



# Weekly Newsletter

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## This week's focus: Bloodhound Rocket cars!

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February all the Year 5's went to Nexus to create their own mini-bloodhound rocket car. First we got into partners and then got started. We had to design it first on a piece of paper then

we had to draw it on our plastic foam. We used a special machine to cut the excess off our models and then we put a mask on before we sanded it down. After that we put the wheels on and eyelets (which if you don't know, are used to keep it attached to a special wire). Then we decorated it. We all had loads of fun at Nexus and would love to go again. Soon we will get to fire the car off down a track with a miniature rocket engine. The fastest team from all the schools in England will win £1000 for their school and get to go and watch the real Bloodhound supersonic car in South Africa! Check out <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g7BNDpuLO3w> to see some other examples in action! **By Emily Jones**

## Dates for your diary:

2nd Mar – World Book day  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mar - Snuggledown  
3<sup>rd</sup> Mar – The Writer's Block visit, Cornwall College  
6<sup>th</sup> Mar – Carn Brea and Godolphin class Eden trip  
13<sup>th</sup> Mar – Tregonning trip to Wheal Martin  
16<sup>th</sup> Mar – Space Odyssey Dome for Rainbow MAT at Penponds  
20<sup>th</sup> Mar – Maths evening  
22-23<sup>rd</sup> Mar – Parent meetings  
24 Mar – Red Nose Day  
25 Mar - Little Acorns Spring Fayre 10am – 12pm – Everyone welcome.  
31<sup>st</sup> Mar – end of term

## This week's awards:

**Top Table:** Freya D, Eloise, Alice and Ellie T

**Carn Brea:** Jasmine, Indie-Rae and Issie

**Godolphin:** Chelsea, Kaiden and Harvey

**Trencom:** Lloyd, Morley and Ruby

## Attendance:

**Carn Brea:** 94.4%

**Godolphin:** 97.78%

**Trencom:** 98.4%

**Tregonning:** 95.62%



## Penponds Family Festival

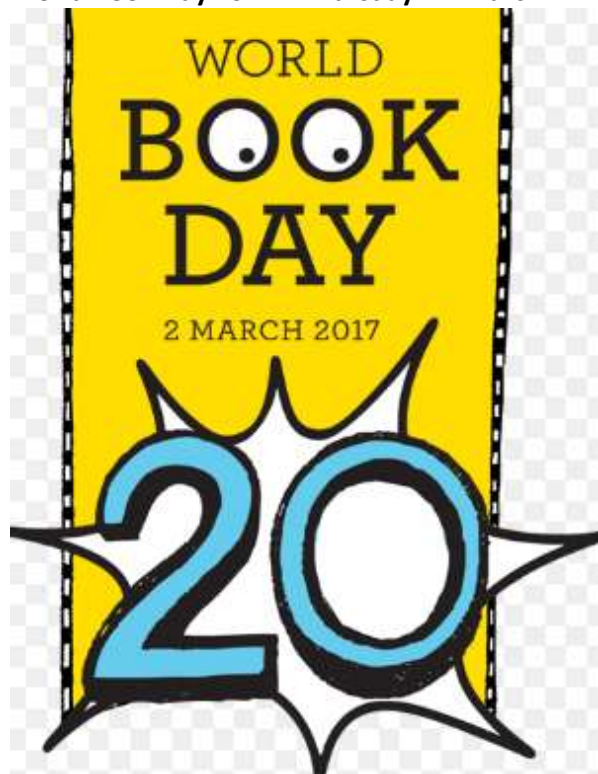
### Calling all musicians and friends and family!

Our enthusiastic team of parents have started to plan our first ever school festival. Before we set a date, we are keen to secure a 'headline act' for the festival and would like to ask if anyone knows a suitable band with a connection to the school who may be able to help.

We will always have room for more volunteers. So if you know of a band, have an idea for the Penponds Family Festival or would like to get involved please email Donna Partridge at [eastchicklet@gmail.com](mailto:eastchicklet@gmail.com)

Also, if you know of any stall holders, quality crafters or sellers that may like to rent a table for the Festival please don't hesitate to get in touch.

## World Book Day 2017 – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March



On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March it will be World Book Day! We always like to celebrate the day in style at Penponds School so we will be inviting everyone to come to school **dressed up as their favourite book character and donate £1 for BookAid.** Also to **bring a book for a whole school book swap.**

In addition to this, children in Tregonning and Trencrom classes will be working with artist and printmaker Dena O'Brien creating limited edition prints. These designs will then be pieced together following the workshop and made into a single edition handmade book. Godolphin and Carn Brea will also be having lots of book themed fun in their classes too. Children will be

creating illustrations, baking, storytelling and sharing their favourite books.

