



# Weekly Newsletter

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**This week's focus: Writing** One of our main priorities this year is to improve the progress of all pupils in all lessons across the school. To achieve this, the staff have been focusing their teaching on increasing the range of learning activities in lessons, encouraging more pupil choice by promoting a learning culture of, 'being a boss of your own learning' and enabling the children to self-assess and comment on each other's work. Each half term we have a 6 week focus on a particular area – last term our daily handwriting practice saw children make giant leaps forward with cursive writing and the Pen Queen remains busy each Thursday! This half term our



whole school focus is grammar and punctuation; not just knowing the correct terminology but the skill of applying it within writing. Below are some recent examples of work from the children.

**By Josh Cornish:** *Matthew climbed up the wet vine to get to the engine house. When he got up four rats clambered to their den. It was dirty, smelly and dark in the engine house.*

*Every step he took he felt the squelching underfoot. The graffiti on the walls told him someone has been here before. It was cold in the engine house but Matthew kept on walking. The walls had caved in. Obviously the engine house was old, as well as muddy and soggy. It smelt of smoke, it was horrid, in the middle was a ditch filled with water, not nice at all.*

**By Jack Instance:** *Matthew could see the dusty, green, mouldy ruins in the distance. As he approached, the smell of rot and mice came to him. Inside the engine the engine house it was dark, creepy and very fragile. Every step he took could be lethal. Scared, Matthew muttered to himself, "I need to get out". The mine is the most disgusting place ever, the wall dripped with green mouldy liquid which was simply revolting. After hours Matthew, who was scared, got back to the mouldy green mine shaft. When he got to grass, it was like a paradise for him. Now he was safe, he celebrated like it was his last day to party.*

## Dates for your diary:

25<sup>th</sup> Jan – KS2 Mini Olympics at CSIA  
 27<sup>th</sup> Jan – Youth Speaks practice with Mrs Oxford  
 31<sup>st</sup> Jan – Online Safety presentation  
 1<sup>st</sup> Feb – Bikeability for Year 5  
 2nd Feb – Bikeability for Year 5  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb – Youth Speaks competition  
 8<sup>th</sup> Feb – School Ofsted readiness check  
 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> Feb – HALF TERM  
 4<sup>th</sup> Mar – World Book day

## This week's awards:

### Top Table:

Tate, Lily M, Ryan, Tate

### Headteacher Awards:

Megan M, Piran, David, Vincent, Ellie R

### Class Awards:

Carn Brea: Laurie, Zabian, Gwyddion  
 Godolphin: Alex K, Keira, Harvey  
 Trencom: Lloyd, Fleur, TJ  
 Tregonning: Evan, Megan

### Attendance:

Carn Brea: 100%  
 Godolphin: 99.18%  
 Trencom: 96.44%  
 Tregonning: 99.28%  
 Attendance Trophy: Carn Brea

### Player of the Match:

Jack Green  
 Football v Crowan Result:  
 Penponds 4. Crowan 0.



eCadets:  
Kids keeping kids safe online

## E-cadets

We're proud to announce we've become an eCadet school. The eCadets is an award winning programme which trains, empowers and supports a team of pupils to keep their friends safe online. The programme is run by a team of former police officers and more information can be found here:

<https://www.ecadet.zone/>

### Homework club

We are delighted to announce that we are now able to offer a homework club on Thursday until 1615. The club will be open to pupils from year 1-6 and will enable children to stay in school and complete homework tasks which have been set in class. The children will be able to access the full range of resources in school to tackle their homework and will be encouraged to develop their independent learning skills. Mrs Wills, one of our Learning Assistants in Godophin class, will run the club supported by Mr Richards. The club will start next Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January. If you wish to add your child's name to the list please email [secretary@penponds.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@penponds.cornwall.sch.uk)

## Extreme reading



The Challenge has been set. Are you an Extreme Reader? Books don't need electricity! We can read them anywhere and everywhere! We are inviting you ALL (including parents!) to take the Penponds Extreme Reading Challenge. Think about different, exciting, fun and SAFE places you can enjoy a book. Children – tell your parent/carer your idea and ask them if they could take a photograph of you reading your book in your 'extreme' place. Email entries to [secretary@penponds.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@penponds.cornwall.sch.uk) Have Fun Extreme Reading!



### Accelerated Reader Word Millionaire

Congratulations to Jasmine Carey in Trencom class for reading over 1 million words by successfully quizzing on a huge range of books on Accelerated Reader. Jasmine was presented with her ipod shuffle prize and certificate in assembly on Friday. **In total, so far this year the children have read 12 million words**

and we're not even half way through the year. Last year the children read approximately 25 million words by the end of July – a target we're trying to beat.

