



Germoe School Newsletter

11th October 2024



Message from Miss Blackburn

We have had another busy week in school but sadly our Y3/4 trip to Praa Sands had to be cancelled due to the weather. We are hopeful that this will go ahead on Thursday but please check your Seesaw messages and your emails for any updates.

Please remember to bring raincoats in to school for your children as we have had some pretty wet days so far and where possible we do like them to be outside at break and lunch times.

The forecast for the weekend is looking good so I hope everyone has a lovely and enjoyable rest, see you all next week.

Paula Blackburn

Football Tournament

A team of year 5 and 6 pupils this week went to take part in a football tournament at HCC. Not only did they show great sportsmanship and teamwork throughout, they also made it to the finals- having won all of their qualifying matches. The final was an incredibly close match, which eventually ended 1-0 to Parc Eglos. Congratulations to the team their fantastic football skills and representing our school so well!

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Friday 18th October at 2pm at Germoe Church

Please join us for our Harvest festival. This year we will be holding the service in church led by Vicar Susie, there will be songs and poems and....

A HARVEST AUCTION!

The Harvest service will be followed by the Harvest auction to raise money for Helston food bank, please bring along donations to be auctioned, such as home-grown produce, bread, cakes etc

We will have a non-uniform day on Friday 11th October in exchange for a donation of food to go towards the Harvest. Please bring your non-perishable goods in on this day, any perishable goods can be brought in on the day before or even on the day of the service.

All proceeds will go to Helston food bank.

Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support.

GUITAR LESSONS

There are currently spaces in guitar lessons for pupils in Y2 to Y6. If your child is interested you can sign them up on the Cornwall Music Service Trust website cmst.co.uk/signup or for more information pop in and see Mrs Care

Academic and Pastoral Support

If you need help or have concerns regarding your child, please see your class teacher in the first instance. Discussion with your class teacher first will help them to meet the needs of your child. Further support can be sought by class staff, should this be needed.

DIARY DATES 2024/2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Monday 14th October

Helston CC Football League @ 4pm

Friday 18th October 2pm

Harvest Festival

Germoe Church - All welcome

Monday 4th November

Helston CC Football League @ 4pm

Friday 8th November

Nasal Flu Vaccinations - Reception to Y6

Thursday 14th November

Vision Screening - Reception

TERM DATES 2024/2025

Autumn term (74 days)

- 3rd September 2024 - 20th December 2024
- (Half term 28th October - 1st November)

Spring Term 2025 (60 days)

- 6th January 2025 - 4th April 2025
- (Half term 17th - 21st February)

Summer Term 2025 (61 days)

- 22nd April 2025 - 23rd July 2025
- (Half term 26th May - 30th May)
- **INSET DAYS 2nd - 6th June 2025**

KINDERGARTEN CLASS UPDATE



This week in Kindergarten, we have been making counting wands!

We sourced sticks from the forest, chose the ribbons and coloured threads we wanted, and we carefully wrapped them around our sticks to make counting wands! We added buttons to the top, so we can hear a tap each time we count! We also met cheeky Sammy squirrel, who doesn't know how to count in order yet, so we are showing him how to do it using our counting wands!



CLUBS

Monday:

Mr Conway- Football

Miss Symons- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Explorers

Tuesday:

Mrs Knight- Eco Club

Miss Burns- Book Making

Thursday:

Mrs Reeves- PE Games

All Clubs are open to Year 1 and above and if your child/ren would like to join you will need to contact Mrs Care in the office to sign them up.

School Closures in Emergency – Agreed Notification Procedure

Please see the attached guidance from Cornwall Council. Sometimes schools have to make the decision to close either partially or fully due to inclement weather such as snow or other unforeseen circumstances. The procedures are revised annually. The agreed notification Procedure for our school is: We will inform Cornwall Council so they can update their website We will inform local radio stations (BBC Radio Cornwall, Goldmine FM, Heart FM, Pirate FM) so they can make announcements and update their websites We will post on our Facebook pages, "The Federation of Boskenwyn and Germoe School," "Boskenwyn FOBS" and "Germoe FROGS" If you wake up to a blanket of snow in the near future then please make sure you check one or more of the above places to keep up to date with school closures, it may be that we open later or close earlier so you will need to check before coming to school. If the school needs to close whilst the children are there then we will contact all parents via phone

Twitter and Instagram

The Federation of Germoe and Boskenwyn Schools are on twitter and Instagram!

Twitter: @BoskenwynGermoe

Instagram: boskenwyngermoe

Feel free to follow us and spread the word to encourage others to hear about the wonderful things happening in our schools.

School information finder - Germoe

What information do you need?	Where to find the information
I need to contact school urgently	Phone on 01736 763310
I need to contact school non-urgently	Email secretary.germoe@fbgschools.co.uk or email class teacher(name plus @fbgschools.co.uk)
	School website
I need to find a list of teachers	www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk
	Our school – Meet the staff
	School website
I need to know term dates	www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk
	Parent info – Term dates
I need to see if my child has homework or upload their homework	See saw
	Reading records
I want to report my child absent from school	Phone call before 0900 on 01736 763310
	School website
I want to find out about upcoming dates, trips etc	www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk
	Calendar
	School website
I want to read a school policy	www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk
	Our school - Policies
	School website
I want to see the school development plan	www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk
	Our school – school development plan
	School website
I want to see what is on the lunch menu	www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk
	Parent info – Menu
	School website
I want to find out about clubs	www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk
	Parent info - Newsletter
	School Website
I want to look at a past or present newsletter	www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk
	Parent info - Newsletter
	Phone or email
	01736 763310
I need to report a safeguarding matter to school	Paula Blackburn head@fbgschools.co.uk
	Angie Larcombe alarcombe@fbgschools.co.uk
	Denise Rusga drusga@fbgschools.co.uk

Tax-Free Childcare

Tax-Free Childcare is:

- For **working families**, including the self-employed, **in the UK**
- Earning **under £100k** and **an average of £167** per week (equal to 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage) each over three months
- Who **aren't** receiving Tax Credits, Universal Credit or childcare vouchers
- With children aged 0-11 (or 0-16 if disabled)
- For every £8 you pay into an online account, the government will add an extra £2, **up to £2,000 per child per year**

For more information <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

New Dates - Autumn Term

Liven up the grey days with our art workshops for children and young people.

Autumn term dates for Kids Club and Porthmeor Art Collective:

29 Sep, 27 Oct, 24 Nov.

Young Life starts again on 3 Oct at 5pm.

[11 - 16 Years | Porthmeor Art Collective](#)

Workshops for young artists aged 11-16. Based at Porthmeor Studios, they are taught contemporary art practice by working artists and start finding their artistic voice.

[7 - 10 Years | Sunday Kids Art Club](#)

This is a Kids Art Club like no other, where children get to work on easels and use the same high art quality materials as our adults courses. They are taught by experienced artist tutors and start to take their first steps as young artists.

[Young Life](#)

Working from a clothed model, come and try your hand at life drawing. Taught by one of our most experienced tutors Steve Dove. This heavily subsidised session is made possible because of the generous support of our students and funders.

If you are a family on low income and would like support for your child to access these workshops, please email cat@schoolsartmailing.co.uk