**Snuggledown with a good book:** In the evening, from **5.30pm to 6.45pm**, all the children are invited back into school in their pyjamas and slippers (with their teddies) to listen to the staff read their favourite stories. Areas of each classroom will be transformed into a cosy, dimly-lit living room with a roaring fire (on the board projector!) and the children will be split into mixed aged groups and rotated through the different stories. Towards the end of the evening FOPS will provide everyone with a hot chocolate before the children are picked up at 6.45pm. In order to get an idea of numbers for Snuggledown please complete and return the attached slip or email Mrs Wood at: [secretary@penponds.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@penponds.cornwall.sch.uk).

We would also like to use World Book Day to launch our new incentive for reading at home regularly. Reading at home aloud daily is essential in developing confident reading and comprehension skills. Reading with your child is the most important homework and way of supporting your child's learning. Children are already collecting reading karate bands and reaching their targets in Accelerated Reader but we feel we need to raise the bar further so that all children are 'Extreme Readers' at Penponds School. The '**Extreme Reading Challenge**' is simple. Make sure as parents you are reading with your child as much as possible during the week and sign their diaries. On a Friday any child who has read every day that week at home will have their name put into a draw for some, 'Extreme Reading' prizes. If possible, include a photo of them reading a book in an interesting location! Good-luck everyone! **Miss Souch.**

### **Maths Evening for Parents, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 5.30pm – Save the date**

We are organising a Maths evening to explain how maths is taught in school. Parents will get a chance to see how the strategies differ from their own education by visiting maths stalls run by the children in the hall. The plan is to hold the meeting in the evening to enable working parents to attend and then another meeting in the summer term during the school day.

**Attendance Trophy:**  
Trencrom

**Barnardo's Hat Day**  
Our school raised £39.47 on Barnardo's Hat Day. Thank you for everyone's contributions and some wonderful creations!

### **Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers**

We are now collecting active sports vouchers from Sainsbury's to help us buy new sports and cooking equipment for the children. Our collection box is situated just inside the sliding door of the foyer. Please send in the vouchers with the children. Many thanks for your support.

**Quote of the day:**  
Your mind will answer most questions if you learn to relax and wait for the answer – **William S Burroughs.**

**Teaching Vacancy**  
We are now advertising for Miss Berry's maternity cover in our reception/year 1 class. Please see: <http://www.penponds.cornwall.sch.uk/web/vacancies/247799>

### **School Text Messaging Service**

We are now able to text message parents; we will start using this service in the coming weeks. Initially only urgent texts will be sent, e.g. if a football game is cancelled. For more details, please see: <http://www.penponds.cornwall.sch.uk/web/vacancies/247799>

# Extreme reading

More Entries:



[ornwall.sch.uk/web/text\\_messaging\\_service](http://ornwall.sch.uk/web/text_messaging_service)

**Parent's meetings – save the date**

Our spring term parent meetings will take place on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**. Instead of the format of Learning Reviews which took place in the autumn term, the spring term meetings will be a more traditional parent meeting with teachers available for booking 10 minute slots in the hall and books/work on display in the classrooms. Individual class teachers will send out a letter detailing the arrangements next week.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Get set... we're taking part in The Big Pedal 2017, the UK's largest inter-school cycling and scooting challenge that inspires pupils, staff and parents to choose two wheels for their journey to school.

The challenge runs from **20 to 31 March**. It's free to enter and we would love everyone to be involved.

#### **The details**

On each day of the challenge schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils, staff and parents cycling or scooting to school. Our best 5 days will determine our final position in the challenge. We'll be competing against other schools right across the UK, and if we clock up the most bike and scooter journeys we'll win!

#### **Why we're taking part**

It's a great way to get more of our pupils travelling to school on their bikes and scooters. We will be competing to become one of the UK's top schools for two-wheeled journeys and will be in with a chance to win prizes including bike and scooter stunt shows and fantastic cycle and scooter storage.

#### **What's next?**

All you need to do is encourage your child(ren) to cycle or scoot to school every day during the event, and join them on their way – parent and sibling journeys count too!

For more information about the event go to [www.bigpedal.org.uk](http://www.bigpedal.org.uk)

Please get in touch if you have any questions.

Enjoy the ride!



Mr Richards



**HAT  
DAY**

Penponds School

raised an amazing

£39.47

Our school took part  
in Barnardo's Hat Day 2017.

Thank you  
from everyone at Barnardo's, for helping  
to give better futures to vulnerable  
children in the UK.

