



# Weekly Newsletter

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## This week's focus: Talent in many guises Cornish Schools Maths Olympiad – Message from NEXUS



I am writing to thank you very much for bringing a team to the Primary Maths Olympiad at Nexus last week. It was a fantastic day, thanks to the brilliant children and staff you brought along. If there are any parents who would like to know more about our programmes, please direct them to our website: [www.nexuscsia.co.uk](http://www.nexuscsia.co.uk) or ask them to call us or email [reception@nexuscsia.co.uk](mailto:reception@nexuscsia.co.uk) and I would be delighted to give them more information.

Dr Jo Foster

## Gwari yn an ergh - Play in the snow



## Dates for your diary:

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- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February** – Safer Internet Day – E-Safety Competition opens
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February**– NEXUS Maths Masterclass 8.55am
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February** – Mousehole Trip for Carn Brea and Trecrom classes
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 5.30pm to 7pm** – Valentine Disco
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- 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> February** – half-term break
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- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February** – King Edward Mine Trip for Tregonning Class
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February** – Breadmaking in Class 3
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- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March** NEXUS Maths Masterclass 8.55am
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March** – Taste the World/Rainbow Choices for Class 3 in the Hall
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- 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> March** – British STEM week
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March** – Shoebox Racer Competition
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March** – Cornwall Records Office Trip – Trecrom and Tregonning Classes
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March** – Science Adventures Show – in the Hall



**Thank you** to everyone for your consideration in yesterday's snow. As soon as the children spotted that it was snowing through the classroom windows there were squeals of excitement. As well as the snow, we also had Mr Mark Lees, Ofsted Inspector, conducting our termly standards check yesterday afternoon which made for some interesting lesson observations once the classes had realised the snow was settling!



### Missing Chameleon

We are missing our Creative Chameleon. We think he has gone home with someone after celebration assembly. If you have Creative Chameleon please can you bring him into school by next Monday. Thank you very much. By Thomas Yr 6 prefect.

### Carn Brea Class (EYFS) Open Afternoon

Parents are invited into Carn Brea class to celebrate their child's learning on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February from 2pm – 3.30pm. They will be treated to a story time from the children, a tour of our learning environment and a look at their child's work this term. This will also be an important opportunity for you to speak to your child's teacher and input your ideas for future teaching and learning in Carn Brea class. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend.

### Pasty day in Tregonning class

A massive thank you to Mrs Floyd for giving up her morning to help the Year 5/6 children make pasties. By 12.15, the children had learnt to compare and order fractions, decimals and percentages, written a pasty recipe and completed Third Space Learning. All this before they organised the Talent Show!

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**Monday 18th March**  
 NEXUS Maths Masterclass  
 8.55am

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** –  
 Parent meetings

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** –  
 Parent meetings

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**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March** – RMA  
 Gala Performance at The  
 Regal Theatre, Redruth

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**Monday 1st April**  
 NEXUS Maths Masterclass  
 8.55am

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April** – Last  
 Day for children

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**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April** – INSET day  
 – no children in school

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**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** – First  
 day back for children

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April** – Beach  
 Safety talk in the Hall

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April** – Pasty Day  
 – pasties for lunch to  
 celebrate Trevithick Day

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April** –  
 Trevithick Day, Camborne

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**Monday 29th April**  
 NEXUS Maths Masterclass  
 8.55am

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April** – Class 3  
 swimming (morning  
 session) replacing lesson on  
 21<sup>st</sup> January.

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**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank  
 Holiday

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**Monday 13th May**  
 NEXUS Maths Masterclass  
 8.55am

**13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> May** – SATs week  
 for Year 6

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**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May** – Friday  
**31<sup>st</sup> May** – Half-term  
 holiday

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**3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> June** – Trecrom  
 Class - Camp at Eden



2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> July – RMAT London Trip – Tregonning Class

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Penponds Family Festival

15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> July – Work Experience Students in school

15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July – Transition Days for Year 6 at CSIA

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July – last day for children

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July – INSET Day

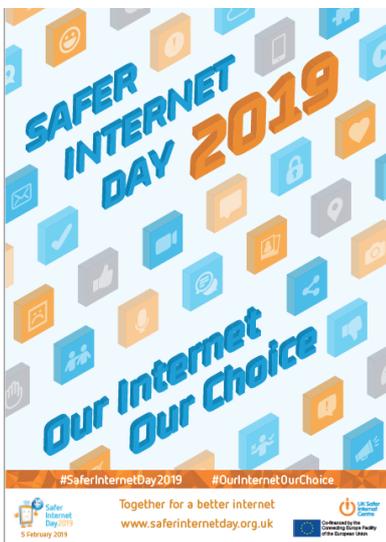
### Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Competition

This year's theme is: Together for a better internet.

