



Germoe School

Newsletter

27th September 2024



Message from Miss Blackburn

Well that's the end of another busy week and nearly the end of September already!

We would like to send our congratulations to Mr Conway and Alex on their wedding which took place last weekend. It was a beautiful day despite the thunder and lightning!!! We wish them many years of happiness and good health.

We are set to have some stormy weather again this weekend so stay safe and enjoy.

Have a lovely weekend

Paula Blackburn



GERMOE LANE ROAD CLOSURE

We have been informed by a parent that Germoe Lane will be closed on 7th October for 4 days from the school down to the village and there will only be access for residents.

DO NOT CLIMB THE GATES

Please can we ask that parents/carers do not climb the gates to enter or leave the premises. You will need to go to the office to be let out when the school is locked up between 9.00am and 3.00pm

PARKING OPTIONS

The Praa Sands Community Centre have very kindly offered their car park for parents to use in the mornings but it will need to be clear by 9.15am for the classes that have booked in. It can also be used on some afternoons if it is free (Mondays and Thursdays)

PERRANUTHNOE CLASS REQUEST

Hi All,

As the weather changes and we are settling into our new learning environment, there are a few things we are noticing that we need for our class:

Welly racks

Door mats

Crates

Planks

Tyres

If you have any unwanted items, we would love to rehome them.

Thanks!

Beth

Also:

Kindi and KS1 ed visit to Guy's Butterfly House Monday 30th September

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 you 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.

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.

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

Y5/6 DT MODEL MAKING

Straw (for thatching models) – small diameter willow sprigs for wattle & daub and any clean, corrugated cardboard

PRICE INCREASES FROM SEPTEMBER

Unfortunately, due to the cost of living rise and the restraint this has on our budget, we will have to make the following price increases from September:

- School meals will be £3 per day.
- Breakfast club will be £4 per child/£3 per child, if eligible for FSM (including food).
- After school care will be £4 per child/£3 per child, if eligible for FSM, for the first hour (including snack). A late charge of £4 per 15 mins (for each child) will be incurred due to staff staying later than contracted.
- Kindergarten snack will be £2 per week payable via School money

We apologise for this but there is no other way to make our income and expenditure align.

NEXUS – YEAR 6 FAMILIES

For any year 6 pupils interested in 'Nexus', they will be holding two masterclasses for year 6 students to attend:

Wednesday 16th October 3.45pm–5.30pm:

Nexus Liberal Arts Masterclass

This event will involve meeting current Nexus students, hearing about the Nexus Programme and then our expert staff will deliver 3 x 30 minute sessions in Modern Foreign Languages, History and English.

Thursday 24th October 3.45–5.30pm:

Nexus STEM Masterclass

This event will also involve meeting current Nexus students, hearing about the Nexus Gifted programme and then our expert staff will deliver 3 x 30 minute sessions in Computing, Maths and Science.

Both masterclasses will provide your child with an opportunity to experience our challenging curriculum as well as provide an opportunity for them to meet like-minded students from other schools. Please go to where you can then book onto one or both of the events using a Google Form.

About Nexus

Nexus is unique in Cornwall, providing state-funded specialist education to able and gifted young people. There is a strong focus on academic achievement, alongside a bespoke curriculum aimed to engage and challenge our students. Students join the programme in Year 7 following a rigorous assessment and interview process. Nexus is part of Camborne Science and International Academy and is situated on a separate campus next to Camborne train station as well as being only 5 minutes from the main bus station. As a consequence, Nexus attracts students from all over Cornwall from St Just to Padstow.

WHEELIE BINS REQUEST!

Tony, our Premises Manager, would like to know if anyone has any 240 litre wheelie bins that they no longer need, we could do with three or four. Any donations will be gratefully received

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

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.

Smartphone information for parents

Please find below some links regarding smartphone usage for children. It was very kindly sent to us by one of our parents and it is interesting information for any parents/carers who are concerned about smartphones and social media for children. I hope you find it useful....

<https://amp.theguardian.com/technology/2024/feb/17/thousands-join-uk-parents-calling-for-smartphone-free-childhood>

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

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.

DIARY DATES 2024/2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Monday 30th September

Class 1 & 2 Guys Butterfly Farm visit

Tuesday 1st October

Humphry Davy Y6 Open Day - children arrive at school 8.15 am

Thursday 3rd October

Y6 Mounts Bay Taster

Friday 4th October

Godrevy Class music trip - details to follow

Friday 18th October 2pm

Harvest Festival - Germoe Church

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**

RINSEY CLASS UPDATE



We have been very busy as always in class this week. In Maths, we have been learning how to use the column addition and subtraction method. In English, we have been learning about the construction of a sentence. We have been enjoying learning more about our topic Ancient Greece.

We were also lucky enough to have Martyn, from Supasport South West, who came in to do a PE session with our class at the end of the week.

We are an official Eco-School!

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded Eco-Schools Green Flag status for our exceptional work in promoting sustainability and raising environmental awareness.

The Eco-Schools programme, established in 1994, is now implemented in over 70 countries worldwide. In 2023-24, more than 1.4 million pupils attended an Eco-School in England.

Last September, a pupil-led Eco-Committee was established. This committee took responsibility for spearheading the school's environmental initiatives. They first conducted a thorough review of their school environment and curriculum, before developing a year-long plan of action.

Their Action Plan focussed on 3 key issues: Biodiversity, Energy and Waste and activities included planting flowers to attract pollinators, making bug houses, developing the vegetable plot, switching off lights and holding a Clothes Swap Shop. These activities were thoughtfully selected to increase environmental awareness, bolster their school's sustainability, and make meaningful contributions to global conservation efforts.

The Eco-Committee are passionate about protecting and enhancing our environment. They are a dedicated group who have worked for an hour each week throughout the whole school year. We are very proud of their achievements.

'The Eco-Schools' Green Flag is an international benchmark that demonstrates a commitment to fighting climate change and high standard of sustainable practice. To learn more about Eco-Schools head to www.eco-schools.org.uk

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)

I need to find a list of teachers

School website

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

I want to find out about upcoming dates, trips etc

School website

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

