



# Mullion CP News



Friday 11th October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

We are sorry our harvest celebration was postponed today but due to the MET Office forecast we had to make an early decision. Thankfully the Chapel are able to host us next **Wednesday 16th October at 9.30am** as the children have been working very hard on their performances.

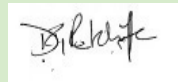
Thank you to all parents who donated food and tins for this celebration. Your generous donations will be distributed by the chapel to families and individuals in the village and nearby. I am sure that they will be a welcome gift to these families and a terrific lesson about the act of giving for our pupils.

I am sure you are aware that Mullion CP School is planning to host a preschool nursery. The arrangements are making progress and I am pleased to announce that Flying Gulls has been adopted as our partner. Their website is now live and they are receiving bookings and enquiries.

For further information please contact Jane Whaley on 07394 652522 or via email to [flyinggullsnursery@gmail.com](mailto:flyinggullsnursery@gmail.com) The service will open as soon as the OFSTED registration is complete.

Can we kindly ask that children do not bring Pokeman, Disney or other similar cards into school. There have been numerous problems with children swapping cards and then wanting their cards back.

Sadly Mrs Bennett will be leaving us at the end of next week after twelve years of service to the school. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours and thank her for her skill and commitment. During her time she has been a teaching assistant, worked in the reception area and most recently set up and run our library. She will be greatly missed by pupils and staff alike.



## Attendance this Week (target 96.5%)

Pebbles	97.01%
Shells	96.64%
Footprints	93.69%
Waves	94.44%
Surfers	95.47%

**Well done Pebbles!**

### Christmas Card Project

If you wish to order Christmas Cards the form needs to be returned to school by the 16th October and your order and payment made online using the unique code located at the top of your order form.

### Porthleven Cross Country

The next cross country event is on Tuesday 15th October at Porthleven. If you would like your child to enter please return the form to the school office by Monday 14th.

### Drum Lessons



Rich Mulryne has 3 spaces for drum lessons in school after half term. Please let the school office know if you are interested. Lessons start on the 4th November and cost £42 for 7 x 15mins sessions

### School Forum Meeting Wednesday 16th October 2.30pm and 6.00pm 50 Things to Do before you are 11 3/4

All parents, grandparents and friends of the school are invited to come along to redraft the school promise. We want pupils to experience and enjoy a wide range of activities in the time they spend with us. The list of experiences will become part of our teaching plan. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served.

### Reception Photograph in The West Briton

The West Briton are publishing photos of reception children on Thursday 17th October.

### Children's Halloween Fancy Dress Party at Mullion FC

**Sunday 27th October 12.30pm to 4.00pm**

Amanda Dunkley (Alex's mum in Shells) is organising a Halloween Party with scary storytelling, crafts, disco and games There will be a prize for the best scary costume. Tickets are £2.50 each and can be purchased at the Football Club or from Amanda.



### Parent Governor

Letters have been sent home regarding vacancies for Parent Governors. If you are interested in being a Parent Governor or wish to nominate another parent/carer, please complete the nomination form. If you have any questions please email the Chair of Governors Kate Wilson - [kwilson@mullion-ji.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:kwilson@mullion-ji.cornwall.sch.uk).

### Flying Gulls Nursery



Flying Gulls Nursery is currently recruiting a Deputy Manager and a Nursery Nurse. Please contact Jane Whaley for more details or look at their website <https://flyinggullsnursery.wixsite.com/mysite>. Jane will be arranging an Open Day soon for prospective parents and children.

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# CLASS NEWS

## Pebbles



Pebbles have been learning about the primary colours and have had fun taking part in colour mixing activities. They have also built a model of the physical and human features of Mullion for our small world area. It will eventually grow its own grass! What a surprise! We received a diary from the Everywhere Bear. He has travelled to Mexico and has written a diary of his adventures for each day of the week. The children were excited to learn that he had boarded a plane for 11 hours to get there. They have compared the food he is eating, the places he has travelled to, the industry and leisure activities he has taken part into things we do in Mullion.

This week Pebbles had their second drama session from the Child's Eye View Project. The children had a fantastic time travelling to Mexico on a magic flying carpet, using their auditory, visual and kinaesthetic skills. They travelled to the rain forest and danced at a fiesta. Pebbles have been busy practicing for the Harvest Festival. On Wednesday they went to the Chapel with the whole school for the first time. We are very proud of how well behaved and well mannered they were. They even had the confidence to sing their song in front of the whole school.



## Mrs Higgins

## Shells



This week Shells have been working hard on their speaking and listening skills when practising the story of 'Handa's Surprise' for our Harvest Assembly. The children have shown confidence when performing and commitment to learning their parts - well done!

Shells have been writing some super sentences and stories about the adventures of our 'Everywhere Bear' who went on a trip around Mullion, it was great to see the children so inspired and full of ideas. In art, Shells explored colour mixing. The children mixed primary colours to make secondary colours as well as recreated the colour wheel with a range of materials.



## Miss Bradley, Mrs Pollard

# Footprints

Footprints have been practising the poem, 'The Fisherman' for our Harvest assembly. We've all been impressed with their enthusiasm and teamwork in learning their given verses.



The children enjoyed making skeletons in Science with Mrs Brown, who is teaching the class on Monday and Tuesday in Mrs Fishwick's absence. The children enjoyed the practical activity and hopefully have told you all about it at home. Footprints continue to enjoy their Tuesday afternoon swimming sessions. Learning to swim is so important in a coastal area where people spend lots of time near the sea. We are really pleased with their growing confidence and progress. Well done Footprints on another great week.