To celebrate Safer Internet Day Penponds School would like to launch a new E-Safety competition following on from our previous competition in the Autumn term. We are looking to build pupil's knowledge and share safer internet messages throughout school and the wider community. This term's competition involves making a resource on one of the following topics:

- Self-Esteem
- Fake news and critical thinking
- Cyberbullying
- Online reputation

Children are welcome to display their resource in any format they choose, eg DT/Art, song or rap, use a programme on the computer eg animation, ppt or even make an online safety quiz. Closing date for entries is Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February – prizes will be given out in celebration assembly on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Good luck. We look forward to seeing your entries.



Internet Guides link:

<https://2j39y52a62gm1afygb3g1xbu->

[wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/NOS-Engaging-Parents-January-2019-1.pdf](https://wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/NOS-Engaging-Parents-January-2019-1.pdf)

The talent show report and Youth Speaks report will follow in next week's newsletter.

## Valentine's Disco

We are holding a Valentine's Disco on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February for the children. Adults can drop off their child at 5.30pm and collect them at 7pm. Cost is £2 per child which includes a hot dog and a drink. Pay on the door please.



**Awards for this week will be announced in next Friday's Celebration Assembly**

**Cornish Phrase for this week:**

Gwari yn an ergh -  
Play in the snow

**Quote of the week:**

Building resilience in children is not about being tough. Resilience is the ability to recover from difficulties and manage how you feel.

## Parent Pay goes live at Penponds School – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February

All parents and carers will receive a letter today with a unique username and password to log in to Parent Pay – [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) where you will be able to make payments to school direct for your child's lunches, trips, swimming etc.



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Dear Parent or Carer,

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019

In an attempt to remove all cash and cheques from school we are asking all parents to only use our e-payment method to pay for lunch money, trips, swimming lessons, uniform, wrap around care etc. This can be done online using a very secure website called ParentPay or in cash at local stores where you see the PayPoint logo.

### Already have a ParentPay account?

If you already have a ParentPay account, at another ParentPay school, you can simply login to that account and add your other children via the Add a child tab on your home page. You will need the below activation username and password to do this.

### New to ParentPay?

You have a secure online account, activated using a unique activation username and password; you will be prompted to change these and to keep them safe and secure as your Username and Password for future logins.

If you have two or more children at a ParentPay school, you only need to activate one account to create your 'main account' and then add your other children via the Add a child tab on your home page.

Please visit [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) and activate your account via the Account login area on the home page of the site.

**Username:**

**Password:|**

ParentPay holds an electronic record of your payments to view at a later date. Once you have activated your account you can make online payments straight away.

Those parents wishing to pay cash should contact the school office to request the option of paying via PayPoint.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you need assistance. Your support in using ParentPay will help the school enormously. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Mr Adam Richards  
Headteacher



# School emergency closures

## A guide for parents / carers

We recognise that the decision to close a school in the event of an emergency (e.g. snow, flooding, no water or heating) significantly impacts upon you, as parents / carers. This guide outlines the agreed procedure which all schools are asked to follow and offers advice to parents / carers on the key things to consider, both before and after the decision to close has been made.

### Guidance given to schools

Guidance and procedures are sent to all schools on an annual basis, usually at the start of the autumn term. To prevent the possibility of fraudulent school closures, schools are required to follow a verification process before providing school closure information. Schools are then asked to:

Undertake a risk assessment, using common sense to determine whether it is feasible for children and staff to remain in the school; and if not, what subsequent risks could arise by sending them home. Before school hours start, schools are also asked to assess if the roads are safe for children to travel to school.

