

Perranporth Community Primary School

L.E.A.P

Learning - Engaging - Aspiring - Proud

Perranporth Secondary Academy - DfE Response

This week we were especially **Proud** of our children in Year 5! In the Autumn Term, after hearing the news that the proposed Perranporth Academy build was being reviewed by the Department for Education, Miss MacQuarrie and her **Aspiring** group of Y5 activists set to work! The children **Learned** about persuasive writing and the features of a persuasive letter. Putting pen to paper, the children **Engaged** with writing to the DfE to express their disappointment about the paused build and try to persuade them to reconsider their actions.

We were very pleased to hear back from the Regional Director on Tuesday. Although the reply doesn't promise the school will be built, it does give some hope that the children's requests have been considered and that Perranporth's voice has been heard.

Well done Year 5, we're enormously proud of you all!



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Dear Miss MacQuarrie and the pupils of Year 5,

Thank you for your letters to the Secretary of State and your local MP, Perran Moon. I am writing as [Regional Director for the South West](#), responsible for working locally across schools, children's social care and SEND to improve outcomes for children, families and learners in the South West. The Department for Education values your views, and I recognise the concern the review of Perranporth Free School has caused amongst you and others in Cornwall's north coast.

The Department for Education is reviewing mainstream free school projects, including Perranporth Free School, to ensure that they meet local need for places, offer value for money and are not to the detriment of the other schools in the local area. We need to ensure that government funding is targeted to where it is most needed, as well as ensuring best value for money for the taxpayer.

I would like to reassure you that the Department for Education is considering a wide range of information before a decision is made about Perranporth Free School. This includes the issues you have raised around the needs of pupils and the local area. My team has worked closely with Cornwall Local Authority since the review was announced to understand the local context.

Thank you for laying out your letters so clearly. I am pleased to see the value you place in your own and your friends' education. The Secretary of State for Education, Bridget Phillipson, is determined that all children and young people in this country are given the opportunities they need to achieve and thrive. The decisions we make in the department are to deliver this aim, including any decision we make about Perranporth Free School. Whichever secondary schools you attend next September, I am sure that your obvious commitment to your education will set you up for great success.

Thank you again for writing to the department.

Yours sincerely,



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LEAP - Be Proud Day! - Friday 31st January (next week)

Next Friday we will be celebrating our first 'Be Proud Day'. Please read the information below to get prepared!

What makes you, you?

We all have hobbies, talents, traditions, beliefs, cultures, heritage and knowledge that make us and our families special. We want to know about them!

At Perranporth we are very proud of every member of our school community and the individuality they bring, but we are aware that the school day doesn't always allow for this to be celebrated as much as we'd like. To support our PSHE and LEAP learning on Friday 31st January we want to spend a day exploring these special things with our 'Be Proud Day'!



Leading up to Be Proud Day, children will work with their friends and teachers to think about what makes them special and proud. They will then be asked to record a short video explaining or showing this for their home learning task to be shared on their Class Dojo Portfolio.

On Friday, 31st January the children can come to school dressed in a way that celebrates what their proud of and they will have a chance to present their videos to their classmates. They may want to wear a special uniform, some sort of traditional dress or just their own clothes because that makes them, them!

So what are we looking for? It could be anything from a hobby to a language. It could be a belief that is special for you and your family. Or maybe there's a super skill that you have!

This isn't just for children. Parents we want to hear from you too! Please feel to participate in your child's video or create your own! The aim is to create a celebration of our whole school community in an exciting, emphatic, respectful and inclusive way. We are all so proud to be members of our school community and cannot wait to celebrate what makes Perranporth such a special place!

Here are a few ideas from our staff community: gardening, biking, cooking, baking, swimming, running, speaking French, creating art works, photography, stage productions, dance, having family members from a different country or culture, having been born or lived abroad, practising yoga, surfing and many more!

Get your thinking caps on and be proud!

News from The Lighthouse

The Lighthouse Club has been lots of fun this week with loads of great activities going on and lots of smiley faces too!

If your child is inside Lighthouse Club and you wish to collect them from outside the front Office, please feel free to ring the Lighthouse phone on: **07543463799** and the staff will bring your child out to you for collection.

Lighthouse sessions are available:

Monday to Friday (Term time only)

Session 1 — 15:15pm to 16:15pm — £4.00

Session 2 — 16:15pm to 17:45pm — £6.00

Full session — 15:15pm to 17:45pm — £10.00



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Half Term Club - DT Coaching

DT Coaching have kindly agreed to run a February half term holiday club for children. All children are very welcome with also a limited number of places are available for children in receipt of Pupil Premium or Free School Meals. Please see the poster below for booking information.



February Half Term Clubs

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Mon 17th
February
2025

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Thurs 20th
February
2025

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Fri 21st
February
2025

DT Sports Coaching will be offering Holiday Camps at Perranporth C.P. School this February Half Term, exclusively for Year 1 - 6 students that attend Perranporth C.P. School.

Bookings

Bookings can be made one of two ways:

- by completing and returning a Parental Consent Form to the School (please ask the School for a copy of the form); or
- online by visiting www.dtcoaching.co.uk/clubs. This will take you through to the online booking system.

9am - 3pm

Just
£25.00
per day!

If you would like any more information or have any problems booking, please do not hesitate to contact DT Sports Coaching on:
Email: clubs@dtcoaching.co.uk
Phone: 01872 360706



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