

Ranger Rucksacks

This week, we again welcomed Claire Scott of Great Scott Outdoors who has been working with Mrs Dennison and our Rangers to develop the opportunities our fantastic field and woodland has to offer.

The Rangers have now launched the 'Ranger Rucksacks' which are packed full of nets, magnifying glasses, binoculars and other equipment to help the children explore the natural environment and everything that lives in it.



Rangers came about when a few of our pupils went to see Mr Higgs to ask about starting a Nature Club at lunchtimes. Their ideas have grown and are now an initiative that all children across the school can access, led by our band of Rangers who applied, and have been selected, for the role.



Thanks go to Mr and Mrs Clemens of the Apple Tree Café at Sennen who have sponsored the rucksacks and to the Friends of Alverton School (FOAS) who provided the money to enable us to buy the equipment for the children to use. Mr Higgs explained to the children how they themselves had contributed to the rucksacks by coming along to discos, making things to sell at the Christmas Fair and so on which helps FOAS to raise money and provide some of the exciting things that the children enjoy outside of the curriculum itself.

The children were out and about using the rucksacks this week (when the weather allowed) and thoroughly enjoyed them!

Healthy snacks

In line with Ofsted guidance on healthy eating in schools, please ensure your child brings a healthy (low fat, low sugar) snack in at breaktime, for example, breadsticks, vegetables, fruit, crackers, etc. As we are a Healthy School we do not allow chocolate bars, sweets, biscuits or crisps for morning tuck. We will also be improving the quality and variety of healthy snacks in the tuck shop.

Clubs

All clubs begin on Monday 16th January and will run until Friday 24th March. If your club requires payment, please ensure your money is in by the first session or your child will not be able to start. Art, Archery and Fencing run half termly sessions and your child should have been notified if they are starting next week or after half term.

There are still some spaces available for Circuits on a Thursday. If your child is interested, please ask at the office.

Wanted - board games

Mr Dawe would be very grateful for donations of any suitable board games for the KS1 Board Games club. Please bring them into the office. Thank you.



Chairs for sale

We have a number of blue plastic wheelie chairs (like computer chairs) for sale at £5. If you are interested, please ask at the office. Price £5 each (cash or cheque only please).

School camp payments

A reminder that the total payment for camp are due on the following dates:

Year 3/4 Bude (£85 total): **10th February**

Year 6 London (£310 total): **21st April**

Year 5 Porthpean (£150 total): **26th May**

You can pay as much or as little as you want anytime up to the final date. Don't forget to pay online at schoolmoney.co.uk. Click into the amount box and change the total payment to the amount you'd like to pay. **School money have now told us that the problem with part paying on a mobile or tablet has been resolved.**

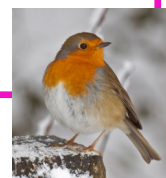


Breakfast Club drop offs

Please could all parents of children attending Breakfast Club ensure that they do not park in the school car park when dropping off their children. The car park is busy from 8am with parents for the Once Upon a Time nursery and staff and it can get very congested. Please park at the Free Church car park or considerately in the road outside.

Attendance

To support our work improving school attendance, Mrs Daylak is available to answer any questions you might have regarding attendance, absences and holidays, after school every Tuesday until 4pm. She can be found in Robins classroom.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Robins	Layla-Jade	for super progress in all areas of school life, especially reading
Choughs	Ciaran	for working really hard in Maths this week
Puffins	Logan L	for excellent work with money this week. Well done
Owls	Ellis	for always trying his best and being helpful
Kingfishers	Bailey	for fantastic thinking about endangered animals
Trencrom	Felix	for settling in really well to Trencrom & becoming a valued member of class
Lanyon	Zac	for fantastic work in Maths this week. Well done
Kerris	Kacey	for her hard work, amazing effort and enthusiasm
Bodrifty	Ellie	for her fantastic poetry this week
Bosigran	Jayden	for his fantastic ideas and hard work in Literacy
Kenidjack	Oliver	For a brilliant attitude to making progress in Year Six
Dinnertime	Olivia M	for always being happy and very well mannered



Lost

Charlotte in Bodrifty has lost her PE kit. It is in a yellow bag and has her Sketchers trainers (grey and turquoise) size 2, red Nike shorts and a white T shirt. Please check and hand in if found.

Twitter

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter @alvertonschool to keep up-to-date with all the exciting things that are going on and to see some great photos!



CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Choughs	91.5%	11
Robins	98.6%	4
Puffins	96.4%	7
Owls	96.1%	8
Kingfishers	99.3%	1
Trencrom	95.0%	10
Lanyon	99.3%	1
Kerris	99.2%	3
Bodrifty	95.6%	9
Bosigran	97.1%	5
Kenidjack	96.9%	6
Overall school attendance	96.9%	

Our collective target is 96.5%

DIARY DATES

JANUARY

16th Clubs start

18th Swimming starts today for Kingfishers, Owls and Puffins

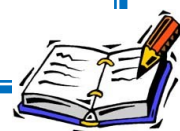
February

9th FOAS Valentine Disco – details to follow

10th Sharing assembly for Puffins at 2.45pm

10th School closes at normal time of 3.15pm for half term break

Monday 13th to Friday 17th February – HALF TERM





Come and Join the FUN At Penzance Tennis Club Play from January to April

£6.00 – for all players under 8 years

£11.00 – for all players 8-10 years

£16.00 – for all players 11-12 years

£22.00 – for all players 13-18 years

THESE GREAT RATES INCLUDE :

FREE Tennis Session Every Tuesday Evening

BIG Reductions on all holiday camps

FREE Courts at the club

FREE entry into the Junior Teams

Reduced rates on Junior Coaching

Members get priority on all activities at the club.

Join our excellent Award Winning Coaching Programme!!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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