Seek approval from the Governing Board (usually the decision of the Chair of Governors will suffice) to authorise the decision to close.

Notify Cornwall Council and the three local radio stations (BBC Radio Cornwall, Heart FM and Pirate FM). Providing the school follow the agreed procedure, each of the radio stations have all agreed to broadcast details of all school closures.

We will publish a list of current school closures on the Cornwall Council website at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolclosures) and on our social media channels.

### Know your school's procedure

Although schools are asked to follow this procedure, schools should have their own plan of action to be followed in the event of a closure. This should include details of how parents will be notified (e.g. via radio, text message, social media, etc). It is essential that schools communicate their plan to all parents as early as possible, and equally that all parents familiarise themselves with the agreed plan.

### Who to contact

If the decision is made to close, you will be notified by the school's agreed notification procedure. Should you need to contact the school directly, please be aware that the line(s) may be busy or unavailable when a large number of parents are calling at the same time.

### Useful websites

Cornwall Snow Advice  
[www.cornwall.gov.uk/snow](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/snow)

Met Office  
[www.metoffice.gov.uk](http://www.metoffice.gov.uk)

Environment Agency  
[www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk)

Devon & Cornwall Police  
[www.devon-cornwall.police.uk](http://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk)

If you would like this information in another format please contact:

Cornwall Council, County Hall, Treyew Road, Truro TR1 3AY  
Email: [equality@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:equality@cornwall.gov.uk) Telephone: 0300 1234 100

Unless your child is entitled to free school meals, Years 3, 4, 5 or 6 hot cooked lunches cost is £2.40 each day or you can book for the whole week and get the **5 for 4 offer for £9.60 for the week**. Please pay for any lunches in advance. **Parent Pay coming soon!**

The average packed lunch contains...

<b>OVER 4x</b> 	<b>OVER 3x</b> 
the saturated fat;	the salt;
<b>NEARLY 3x</b> 	<b>NEARLY DOUBLE</b> 
the sugar;	the calories

When compared to a Chartwells school meal

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*How to pay and further information*

School meals currently cost **£2.40** per day in your school. Pupils can choose to eat every day or pick their favourite days to eat with us.

You can pay for your school meals daily or weekly;

- Bring cash on the day, correct change if possible, in a named purse, wallet or small container

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—Meals—

Stay up to date with all the important news on your school meals service by visiting [www.loveschoolmeals.co.uk](http://www.loveschoolmeals.co.uk)

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*Get in touch*  
Compass Group UK & Ireland  
Guildford Street  
Chertsey  
KT16 9BQ

  
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 COMMUNITY  
 SUPPORT OFFICER

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DAY

SUNDAY 24  
 FEBRUARY

11AM  
 TO 3PM

CORNWALL AIR AMBULANCE  
 TREVITHICK DOWNS  
 NEWQUAY TR8 4DY

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CORNWALL AIR AMBULANCE  
 SEE THE HELICOPTER | MEET THE CREW | PARAMEDIC DEMOS

EXCITING DISPLAYS FROM OTHER LOCAL EMERGENCY SERVICES

Firearms & Dogs team • RNLI • Blood Bikes • Extrication team • HM Coastguard • Devon & Cornwall Police • Cornwall Fire & Rescue

PLUS » POP-UP SHOP | RAFFLE | REFRESHMENTS SERVED ALL DAY | CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

[CORNWALLAIRAMBULANCETRUST.ORG](http://CORNWALLAIRAMBULANCETRUST.ORG)

Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust, Trevithick Downs, Newquay TR8 4DY | Registered charity 1133295

01637 889926 | [cornwallairambulance.org](http://cornwallairambulance.org) | [enquiries@cornwallairambulance.org](mailto:enquiries@cornwallairambulance.org)

Cornwall Air Ambulance

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## SPECIAL HALF-TERM FAMILY COOKERY WORKSHOP

for

Primary School Families

Create a delicious HOT MEAL and receive a FREE SLOW COOKER!

Join us for a FREE cookery workshop. Plus, FREE breakfast (toast/fruit/drink) and late morning snacks are available too.

Children can enjoy arts & crafts as well.

Everything is provided!

It's essential to pre-book!

