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Maths Olympiad at CSIA

On Thursday 30th June, four Year 5 pupils from Tregonning visited CSIA to take part in a Maths Olympiad. They spent the morning learning maths through a range of activities and the afternoon competing with teams from other schools. 40 schools took part involving 160 children. All our team said that they enjoyed the day and it was a worthwhile experience. Congratulations to Laurie, Freya, Brody and Indie-Rae.



Penponds Church Visit

On Monday 4th July, Year 6 visited Penponds church as part of their transition from primary to secondary school. The children were invited to take part in a range of activities; all of them providing the children with an opportunity to reflect on their journey. The exercises ranged from popping bubble wrap (to let go of worries) to melting and moulding pewter crosses. Many thanks to Becky and volunteers at the church for organising this event.

Dates for your diary:

NEW! Forest School After School

Wednesdays 6th July, 13th July and 20th July only
3.15-4.15pm

Details further in the newsletter

Sports 4 Tots

Tuesdays after school

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Last week of clubs week beginning 11th July

DDMIX Club

Fridays after school – now open to all children – Reception to Year 6 – last club will be Friday 15th July

Skateboarding Club

Fridays after school

Rock Steady Music

Fridays - Lessons In school time

Stay and Play sessions for new reception children starting in September.

Times: 13.45 – 14.45

Friday 24th June

Friday 1st July

Friday 8th July

Friday 15th July



Carn Brea Class

An egg-citing discovery!

We were so excited this week when we found an empty egg shell under the tree in our outside area. It reminded us of our ducklings. We used magnifying glasses to observe the egg shell closely. After some Googling, we decided that it must belong to a dove or a pigeon. This led to LOTS of discussion about different birds and the eggs which they lay. We used the internet to look at eggs belonging to robins, blackbirds, seagulls, emus and, as requested, the fastest bird ever, which we discovered could be a peregrine Falcon. We spotted similarities and differences between the eggs, they were all different sizes, colours and patterns. We decided that they would all taste different too.



NEW! Meet the Teacher

Wednesday 13th July

Details further in the newsletter

Bastille Day Celebration

Activities for all classes

Thursday 14th July

Rocksteady End of Year

Concert – all classes

Friday 15th July

School Reports to Parents

Friday 15th July

Penponds School Festival

Friday 15th July

15.30-20.00

Details further in the newsletter

No Extra-Curricular Clubs

in last week of term

Monday 18th-22nd July

NEW! Roman Day –

Trencrom Class

Tuesday 19th July

Residential Trip to

Woodland Valley Farm –

Y5/6

Tuesday 19th July –

Thursday 21st July

NEW! Y6 Leavers Assembly

Friday 22nd July at 2:30pm.

Details further in the newsletter

Last Day of Term

Friday 22nd July

First Day of Autumn Term

Tuesday 6th September



Swimming Lessons –
Tregonning Class – Y5/6
Monday 12th September –
Monday 5th December

Inset Days:

Monday 25th July 2022
Tuesday 26th July 2022

Monday 5th September
2022
Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Monday 17th April 2023
Monday 24th July 2023
Tuesday 25th July 2023

Attendance:

Carn Brea: 99%
Godolphin: 93%
Trencrom: 95%
Tregonning: 88%



Year 5 visit to CSIA

This morning, Year 5 visited Camborne School to take part in a Science workshop. The children took part in three workshops throughout the morning. The first being a workshop lead by 'Mark's Ark' where the children had the opportunity to hold a barn owl, snake, monitor lizard and scorpion. The next session was in the chemistry lab, where the children experimented with chemical reactions, using test tubes, acid and alkaline and Bunsen burners. The third workshop was with the wonderful Mrs Gourley, where the the children made planets with Play-Doh and then experienced the planetarium! They had a fabulous morning! Thank you Camborne School.

Awards:



Carn Brea

Robyn J, Ethan, Barney

Godolphin

Millie, Florence, Emily G

Trencrom

Alfie, Ethan, Emily R

Tregonning

Erin, Charlie, Issie

Headteacher

R – Loccy

Y1 - Henry

Y2 - Bert

Y3 - Hermione

Y4 - Kaira

Y5 - Issie

Y6 - Harry



Quote - Friend



A friend is someone who makes it easy to believe in yourself.

