – Barton Hall. The photos on the website show the children having a great time! I hope you are slept very well this weekend children!?

This week is Bus-y!

Onjali Q Rauf (author of The Boy at the Back of the Class, The Night Bus Hero, the Letter Golden Stamp, and many others) visited us today – it was fabulous to listen to her reading extracts from her book, alongside being able to ask her about her inspiration and love of writing and reading. The children in KS2 were truly inspired by her visit – thank you Mr C for organising this visit, and thank you Onjali for coming to MBS.

Year 5 @ Penryn College

Our Year 5 pupils are off to Penryn College on Tuesday to take part in the PC Olympics! Please ensure that YOU TRANSPORT YOUR CHILD to Penryn College, drop off at 8.45am for a 9am start. Please can children wear PE kits; bring a packed lunch and a water bottle; and bring a hat, and wear suncream. Children need to be picked up FROM THE COLLEGE AT 14:45

Year 6 – Penryn College Transition Day

Pupils transitioning to Penryn College next year have their ‘move-up day’ on Tuesday – please ensure that your child can meet Mr C **at Penryn College** at 8.45am – please see email sent on Friday for further details.

Year 4 Sailing

This Tuesday sees the Year 4 complete the last of their sailing lessons – well done Y4, you have shown great enthusiasm and resilience across these lessons. (Not least in getting into and out of wetsuits!!)

Year 6 – Retallack Sport and Leisure

On Wednesday, year 6 are off to Retallack Sport and Leisure for an inflatable session on their lake. The children will be out most of the day so please remember swimming gear, towel, a packed lunch, plenty of water, sun hat and sunscreen. Wetsuits are available to borrow from the lake and buoyancy aids are provided for everyone.

Sports Day

On Thursday we will be holding our annual sports day. The children will be taking part in a variety of races, and it would be lovely to have some supportive spectators – please remember to bring a chair or beach mat to sit on – and some suncream for yourselves! The PTA will be selling refreshments, ice creams, pasties, teas/coffee etc throughout the day – THANK YOU PTA!!

KS 1 Sports day 09:30 – 11:30 (approx.) Any willing volunteers to help us walk to the field, very gratefully greeted at school at 09:10.

KS 2 Sports Day 13:15 – 15:00 (approx.) Any willing volunteers to help us walk to the field, very gratefully greeted at school at 13:00.

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Children need to come to school in their PE kit, bring a hat and water bottle, and wear suncream.

Father's Day Breakfast

A belated Father's Day celebration (apologies, this is my fault as a couple of things (inc. OFSTED) arrived at another school when we were due to celebrate this at MBS) All fathers, dads, grandfathers, step-dads, uncles and father-figures are very welcome to come to school on Friday 5th July from 08:30 (slightly earlier than in last week's newsletter stated due to the number of sausages that have now been ordered!) - until 09:00. Please pick up a sausage sandwich from the hall and then take some time to chat to your children about their work in their books and have a look at their classes.

Summer Reading Challenge

Every summer our wonderful library in Falmouth encourage children to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge. This year the head librarian will be coming to school today to explain to the children about how the scheme works, the many benefits and how to sign up. Taking part is a brilliant way to keep reading going over the summer break. It supports children moving up to their new year group, boosts their confidence and self-esteem, children are better prepared when they return to school in September and the library hosts family fun activities all through the summer break. Please see flyer attached for more information.

Break the Rules Day

On Friday 19th July we will be having our first ever Break The Rules Day! This is being organised by our amazing PTA team who came up with this fundraising idea that we know the children are going to love! Please see attached flyer for further details.

School Council Meeting

Our brilliant school councillors met last week to go through all sorts of topics, ideas and suggestions for our school. Please take a moment to read through their newsletter, including a request for some "vintage" music equipment (CD player and CDs!).

Have a wonderful week.

Vicky Sanderson

Dates for your diaries

1.7.24 – Onjali Rauf (Author) visiting school
2.7.24 – Y4 Sailing
3.7.24 – Y6 Retallack day
4.7.24 – Sports Day KS1 AM / KS2 PM - see above
11.7.24 – Y6 Phil Earle (Author) visit
12.7.24 – Y5/6 surf day Gwithian
18.7.24 – Year 6 Go Karting
19.7.24 – Break The Rules Day – whole school
23.7.24 – Last day of school year – Leaver's Assembly
24.7.24 – INSET Day, school closed

INSET Dates for 2024-2025

3rd September 2024

4th September 2024

25th October 2024

2nd June 2025

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23rd July 2025

Standing Items

Please Park considerately

We know that getting children to school on time can sometimes be stressful, but we have been approached by several local residents who are concerned by the parking before and after school.

Please can I request that parents park with due care and consideration for our neighbours and through traffic. *Also, can I remind you that the zigzag area at the front of school is not to be parked on, including blue badge holders or with engine running while children exit cars.*

Holidays in Term Time

Our policy in school is to NOT agree holidays in term time unless there are very exceptional circumstances. It is also our policy to refer the non-attendance to Cornwall Council.

If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may result in legal action. Absence not authorised by the school may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court

More information can be found at <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/education-welfare><https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/education-welfare-service/service/#holidays>

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