



Friday 16th December 2022

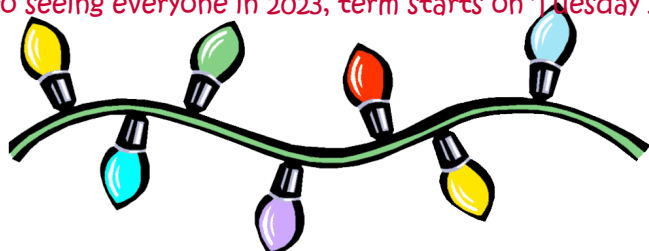
Pennoweth News

It is hard to believe it is the end of term! The children have had a fantastic end to the term—still working hard but also finding time to enjoy some Christmas celebrations!

Our projects for this term, that have focused on children being Geographers, have now come to an end. We are excited for our new projects that begin in January where our focus will be on building Historical skills and knowledge! Watch out for the parent leaflets that will be posted on the website in the next few days ready for the start of term.

Congratulations to Wyatt from Porthleven who has met his Accelerated Reader target this term! Well done Wyatt :)

Finally, the entire staff team would like to wish all of our Pennoweth families a very merry Christmas time and a happy new year! We look forward to seeing everyone in 2023, term starts on Tuesday 3rd January.



Admissions Arrangements Consultation

Dear parent, as you know Pennoweth is a member of Crofty Multi Academy Trust.

The trust is currently consulting on making some changes to its Admissions arrangements for the school year 2024 / 2025.

The consultation will be open for 6 weeks, closing on the 27th January.

You are invited to respond to the consultation, the details of which can be found on the Crofty Trust website at <https://Croftymat.org/information/admissions/>

Our phase email addresses are:

eyfs@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk (for Nursery and Reception)

KS1@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk (for Years 1 and 2)

lowerKS2@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk (for Years 3 and 4)

upperKS2@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk (for Years 5 and 6)

Or contact: help@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk

School Lunches

Week beginning 3rd Jan

week 1 of the new menu



Dates for your diary

Friday 16th December

Last day of term. School finishes at the usual time

Tuesday 3rd January

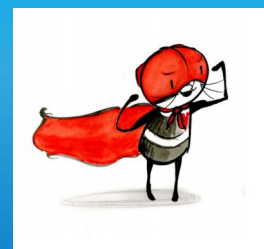
First day back—Spring term

15th January 2023

Deadline for applications to start Reception in September 2023

27th January 2023

Deadline for response to Admissions Arrangements consultation



Character Qualities

This year we will be changing the 4 key characteristics we are on the look out for every term. For Autumn, we are looking for children who are demonstrating the characteristics of being:






Adaptable

Generous

Honest

Pioneering

We also have our Stars of the Week, who have been classroom superstars and DNA Champions for each phase.

Quality	Children Spotted in R, Y1 and Y2	Children Spotted in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6
<p>Adaptable</p> 	<p>Porthcurno: Halle Gwithian: Leon Marazion: Ollie</p>	<p>Newlyn: Noah R Mevagissey: Jack Porthleven: Noah R Lizard: Amelia T Pendeen: The whole class :) Godrevy: Bea</p>
<p>Generous</p> 	<p>Porthcurno: Lola Gwithian: Mason Marazion: Amelia</p>	<p>Newlyn: Esme Mevagissey: Freddie Porthleven: Maisie Lizard: Mia Pendeen: Thea Godrevy: Jack</p>
<p>Honest</p> 	<p>Porthcurno: Lewis Gwithian: Jamie Marazion: Jayden</p>	<p>Newlyn: Carson Mevagissey: Olivia Porthleven: Alfie B Lizard: Adam Pendeen: Freya Godrevy: Lexi</p>
<p>Pioneering</p> 	<p>Porthcurno: Molly Gwithian: Rosen Marazion: Natalya</p>	<p>Newlyn: Kaydon Mevagissey: Oli Porthleven: William Lizard: Ruby Pendeen: Gracie-Mae Godrevy: Reade</p>
	<p>Restormel: Maya Tintagel: Alba Porthcurno: Delilah Gwithian: Rubi Marazion: Ezra</p>	<p>Newlyn: Isla Mevagissey: Izzy Porthleven: Maddison Lizard: Jessica Pendeen: Ana-Maria Godrevy: Ethan</p>

We are safe champions: KS1: Jack, LKS2: Tegen, UKS2: Keira

We feel loved champions: Restormel: Darcy Tintagel: Mia M, KS1: Lyra, LKS2: Cory, UKS2: Dana

We take responsibility champions: KS1: Nylah, LKS2: Tom, UKS2: Samuel

We are always learning champions: KS1: Georgie, LKS2: Isaiah, UKS2: Harry

We are ready champions: KS1: Natalie, LKS2: Megan, UKS2: Sofia

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SETTING UP APPS, GAMES AND SOFTWARE

Millions of new phones, tablets, laptops and games consoles will be nestling under Christmas trees this year. However, even if parents and carers have gone to the trouble of setting up these new devices and enabling the safety features, there are still potential hazards in the apps, games and software that children will want to install and use. Knowing what to look for and discussing those risks with your child may help avoid any nasty surprises this Christmas. Here are our top tips for ensuring that unwrapping this year's presents doesn't unleash any unexpected dangers.