Poem - Cats

Gentle eyes that see so much,
Paws that have the quiet touch,
Purrs to signal all is well
And show more love than words can tell.
Graceful movements touched with pride,
A calming presence by our side.
A friendship that will last and grow –
Small wonder why we love them so.





The Big Dig!

Saturday 9th July



You are all invited to our community event: THE BIG DIG! We desperately need volunteers to help us spruce up our garden and planting area. We have successfully recruited a regular volunteer in Reverend Olive Stevens, who will be running a weekly gardening club. However, our area has become completely overgrown and unmanageable. In order to get the club started we need as many hands on deck to help us clear the area ready for planting, paint our planters and replant the containers around school. Everyone is welcome (Aunties, Uncles, Grandparents, and siblings- all hands on deck!) The event will take place on Saturday 9th July from 9am to 12. We will provide some light refreshments, but please bring your own packed lunch for a team picnic after all our hard work. Lets all get together to help the children create an outside space to be proud of. Any donations of plants, seeds, bulbs and compost gratefully received. Many thanks to you all for

helping us with the upkeep of a very important part of our school. Anyone who is also keen to volunteer their time to help with the upkeep of our garden please see Mrs Richards or Miss Berry.

Meet the Teacher - Wednesday 13th July

Next week children will be spending two days getting to know their new teacher in their class and for their teacher to get to know them. For some, they will know each other very well already, but will get to know their new class mates! Mr Brokenshire will be joining us for the two days too, so he will be out and about getting to know our school and community.

After school on Wednesday 13th July, parents/carers are invited to come into school to visit their child's new classroom and meet their new teacher. The teacher will also have a short presentation to share with you about what your child will be learning next year in their class and opportunities for you to ask questions. We will dismiss the children to you as usual at the end of the day, then invite you back into school, once all children have safely been dismissed into their parent/carer care.

If you are unable to attend, these presentations will be available on the school website and we will share this link with you on Dojo. If you have more than one child, you will be able to visit more than one class when you arrive so you can see the space, but you will need to choose one presentation to go to and then you will be able to view the presentation online. Children are more than welcome to accompany you to this event.

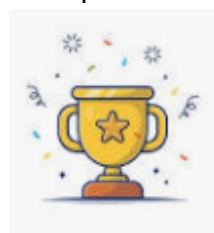
Come and have a look what we do!

Year 6 Awards

Each Year Penponds School awards trophies to its Year 6s to mark their achievements when they leave us. Originally there were a few trophies and over the years this has grown to awarding 7 awards.

The awards are:

John Bailey Award for Academic Achievement
Governors' Award for Learning Attitude
The MP (progress) award for challenge and determination
The Naval Shield for Being a Leader of Your Own Learning
PSHE
Creative Arts
Sports Person of the Year



We were concerned that with smaller cohorts and the growing trophies, the children may worry about 7 out of the 19 children getting an award and the rest not. I know last year, 7 out of 13 were given a trophy.

We spoke to the children and asked what they wanted to do. We talked about reducing the trophies, adding to them, keeping what we have already and adding personal additional awards and the children decided they didn't

want to change anything. We always respect the views of our children and we were very impressed by their attitude and maturity.

As a rights respecting school, we listen to their right to a voice - so we have followed their wishes with the Year 6 awards this year. These will be awarded to the Year 6 children in their Year 6 Leavers Assembly on the last day of term Friday 22nd July at 2:30pm. Year 6 parents are invited to attend this special celebration and join the school in wishing our wonderful Year 6s all the best for the next steps of their future!

Forest School - After School Club for July

There will be three Outdoor Forest school sessions running on the 3 Wednesdays in July (6th, 13th and 20th), for Godolphin and Tren crom children from 3.15 to 4.45pm @ £8 per session per child. To include games, natural crafts and an introduction to Bushcraft skills.