<p><u>RECIPE:</u> Golden Shephard's Pie or Vegetable Shepard's Pie (served with fruit for pudding)</p>	<p>Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> February (10am-1pm)</p>	<p><u>LOCATION:</u> CAMBORNE CENTENARY METHODISH CHURCH (TR14 8DP)</p>
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If you or your child(ren) have any food allergies or dietary requirements, please tell us! We always do our best to offer alternative ingredients, where possible.  
The cookery workshops are for families whose children receive FREE SCHOOL MEALS.



**BOOK ONLINE VIA:**

[http://www.littlekitchenmagicians.com/booking\\_form/](http://www.littlekitchenmagicians.com/booking_form/)

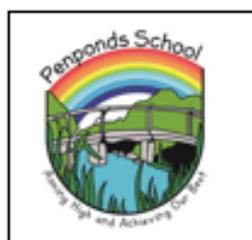
or

*For more information contact*

*Little Kitchen Magicians: 07968 606 580 / [lizzie@littlekitchenmagicians.com](mailto:lizzie@littlekitchenmagicians.com)*

or

*Transformation CPR: 01209 714 592 / [TransformationCPR@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:TransformationCPR@hotmail.co.uk)*



## Teaching Vacancy

Penponds School are looking to appoint a competent **key stage 2 teacher** to work as part of their dedicated team.

We are looking for a committed, enthusiastic and approachable team member who can help continue to raise standards and improve our school. The successful candidate will be an excellent teacher who is passionate about developing lifelong learning skills for all children within the class.

Penponds School is part of The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust, working in partnership with Troon School, St Meriadoc Infant Academy and St Meriadoc Junior Academy where we believe that together, we are building a brighter future for our children. We are looking for a new member of staff to embrace and support our schools in creating an environment where the children have the opportunity to aim high and achieve their best every day.

### Job Details:

Location	Penponds School
Post	Key stage 2 teacher
Grade/salary	MPS
Hours per week	Full time
Contract	Permanent
Application closing date	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2019 at midnight
Interview date	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2019
Other information	Start date: September 2019

The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding the safeguarding of our students and the successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.

Visits to our school are welcome by appointment. For an application pack or to make an appointment please contact Mrs Jo Wood by telephone 01209 713929 or email [secretary@penponds.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@penponds.cornwall.sch.uk)

The Jam opens at 10 o'clock and is free to all. There is plenty of free parking right outside and the best entrance is via Trevenson Road. Children under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult at the Tech Jams.

SAT 9TH FEB  
STUDENT  
CENTRAL  
CORNWALL  
COLLEGE  
CAMBORNE

10am - 1pm

# TECH JAM

For anyone interested in technology,  
for all ages and abilities

Cornwall's Tech Jams are run by volunteers working in IT and education throughout the Duchy, in association with Software Cornwall and local businesses. The Jams run from 10am to 1pm on the second Saturday of the month, alternating between venues in the Pool/Camborne area, Bodmin and Penzance. They are free to attend, you can turn up whenever you've got time and stay for as long as you like.

Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult though.

We have 20 Raspberry Pi computers enabling you to experiment with and learn how to:

Program Robots, Code into Minecraft, Compose Music with Sonic-Pi, Launch Rockets, Control Traffic Lights, MeArm Robotic Arms, BBC MicroBits and more.



for directions see [cornwalltechjam.uk](http://cornwalltechjam.uk)





ADULT  
EDUCATION

# Your local link into learning

Develop your career, learn a new skill, gain a qualification or simply enjoy learning.

Come along to: **Internet Safety Workshop** to help you  
keep your family safe online

Being held at: **Roskear Link into Learning** next to  
Roskear Primary School, Camborne

On: **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 9:15am – 11:45am**  
Safer Internet Day

**All parents/carers welcome!**

Places are limited

For more information and to reserve a place, contact your **Family Learning** tutor  
Vicki Salvidge on 07968 992495 or [vicki.salvidge@cornwall-acl.ac.uk](mailto:vicki.salvidge@cornwall-acl.ac.uk)

It's easy to apply online today!

[www.cornwall.gov.uk/adultlearning](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/adultlearning)  
Call 0300 1231 117