TAKE NOTE OF AGE RATINGS

Back when most games were bought in shops, checking the age rating was easy: it was on the front of the box. Now that most games are downloaded, it's tougher – but not impossible. All reputable download stores show a game's age rating at the point of purchase, and you can check the suitability of a specific title your child wants to play at videostandards.org.uk/RatingBoard/games.

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'FREE' ISN'T ALWAYS FREE

The games market has changed radically in recent years. Many titles are free to download, but then tempt players to pay for cosmetic items (as in Fortnite) or to unlock additional content. There can be huge peer pressure for children to pay for these items. Agree a budget for in-game purchases before the game is downloaded, and make sure children can't authorise in-game purchases by themselves.

DISABLE IN-APP PURCHASING

It's not wise to leave children with devices that can make in-app purchases without your permission. Ideally, set up computers, consoles and phones so child accounts need an adult's authorisation to buy anything. On shared devices (like iPads, which don't allow user accounts), check the settings to ensure that in-app purchasing requires the account holder's password, fingerprint or face ID.

CHECK THE SPECS

To avoid let-downs, check a game's specs before buying – especially for PC or Mac, where games often need a particular graphics chip or processor to work. Sites like systemrequirementslab.com can scan your computer to see if it will run certain games properly. On consoles, make sure you're buying the right version: some newer Xbox or PlayStation games won't play on older consoles.

MONITOR IN-GAME COMMS

Voice chat with friends is part of the fun of modern gaming – but danger lurks here too. Many titles have open chat systems, meaning that children could speak to strangers or hear adult language and verbal abuse when games get particularly competitive. Using a shared family area (as opposed to alone in bedrooms) for online gaming is a good way to keep an occasional ear on what's being said.

BE WARY OF GIFTS

Titles like Roblox, Minecraft and Fortnite have in-game currencies, which can be earned through progress in the game – but can also be bought with real money. A common scam is for a young player to be offered currency if they click a link, visit a certain site or contact another user directly. Warn your child about such offers; they should show you if they're in any doubt over an in-game gift.

APPS ARE AGE RATED, TOO

Like games, apps in the major stores have age ratings, too – so you can see in advance whether an app's appropriate for your child. Additionally, phones' parental control settings allow you to set age limits, preventing young ones from downloading unsuitable apps themselves. These ratings aren't infallible, however: we've seen TV apps featuring adult shows with an age rating of 3, for example.

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CONSIDER STORAGE

Most apps and games will tell you in the online store how much space they need on a device. Check this carefully – especially with games, which can run into hundreds of megabytes and beyond. If you don't have enough free storage on a device to run the game or app, you won't get a refund from the store. You can normally check a device's available storage space through the settings menu.

WATCH OUT FOR IMITATORS

Even in the official stores, untrustworthy rogue apps can slip through the net. Common tricks are apps or games that have a slightly different name to the genuine article (Fortnight rather than Fortnite, for instance) or use logos which deliberately look very similar to the official app. To avoid downloading these imitations, read the app's description and check who the publisher is listed as.

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LEGAL APPS THAT BREAK THE LAW

There are many apps that are perfectly legal but enable illegal activity – streaming apps which let people watch football matches, say, without paying for Sky or BT Sport. Prosecution for using such apps is rare, but they can lead to risky behaviour like viewing rogue streams on sites teeming with malicious links. Watch for children installing unusual apps with 'TV', 'stream' or 'sport' in the name.

IN-APP REGISTRATION

It's common for apps and games to ask users to register: entering personal details like email address, date of birth and other information you might not want your child to divulge. Ask them to get your permission before giving any personal info to an app – and consider using your details rather than the child's, so they're not targeted by marketing spam or put at risk of having their data stolen.

STAY UPDATED

Most games and apps are subject to regular updates, which not only offer new content and features but also provide critical security improvements. Children tend to ignore such updates – usually because they don't understand why they're important, or they simply want to get straight on with gaming. Check your child's devices periodically to make sure these updates are being installed.

Meet Our Expert

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