

Newsletter
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Skol Gynsa Fosow Dobb
Dobwalls Primary School



“Reading should not be presented to children as a chore or duty. It should be offered to them as a precious gift.” — Kate DiCamillo

Dear Parents and carers,

On Monday, we welcomed Reverend Mark who led an assembly talking about our British value of tolerance. We also learnt a new song!

The new Eco Committee held their first meeting with Mr Jones and already have a wealth of ideas. We look forward to seeing these in due course.

On Tuesday, Toasty Tuesday brought the smell once again of delicious toast within the school! We have raised a further just over £70 for our children's chosen charity of The British Heart Foundation. Thank you to Morrisons for their donations this time and thank you to you for your support. Children were so kind and grateful.

Last night, both our girls and boys football teams were in action here at Dobwalls. The girls may not have won but played with fantastic spirit and teamwork and came off the pitch smiling. Go girls! The boys won 2:1 - it was a nail biting ending and we were all eager for Mr Ryan to blow the whistle! Go boys!

Next week is national Children's Mental Health week with the theme 'know yourself, grow yourself'. We will be discussing this theme with the children over the week.

Wishing you a lovely weekend. Best wishes, Mrs Pipe, Headteacher

Diary Dates

7 Feb	Y2 Wild Tribe
12 Feb	Little Cherries
13 Feb	Coffee Morning
14 Feb	EYFS/Lerryn trip to Theatre Y1 Wild Tribe
17-21 Feb	HALF TERM
24 Feb	Non-pupil day
6 Mar	Books & Bacon World Book Day
10-21 Mar	Y5 & Y3 swimming lessons
10 Mar	Governor meeting Photographer in school—teams/classes Parent/Teacher meetings Y1 & Y6
11 Mar	Parent/Teacher meetings except Y6
12 Mar	Parent/Teacher meetings
1st April	Little Cherries
7-21 Apr	EASTER BREAK
5 May	BANK HOLIDAY
14 May	Governor meeting
12-15 May	KS2 SATS week
26-30 May	HALF TERM
2 Jun	Non-pupil day
23 Jun	Governor meeting
22 Jul	Children finish at 1:00pm
23 Jul	Non-pupil day
24 Jul-31 Aug	SUMMER BREAK
1 Sep	Non-pupil day
2 Sep	Back to school

Parent/Teacher Meetings

See diary dates: Parent/Teacher meetings have been scheduled for March (Meurth). Watch out for booking details in next week's Newsletter.



Na wra ankevi!



Bags2School

Bags2School will be collecting on Tuesday 11th Feb. Please have your bagged (black bin bag) items in school by Monday 10th. Please do not bring in sooner as we do not have the space to store. Thank you on behalf of our Events team!

Clothes, paired shoes, handbags, hats, bags, scarves/ties, bras, jewellery, socks, belts.



Wanted

Lerryn Class would like some equipment for their 'mud' kitchen. Do you have any old wooden spoons, ladles etc any utensils you may find in a kitchen? Please bear in mind that they are for young children. If in doubt about what is needed please contact Miss Laing.



PE Kits Please see our [website for uniform](#) reminders.

PE Days

Children will need to come to school dressed in their PE kit on PE days. Long hair should be tied back. Please wear their usual school jumper/cardigan.

Monday	Y3/Y1
Tuesday	Y4
Thursday	EYFS/Y6/Y5
Friday	Y2



A reminder of the school PE Kit...

Black shorts/leggings/skorts with plain coloured t-shirt (team colours) or white t-shirt and plimsolls/trainers. (No team football kits, running gear or other attire should be worn for P.E. or after school clubs unless specified by the teacher in charge of that club.)

Last week's SECRET Skills Powerful Learners

Lerryn	Elowen & Joshua	Tamar	Tarryn & Jagoda
Fowey	Anabelle & Sienna	Lynher	Cody & Alfie B
Loveny	Savannah & Eddie	Camel	Toby & India
Valency	Harland & Spencer		

Attendance Stars

Lerryn	Fowey	Loveny	Valency	Tamar	Lynher	Camel
97%	83%	98%	96%	91%	95%	99%





The star learners this week are from Y5. In Lynher class they have been exploring the question: What influences the climate of the Mediterranean? Exploring the concept of maps skills, they discussed, analysed, and evaluated different physical, topographical and climate maps. For their display they worked in small group to draw sections of the map, then add topographical features using pastels to show the terrain of the land and sea. Following this they explored the ongoing issues with refugees using the Mediterranean as a passage to escape natural and human disasters. Linking their learning to their whole class reader book: The boy at the back of the class by Onjali Q. Rauf, they wrote non chronological news reports, outlining the issue, writing witness reports and discussing ways in which we can help. Henry has presented some amazing information about Venice and a report on refugees for you to enjoy reading. Well done Henry!