Contact Sue treefolkforestschoo l@gmail.com to book a place and further information.

Parking Car Park and Outside School

Please be mindful of how and where you park in the car park and outside school. Cars should be reverse parked in the car park and not be parked in the spaces for disabled or on the hash lines for emergency vehicles. Cars should not be parked on junctions especially the T junction leading to Penponds Village where there is no pavement and people have to walk along the road.



Thank you for your support in keeping our children and families safe.

Address and Contact Details Changes

Please let Mrs Wood know if there are any changes to your address or emergency contact details. If you are planning to move house in the Summer Holidays please let her know asap.

Penponds Festival – Friday 15th July



Preparations for the festival are well on their way. We just have a few requests please:

If you would like to run a stall please let Trudy Watts know soonest tawatts@rainbowacademy.org.uk

A stall will cost £10 for set-up and then whatever you make is yours.

We are also asking for parent volunteers to be part of a rota system to man the FOPs stalls being set up: Ice Cream; Face Painting; Tombola; Tattoos; Uniform; Cakes; Crafts; Hook the Duck; Lucky Dip

Please let Trudy Watts know if you are interested, which stall and what time slot you would like to help. Each stall will be manned by 2 parents at a time for no more than an hour so you will still have time to enjoy the festival.

Does anyone know where we can borrow a BBQ or knows of a Band that would like to entertain for an hour? Are there any parents who would mind helping set up the gazebos etc on the day? Does anyone have any small prizes they can donate for the lucky dip?

NEW!

Request for stall items:

Please pass any of the following items you would like to donate to Trudy Watts:

- School Uniform in good condition
- Books in good condition
- Small/Medium-sized Teddies/Toys in good condition
- Cakes and plants – bring in on the morning of the festival – 15th July

Little Acorns Request – Tesco Camborne

Little Acorns has secured the Tesco Community Grant Scheme at the Camborne store, to help with our Communication, Language and Maths Resources. It starts from 1st July 2022 and runs until September. If you shop at Tesco please just collect the blue tokens and put them in the community grant pot that is situated near the entrance.

Posters:

- Gadgeteers at Camborne Library for Summer Reading Challenge
- National Online Safety - What Parents and Carers Need to know about Steam
- Summer at Gwealan Tops
- Redruth Fairy Door Trail

Summer Reading Challenge 2022

GADGETEERS

Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.



Join the Summer Reading Challenge at Camborne Library, with this year's innovation and science theme, the Gadgeteers!

Saturday 9th July - Saturday 10th September

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to read 6 books, tell us what you think about them, and receive incentives along the way.

FREE Gadgeteers events at Camborne Library:
Drop in science experiments and activities.

Meet Bob the robot!

Keep up to date with what's on at:

www.facebook.com/CamborneLibrary

It's free to join the library and you can borrow up to 12 books at a time! If you are not already a member we can sign you up quickly and easily in the library.

Visit us at: Camborne Library

The Basset Centre, Basset Road, Camborne, TR14 8SL

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about STEAM

Steam is a computer gaming digital distribution platform and storefront. It is the biggest platform for desktop- or laptop-based gaming, with a range of more than 30,000 games available. The platform has become a lively social environment for many gamers, and allows people to trade, sell and buy gaming items for real money. Valve, the developers behind Steam, have also released different hardware that works with the platform, including the Steam Deck – a hand-held console that lets users play their favourite games while away from their computer.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

UNSUITABLE GAMES

Among the 30,000+ games on the platform, there are many that aren't appropriate for children. Individuals can view and download games featuring adult content if they verify their age – but, of course, it's easy to enter a false date of birth online. This can lead to children and young people finding games that they shouldn't have access to: featuring violence or profanity, for example.

SPENDING SPREES

Steam hosts regular sales – including some where game prices are reduced by up to 90%. Some sales promotions also include a mini-game or event which encourages users to spend more money. The sales can be an excellent time for young gamers to purchase the titles they've been wanting, but the attractive discounts can also promote impulse buys driven by the fear of missing out.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Steam isn't a social media site, but it certainly shares some of their elements. Users can add other people as 'friends', for example (whether they know them in real life or not), and then communicate privately with them using text or voice chat. The platform also hosts public discussions and groups for socialising. Steam users can also leave comments on the profiles of other players.

