

Garras School Newsletter

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

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
Mon 1 Feb	London photos share session 3.15pm
Tue 2 Feb	Barn Owls Forest School 9-1pm
Tue 2 Feb	SPORTS CLUB 3.15pm
Wed 3 Feb	Hi5 Netball KS2 only (details to follow)
Thu 4 Feb	NO SATS REVISION club
Fri 5 Feb	RECORDER CLUB 3.15pm
Fri 5 Feb	COMPUTING CLUB 3.15pm
Tue 9 Feb	SAFER INTERNET DAY
Wed 10 Feb	Miss Greatbatch out—Ruth Cleaver supply
Thu 11 Feb	NO SATS REVISION club
Fri 12 Feb	Year 4 Forest School all day
Fri 12 Feb	RECORDER CLUB 3.15pm
Fri 12 Feb	COMPUTING CLUB 3.15pm
Mon 15—Fri 19 Feb	HALF TERM
Mon 11 Apr	INSET—school closed to pupils

29th January 2016

Attendance last week 91.7%

We had high levels of illness last week. Thank you to all parents for keeping the school informed regularly throughout their child's absence.

Year to date 96.29%

Parking outside school

We have, once again, received reports from members of the wider community concerned about parking on the road outside school during the morning drop off period.

In the interests of safety can we ask that you;

- Park away from the zig zag lines. While it is not illegal to park here, we have been advised **that you could be charged with obstruction.** We would urge you to keep clear of the zig zags at all times in the interest of our children's safety.
- Park only on the school side of the road (without blocking our neighbours' drives)
- Avoid three point turns in the road?

It is so gratifying to hear that you believe, as parents, that most people do park responsibly, on the road, or use the Rec car park. Thank you!

'Miss Neil and I have arrived safely in Tromso, Norway to carry out educational research. What we are seeing will help us in the next part of our 'outstanding' journey as we grow our unique practice with confidence. Teachers and Heads are allowed to lead in Norway, they are left to their own pedagogy and we now have that freedom in the Federation.'

Mrs Evans



YOUTH SPEAKS

Well done to Alicia, Jago and Ben who did a fantastic job in preparing their speeches for the Youth Speaks competition earlier this week! Unfortunately a member of the team could not take part on the night, due to illness, but the rest of the team did a sterling effort and I was very proud of them. Our congratulations go to Parc Eglos and Nansloe who represent our area in the next stage of the competition.

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. Thank-you.

London 2015 photos

On Monday 1st February 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!



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— cyberbullying and social networking advice

www.nspcc.org.uk/preventingabuse/keepingchildrensafe/online-safety/ - helpful advice and tools

Parent View

Team Garras are very proud of the relationship we enjoy with our parents. You are open and honest with us and we all work very hard to ensure that any hiccups along your child's educational journey are quickly dealt with. We hear lovely comments from you about how much your children enjoy coming to school here and we would love your enthusiasm to be more widely heard. One way that you can do this is by going on to the Ofsted Website ' Parent View' . Just a few minutes and few questions will make a world of difference to Ofsted's and the wider world's first impressions of Garras School. Our recent visit from Richard Chalkley (School Improvement Partner & Ofsted Inspector) stressed the importance Ofsted hold to these views.

Please take a minute to do this—it would mean the world to us...

Use the following link to access the site.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

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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