WHAT INFLUENCES THE CLIMATE OF VENICE

and the Mediterranean by *Lugh and bornaia*

FACTS: There are no cars in Venice, 126 islands in Venice are connected by 150 canals!

Terrain: Since Venice was built on water there is not much terrain, but there are 435 bridges for pedestrians to get around.

Climate: The climate in Venice is mild/temperate. It is cold in the winter (9°C) and in the summer it is an average of 75% / 23.8°C .

Did you know? Venice is built entirely on water!

Did you know? Venice will be sunk by 2150



MY NEWS

Date: 24/1/23 The School's Best News Written by: Henry

Headline: Refugee Crisis

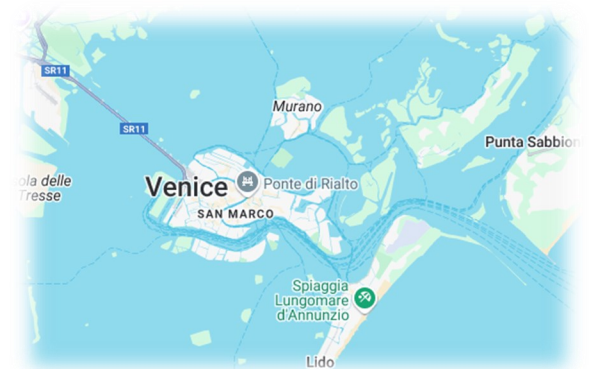
What is a refugee?
A refugee is someone who had to leave their home land to be safe from war and have to go through travelling by boat and go. Not car plane or train by good and boat.

Witness report:
A refugee who was saying goodbye to Germany noted, "I felt like not leaving I was born here and here I shall die."

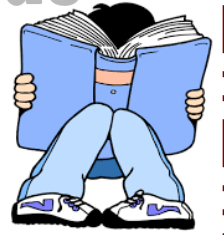
How can we help?
Be kind, tolerant give them homes and food. Give them some sort of transport or you could donate to refugee charities. Don't be racist help other refugees who had to go through the same trauma.

Causing the Mediterranean

In our geography project we have been exploring the question: What influences the climate of the Mediterranean? Exploring the concept of maps skills, we discussed physical, topographical and climate maps of the Mediterranean. We compared the climate of the Mediterranean to the United Kingdom, investigating the factors: topography, climate, soil weather. We investigated different geographical areas across Italy, exploring the topography of the landscape, as well as climate features. Linking it to climate features.



Dobwalls School Recommends



Swan Song Recommended By Nyla Y3

I would highly recommend 'Swan Song' by Gill Lewis to KS2 students, as it features exciting vocabulary, an engaging storyline, and fantastic characters that readers can easily relate to.



 ARGYLE COMMUNITY TRUST

FEBRUARY HALF TERM ROADSHOWS

EAST CORNWALL/NORTH DEVON FEB 2025 | 9.30AM-3.30PM (UNLESS STATED)
BOYS & GIRLS ALL ABILITIES AGED 5-15

(Football Roadshow unless stated)

MON, 17 FEBRUARY
Chulmleigh Primary School
St Joseph's Primary School, Launceston
St Joseph's Primary School, Launceston - Multi Skills
Lanivet Community Hub

TUE, 18 FEBRUARY
Dobwalls Football Club
Chulmleigh Primary School - Multi Skills
St Teath Football Club

WED, 19 FEBRUARY
Callington 3G
Holsworthy Youth Football Club

THU, 20 FEBRUARY
Saltmill, Saltash 3G
Tregadillett Primary School

FRI, 21 FEBRUARY
Polperro Football Club
Bude Football Club
Duchy College Sport's Hall - Futsal



 SCAN ME

Book now 01752 522202
www.officialsoccerschools.co.uk/argyle/courses.html

www.argylecommunitytrust.co.uk



Step 3: Where can I get help?