**Miss Hayhurst and Mrs Fishwick**

## Waves

Thank you to any families who attended the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions this week. It was lovely to meet you all and share how our class works. I hope the handouts are a useful bit of information. For any families who were not able to attend, the handouts have been sent home today.

This half term, the children have really enjoyed learning about space and next week will be concluding this by writing letters to Humans from planets in our solar system. These will be in the style of the letters written to Duncan in 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Oliver Jeffers. We hope to get these on our class page of the school website so please keep an eye out! In maths, we have completed our unit on place value and have taken part in some arithmetic assessments. We will be starting to learn about addition and subtraction next.

**Mrs Read**



## Surfers

This week Surfers have designed their Lunar Buggies as part of our 'To Infinity and Beyond' topic. It will be exciting to see their finished models next week.

In Maths they have been using their times table knowledge to explore division word problems with a view to moving on to long division calculations.

The highlight of our week will be the school's harvest celebration. Surfers have been working hard on their contribution and are looking forward to performing for you in the Chapel.



**Miss Johns and Miss Warwick**

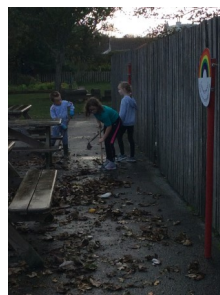
## Gardening Club

The children of Gardening Club are busy tidying the flower and vegetable beds ready for winter. They have also been busy cleaning up the leaves.

After half term we will be making and repairing planters, bird houses and bug hotels for wild life to shelter over winter.

We are also preparing for Christmas!!

**Mrs Mitchell**



## Video Game Safety

Christmas is fast approaching and many of your children will be asking about Santa's visit and gifts. Many pupils will ask for, and receive, games and electronic devices. You might like to read the advice that was recently written in a national newspaper by Ellie Gibson, a games reviewer, who is also a parent to young children.

### **'What games should my child be playing?'**

Like films, all video games carry [age ratings](#), and it's worth paying attention to these. If you wouldn't let your child watch an 18-rated film, they shouldn't be playing an 18-rated game. Fortunately, it's a myth that all games are about shooting stuff. There are 18,000 titles on Amazon with an age rating of 3+. Some of them are even good.

### **What would I recommend?**

Well, you might want to look out for games that encourage kids to create, such as Minecraft, LittleBigPlanet, Lego Worlds or Super Mario Maker. They get to use their imaginations, and you get to feel slightly less guilty that they're not playing the violin and learning fractions. If you have a tablet, Toca Boca makes beautiful, interesting games for young children that won't have you crying with boredom within 30 seconds.

Children may tell you that their friend all have older games and that it is not fair. Ellie Gibson writes.

### **What do you do if their friend plays Grand Theft Auto V?'**

It's a social minefield: how do you tell another parent you don't think your kid should be playing games that their child is allowed to play, without making them feel like you're judging them, which you are?

It's best to be honest, but not too honest. Put the emphasis on your child - explain you're concerned about how mature they are, how easily influenced they might be, whether they're developmentally ready to see violent or upsetting content, and so on. Chances are the other parent will be sympathetic, and will wait till you're out of earshot to laugh at your lily-livered Guardian reader sensibilities.

### **Conclusion**

As with most aspects of parenting, managing your kids' gaming comes down to a combination of making informed, considered decisions, and making it up as you go along. Arm yourself with facts - get to know the PEGI ratings system, and learn how to use your console's parental controls (the Xbox One, PS4 and Nintendo Switch all have them, as do tablets and phones - the InternetMatters site has a handy guide). You know your child better than anyone else, so trust your instincts when it comes to what's right for them.

Most importantly, remember that video games are brilliant, and can be great for children. They can teach us how to create, how to play, and how to lose. They are thrilling, inspiring, scary, beautiful and hilarious, sometimes all at the same time. Most of all, they are fun. And both kids and grownups could use some of that these days.

## Video Game Safety

To safeguard pupils, Mullion CP School recommends that all parents visit [askaboutgames.com](http://askaboutgames.com) for PGI ratings and parent guides on the content of all popular games.

You will find the following symbols on nearly all games. They will help you make an informed choice about the most appropriate games for your children.





## Virtues Awards



### Pebbles

Besty Bray - Purposefulness  
 Brax Blewett - Resilience

### Shells

Rafi Hart - Confidence  
 Lola Whaley - Co-operation

### Footprints

Bruce Wilkinson - Creativity  
 Indah Lewis - Kindness

### Waves

Florrie Goy - Enthusiasm  
 Ethan Bishop - Confidence

### Surfers

Thomas Lammas - Self Discipline  
 Ella Sach - Excellence

### Head Teacher's Award

Reggie Meehan - Helpfulness

## Dates for your Diary

15th October	Footprints Swimming 6 of 10
	Cross Country Porthleven
16th October	Harvest Celebration 0930 Mullion Chapel
16th October	School Forum 2.30pm and 6.00pm
18th October	Break for Half Term
28th October	Inset Day
29th October	Return from Half Term

29th October	Footprints Swimming 7 of 10
29th October	Cross Country Mullion
5th November	Footprints Swimming 8 of 10
12th November	Footprints Swimming 9 of 10
19th November	Footprints Swimming 10 of 10
19th November	Cross Country Helston (postponed Oct race)
20th November	Cluster Sports KS2 Swimming

## Team Points

	Weekly	Running Total
<b>Poldhu</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>313</b>
<b>Poltesco</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>491</b>
<b>Polurrian</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>368</b>
<b>Predannack</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>395</b>