[barnardos.org.uk/hatday](http://barnardos.org.uk/hatday)

Barnardo's Registered Charity No. 205004 and 900900





Little Acorns Pre-school, Perponds School, Comborne, TR14 0QN

## **VACANCY**

### **Pre-school Assistant (Bank/Cover Staff)**

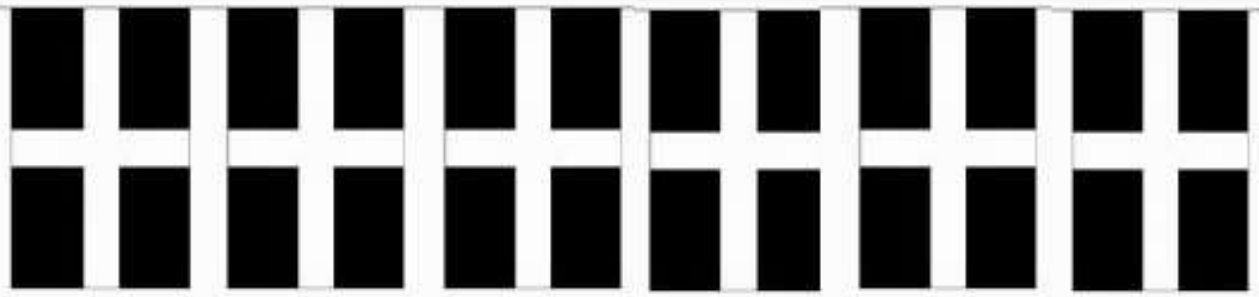
Are you a caring, motivated person who would like to join a well established pre-school setting? We are looking for someone flexible who would be able to work as a pre-school assistant at short notice as well as being booked in advance to cover staff sickness, training and busy periods.

*Minimum level 2 childcare qualifications preferred.*

We are committed to safeguarding children and the successful applicant will be required to undertake an enhanced criminal records disclosure check.

For further information, an application pack or to visit the setting please contact Claire King, Manager or Jo Eastman, Business Manager on 01209 718990  
Or email [littleacorns2004@btconnect.com](mailto:littleacorns2004@btconnect.com)

**Closing date\* Friday 10th March 2017**



# **1st Annual Redruth**



## **St Pirans Festival Show**



**SATURDAY 4TH MARCH 2017**

**TO BE HELD AT MARKET WAY AND THE BUTTER MARKET**  
**Deadline for receipt of completed entry forms is 17th February**

**Schedule of Classes & entry  
forms can be collected from:-**



**90 Fore Street,  
Redruth**

**Or**



REDRUTH TOWN COUNCIL

**The Chambers,  
Penryn Street**

**Or downloaded from [www.visitredruth.co.uk](http://www.visitredruth.co.uk)**



# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Redruth St Pirans Festival show



Saturday 4th March 2017

## Schedule of Classes

To be held at Market Way and The Butter Market

Class number	Title of class	Guidelines for entry	Tick to enter this class	
			✓	Cost to enter
<b>Adult Art</b>				
Judge: Photography: Malcolm and Barbara Jenkin Painting & Sculpture: Tony Minion				
AA1	Painting – daffodils - still life	(a 2D painting in water colour, acrylic, oil or pastels not larger than A3, including any mount and/or frame).		25p
AA2	Painting - Daffodils in the Cornish landscape	(a 2D painting in water colour, acrylic, oil or pastels not larger than A3, including any mount and/or frame).		25p
AA3	Photography – daffodils – still life	(A4 max. Including mount. Must be mounted but not framed).		25p
AA4	Photography - Daffodils in the Cornish landscape	(A4 max. Including mount. Must be mounted but not framed).		25p
AA5	Daffodils in 3D – any media	to be viewed in 'the round' – Max size 60 cm in any direction		25p
AA6	Embroidery – Daffodils	Using any embroidery stitch or style – hand embroidery only – Max size 30cm x 30cm		25p
AA7	Embroidery – Daffodils	Using any embroidery stitch or style – machine embroidery only – Max size 30cm x 30cm		25p
<b>Adult Baking</b>				
Judge: Frankie Cowling				
General Rules for Baking classes: All entries to incorporate the theme of daffodils – all decorations (apart from fondant icing which may be bought) must be home made and edible. (No fresh flowers please). Both cake and decorations will judged unless otherwise stated.				
B1	2 tier iced wedding cake	(any type of cake, or can use a cake dummy – decorating only is to be judged Bottom tier no bigger than 10 inches, not including any board)		25p
B2	12 Individual cup cakes	(any variety) judging cake and decoration (Marks also given for display of cakes)		25p
B3	Decorated Victoria sponge cake	Cake size 8 inches not counting any board Judging cake and decoration		25p
<b>Adult Craft</b>				
Judge: Annelie Wood of The Craft Collective				
AC1	Easter bonnet with daffodils	All decorations to be made – no real flowers		25p