Each of these services offer free and confidential advice

Citizens Advice Cornwall

Advice on benefits, debt, money, housing & more

0800 144 8848 (freephone)

Text ADVICE to 78866

www.citizensadvicecornwall.org.uk

Help with options: 1 2 3 4 5 6

Cornwall Council

Find out about what benefits or short-term grants you may be eligible for

0300 1234 121 (chose option 2)

www.cornwall.gov.uk/benefits-and-support

discretionaryaward@cornwall.gov.uk

Help with options: 1 2 6

Christians Against Poverty

Debt counselling charity with a number of centres in Cornwall

0800 328 0006 (freephone)

www.capuk.org

Help with option: 3

Other Support

Cornwall Council

Housing Options Service

Help if at risk of homelessness

0300 1234 161 (chose option 2)

www.cornwallhousing.org.uk

Turn2Us

Information and financial support to help people get back on track

www.turn2us.org.uk

StepChange

Debt charity offering free debt advice and money management

0800 138 1111 (freephone) | www.stepchange.org

Other Support (continued)

St Petros

Advice line for support on homelessness issues
01872 264153 | www.stpetrocs.org.uk

DisAbility Cornwall & Isles of Scilly

Advice on rights and entitlements with practical support for people with a long-term condition, disability and families
01736 759500 | www.disabilitycornwall.org.uk

First Light

Support for people who have been affected by domestic abuse and sexual violence
0300 777 4777 | www.firstlight.org.uk

Kernow Credit Union

Offers affordable, flexible loans and saving schemes
01209 314449 | www.kernowcreditunion.co.uk

Pentreath Ltd

Offer support to people living with mental health and emotional difficulties
01726 862727 | www.pentreath.co.uk

Age UK Cornwall & The Isles of Scilly

Information, advice and helpline services for older people, their families and carers
01872 266383 | www.ageuk.org.uk/cornwall

Gingerbread

Benefits and financial advice support for single parent families
0808 802 0925 (freephone) | www.gingerbread.org.uk

Healthy Start Vouchers

To help buy fruit, vegetables and milk if you're on a low income, pregnant or have a child under 4
0300 330 7010 | healthy.start@nhsbsa.nhs.uk
www.healthystart.nhs.uk

This leaflet is available as an interactive version:
www.worryingaboutmoney.co.uk/cornwall



Updated on 13/01/23

Feedback? Share your experience of using this guide by visiting: www.bit.ly/moneyadvicefeedback

Worrying About Money?

Financial advice and support is available if you're struggling to make ends meet

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Follow these steps to find out where to get help in Cornwall



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Step 1: What's the problem?

I suddenly have no money

- Lost job/reduced hours
- Lost money/unexpected expense
- Disaster (e.g. flood or fire)
- Relationship breakdown
- Money stopped (e.g. failed a medical)
- Sanctioned - see option 5

See options 1 2 5 6

I am waiting on a benefit payment/decision

- Made a new claim for benefit
- Benefit payment is delayed
- Waiting for a benefit decision

See options 1 4

My money doesn't stretch far enough

- Deciding between food/fuel/mobile credit
- Low income or zero/low hours contract
- Statutory Sick Pay too low to cover costs
- Facing redundancy
- Not sure if eligible for support
- Change of circumstance (e.g. new baby/bereavement/illness/left partner)

See options 1 2

I have debt

- Rent or Council Tax arrears
- Gas or electricity
- Credit or store cards
- Personal loans and overdrafts
- Owe friends and family
- Benefit repayments

See option 3

Step 2: What are some options?

1 Council Support Schemes

You may be eligible for a **crisis award** (to help cope with an emergency or disaster) or a **care award** (to help live independently).

People on low incomes may also be eligible for **Housing Benefit**, **Council Tax Support** (and **Exceptional Relief**), and **Discretionary Housing Payments** from the council. These awards are discretionary and will depend on your current circumstances.

Find out more at:
www.cornwall.gov.uk/benefits-and-support

2 Maximise Your Income

Anyone who is struggling financially can get a benefit check and speak to an adviser for free and confidential advice.

A **benefit check** can ensure that you are receiving all the money you're entitled to, especially if your circumstances have changed recently. Speaking to an advisor could also help with managing gas and electricity bills and **make sure you're not missing out** on things like charitable grants or free school meals.

3 Debt Advice

Debt can happen to anyone. Free advice and support can help you find ways to manage your debts and reduce how much you pay each month.

4 Benefit Advance

If you have made a new claim for benefit and are in financial hardship while you wait for your first payment, you may be able to get an advance to afford things like rent or food. It's important to get advice before taking out an advance. Benefit advances must be paid back, and the money will be taken from your future benefit payments (a loan).

5 Hardship Payment

If you have been sanctioned, you may be able to request a hardship payment from the Jobcentre. Hardship payments are not always paid immediately, and they're not available to everyone. Hardship payments of Universal Credit need to be paid back (a loan), but hardship payments of Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment Support Allowance do not (not a loan).

6 Challenge a Decision

You can challenge a benefit decision if your benefit has been stopped / sanctioned / reduced / refused or you have been overpaid. Most benefit decisions need to be challenged within one month.

Step 3: Where can I get help with these options?

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