POTENTIAL SCAMS

Sadly, Steam's immense popularity has made it a lucrative destination for internet scammers. The most common ruse is phishing: scammers send links to other users, aiming to trick them into entering their login details – which are then stolen. Once in control of the account, the scammer sends messages to everyone on the victim's friend's list, in an attempt to hijack their accounts too.

SHADY TRADERS

The Steam Community Market is a built-in trading area where players can trade resources for their games on the platform. Gamers can exchange items, or buy and sell them using real-world currency. It's possible for unwary users to be scammed through bad trade deals, and Steam doesn't usually get involved when this happens. There are also third-party trading websites, which can be risky to use.

SPARSE AGE RATINGS

Steam is a digital distribution platform for games of all kinds, including ones not rated by regulatory bodies. Getting a game rated takes a long time, and can be expensive, so developers only tend to follow that process when releasing a title that will be physically sold in shops. Most games on Steam, therefore, don't have an advisory age rating on the store page.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Steam does have some limited parental controls that can restrict exactly what games someone's account can view and access. This can be set up by navigating to the 'Family' tab in 'Settings', then selecting 'Manage Family View'. The platform then allows parents and carers to share a Steam account with their child and limit them to age-appropriate games.

USE GIFT CARDS

Having payment methods (like card details or PayPal) linked to a Steam account makes it very easy for a child to purchase new games or spend money on items in the marketplace. An excellent and safe alternative would be to buy a Steam gift card and let your child make their purchases with that instead – putting a manageable cap on how much they can spend on the platform.

APPLY STEAM GUARD

Steam Guard is an optional additional layer of security that protects accounts. Enabling it ensures that anyone attempting to log in to that account also needs to provide authorisation via their phone or email. The computer that your child uses Steam on can be authorised to prevent having to provide separate authentication for each login.

SHARE A LIBRARY

Using Family Library Sharing lets everyone at home share games across accounts (while still keeping their accounts separate). The entire game library from each account is shared with the other account holders – a great way to avoid having to purchase a different copy of the game for each of your children. However, if two users want to play the same game separately, you would need to buy it twice.

SAFE MODDING

Modifying a game to customise it or to introduce new content – known as 'modding' – is common on Steam. There's nothing inherently bad about modding, but installing the wrong mods can be disastrous: they can stop games from working properly, or at all. Steam's mods are unlikely to contain viruses or malware, but it's still possible – so ensure your child reads the mod's reviews first to avoid anything dangerous.

Meet Our Expert

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SUMMER AT GWEALAN TOPS

**FREE
lunchtime
meal**

**MONDAY 25 JUL -
FRIDAY 2 SEP**

11AM - 4PM

(EXCEPT BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY)

FOR 7 - 16 YEAR OLDS

**Please
bring your
own
drink/water
bottle**



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www.gwealantops.org**



SEE www.gwealantops.org FOR MORE INFO

REDRUTH FAIRY DOOR TRAIL

Starting from Monday 25TH July there will be 10 fairy doors with different themes hiding around the centre of Redruth.

Can you find them all?

The fairy doors will be hiding in various shop windows for you to find. From along Chapel Street right up to Bond Street and many places in between! All you need to do is list the 10 different shops you find the doors in and you'll have the chance to win a voucher for £15 to spend at The Funky Brownie company!!

You can collect a form from Redruth library where you'll see this door, before going off around Redruth to find the 10 doors that are hiding!



If you have access to Facebook, you can fill the online form on our page Redruth Fairy Door Trail.

Once you've found a door, why not take a look inside the shop and see what a wonderful place Redruth is for independent businesses!!

Please do post photos of the doors you've found on Facebook or our Instagram page Redruthfairydoors (don't give away the location!)

Use the hashtag #Redruthfairydoors

The trail will finish on Monday 5th September

Good Luck!!!!!!