

# Garras School Newsletter

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Dates for your diary....(check out the website for more!)

Fri 22 Jan	RECORDER CLUB 3.15pm
Fri 22 Jan	COMPUTING CLUB 3.15pm
Tue 26 Jan	SPORTS CLUB 3.15pm
Tue 26 Jan	London photos share session 3.15pm
Wed 27 Jan	Mrs Evans off to Norway
Fri 29 Jan	Year 4 Forest School all day
Fri 29 Jan	RECORDER CLUB 3.15pm
Fri 29 Jan	COMPUTING CLUB 3.15pm
Mon 1 Feb	FILM CLUB 3.15pm
Tue 2 Feb	Barn Owls Forest School 9-1pm
Wed 3 Feb	Hi5 Netball KS2 only (details to follow)
Tue 9 Feb	SAFER INTERNET DAY
Wed 10 Feb	Miss Greatbatch out—Ruth Cleaver supply
Fri 12 Feb	Year 4 Forest School all day
Mon 15—Fri 19 Feb	HALF TERM
Mon 11 Apr	INSET—school closed to pupils

## 22nd January 2016

Attendance last week 94.9%

Year to date 96.41%

### Recorder Club Fridays

Recorder Club after school will finish at 4pm every Friday. Please see Mrs Richards if you have any queries.



Next week two staff from our federation will be visiting Tromso, Norway to carry out educational research. Helen Neil and I will be exploring resilience in pupils learning with a particular focus on outdoor learning experiences. Well, it is -20C and daylight lasts for 7 minutes at the moment.

When we return, we will feed back to you about the experience just as we did when we travelled to Denmark two years ago. Mr Sturges opted to remain at home as his baby's arrival date creeps ever closer! Mrs Evans



**Mrs Harris was presented with a long service award by Cormac, our cleaning contractor. Mrs Harris has worked at Garras for 25 years! Congratulations from all of us!!**

### London 2015 photos

On Tuesday 26th January at 3.15pm, Miss Greatbatch invites you to come in and share the photos taken on the London trip, and we can make copies for you if you would like them. Please bring any photos of your own, too, to share with us!



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## Communication Questionnaires

Thank you to those who have returned the questionnaires. Your views are very important to us, so if you still have yours at home, fill it in and return it as soon as possible.

If you need another copy, see Mrs Nicholas in the office.

*We will be collecting Sainsbury Active Kids vouchers again this year., starting on the 27th January. The collection box will be in school outside the office.*



As you are aware, the schools in our area work together as part of the Southerly Point Co-operative Educational Trust. There is currently a vacancy for a **parent representative** on the Trust Board. The Board meet termly and, on occasion, more frequently should the need arise. The Board's role is to review the work of the Trust, ensuring that it meets its objectives in:

- Ensuring an ethos rooted in social justice and strong ethical, moral and spiritual values;
- Providing the best possible education for all children, young people and families;
- Taking collegiate responsibility for the education of all children;
- Raising aspirations and levels of achievement;
- Setting high standards;
- Sharing expertise, knowledge, understanding, skills and resources;
- Working in partnership for the benefit of all.

If you are interested in volunteering for this role, please email [kteague@parc-eglos.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:kteague@parc-eglos.cornwall.sch.uk). Thank-you.

## E-Safety Update



### Useful links

<http://support.xbox.com/en-GB/xbox-live/online-privacy-and-safety/online-safety> This will help you to set up privacy settings for children accessing games via Xbox LIVE.

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/parents-and-carers>

[www.digizen.org](http://www.digizen.org)— cyberbullying and social networking advice

[www.nspcc.org.uk/preventingabuse/keepingchildrensafe/online-safety/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventingabuse/keepingchildrensafe/online-safety/) - helpful advice and tools



Both of our schools were very proud to take part in the WW1 tapestry launch having worked together to produce a series of images for a shared tapestry. This will be displayed at the Museum in Helston before being returned to the schools. Pupils really enjoyed the experience stating their increased understanding of what WW1 was like. Pupils have been reading Warhorse and described the learning opportunities as brilliant!, 'very sad' and 'thought provoking'.

## Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club is now under way, every morning from 7.30–8.30am. The cost is £2 per child, £3 per family, and breakfast is 50p per child. No need to book, just turn up when you need to! If the costs are a problem for you, please come and speak to us.



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