### Cheerleading club at CSIA

West Coast Academy are running a cheerleading club at CSIA on Monday afternoons 4-5pm. The session is delivered at CSIA in the sports hall, and is £2 per session. These sessions will start on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 and continue right through until Easter. If you are interested in a place please email: [secretary@penponds.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@penponds.cornwall.sch.uk)

### Year 5 climbing at CSIA

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January class 4, year 5 went to CSIA for rock climbing. When we got there on a minibus we walked in CSIA's hall; there was a huge climbing frame. There were actually two climbing frames, one was big the other one was small. After we got on our harnesses we were split into three groups, two groups went onto the little side of the frame while the other group went on the big side of the climbing frame. On the big side of the climbing wall Evan was the first person to climb to the top, Heidi was the second to the top of the wall and Thomas was the third. After everyone had a go we did races and there was Evan, Thomas, Jacob and Cadan in the finals and the overall winner with 15 seconds was Thomas and second with 18 seconds was Evan. **Written by Thomas and Jack V.**

Yesterday we played against Crowan school at home. The team was Jack I, Jack G, Evan, Paul, Alfie, Lee, Jake, James, Eddy, Ryan and Ben. Penponds started off and we had the slope with us. Our first goal came from Jack G running down the line to Evan. He volleyed it back to Jack who booted it in. After that Jack got another one on the wing. Then Evan took charge and scored a Megsy goal by shooting through the goalie's legs. Paul went around the goalie to do a Rabonno. Jack I made some great saves to end the game 4 nil. Many thanks to the parents for their support and to Mrs Watts for being referee. **By Jack I and Jack G**

**Quote of the week:** Success is no accident, it is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do – Pele.





### **Online safety parents presentation**

On Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January straight after school Ms Percy will lead an online safety presentation in the hall for parents. Ms Percy is our Child Exploitation and Online Prevention Ambassador and will cover how to keep your child safe when accessing the internet and the latest advice and guidance from the police. The children will have an assembly earlier that afternoon and we are offering free afterschool club for the duration of the presentation to those parents who need it. If you wish to attend please email [secretary@penponds.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@penponds.cornwall.sch.uk) so we can get an idea of numbers – refreshments will be available. Many thanks for your support on this important issue.

**Help Needed:** Does anyone have a large A frame ladder that we could borrow to hang our Phoenix from the lighting rig in the hall? Please contact Mrs Wood in the office if you are able to assist – the ladder needs to be able to reach at least 4 metres.

### **School Uniform price increase**

Please find attached uniform price list showing current and price increases from 28th February (Price and Buckland supplier). Any uniform purchased after 28th Feb will be at the increased prices – if you planning to purchase any uniform please try and get it before the price increase! Uniform going up in price:

Sweatshirts from £8 and £8.50 to £9

Cardigans from £9 and £9.50 to £10

White Polo Shirts from £6.95 to £7.50

### Penponds School Uniform (current prices)

Item	Size	Price
<b>Fleece</b>	3-4 yrs 5-6 yrs 7-8 yrs 9-10 yrs 11-12 yrs 13 yrs	£12.50
<b>Sweatshirt</b>	24", 26", 28"	£8.00
<b>Sweatshirt</b>	30", 32", 34", 36"	£8.50
<b>Cardigan</b>	24", 26", 28"	£9.00
<b>Cardigan</b>	30", 32", 34", 36"	£9.50
<b>White Polo Shirt</b>	22/24", 26", 28"	£6.75
<b>White Polo Shirt</b>	30", 32", 34", 36"	£6.95
<b>PE Kit in a Bag:</b>		£7.50 Complete (£3.75 for part orders)
<b>T-Shirt</b>	<b>T-Shirt:</b> 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-13 yrs	
<b>Shorts</b>	<b>Shorts:</b> 18/20", 22/24", 26/28", 30/32"	
<b>Cap</b>	One Size	£4.00
<b>Book Bag</b>	One Size	£8.10
<b>Water Bottle</b>	One Size	£2.50

### Penponds School Uniform as at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Item	Size	Price
<b>Fleece</b>	3-4 yrs, 5-6 yrs, 7-8 yrs, 9-10 yrs, 11-12 yrs, 13 yrs	£12.50
<b>Sweatshirt</b>	24", 26", 28", 30", 32", 34", 36"	£9.00
<b>Cardigan</b>	24", 26", 28", 30", 32", 34", 36"	£10.00
<b>White Polo Shirt</b>	22/24", 26", 28", 30", 32", 34", 36"	£7.50
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<b>Cap</b>	N/A	£4.00
<b>Book Bag</b>	N/A	£8.10
<b>Water Bottle</b>	N/A	£2.50



**HAT DAY.** On the last day of the half term, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February, we are inviting the children to wear their choice of hat for the day for a small donation to Barnardos. Barnardo's believe in supporting every child to fulfil their future dreams. Hat Day is all about those dreams – if you could be anyone you wanted, who would you be? On February 10, children will have the chance to be that person.

Maybe it's a doctor, or a teacher, or a racing driver. Maybe it's a wizard, an astronaut, a dinosaur? The main thing is to use your imagination and have a great time – so get your thinking caps on

#### 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/text\\_messaging\\_service](http://www.penponds.cornwall.sch.uk/web/text_messaging_service)

**Royal Cornwall Museum EVENT NEWS**

**FEBRUARY HALF TERM AT THE ROYAL CORNWALL MUSEUM**

Join us for our Free Half Term activities. As part of the museum's exhibition, *Mexico: The Cornish Connection*, come and join us for our Mexican 'Day of the Dead' themed activity—the Mexican festival where families gather to celebrate their dead.

Create colourful 'Day of the Dead' puppets and learn about traditional *Día De Los Muertos* celebrations in our beautiful Mexico-inspired exhibition. No materials required, just bring your creativity. Drop in sessions run each morning from **10.30am – 12 noon Monday 13<sup>TH</sup> February to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017.**

Normal admission applies, **children FREE.**





## CAMBORNE AND SURROUNDING AREAS FEBRUARY HOLIDAY CLUB

Go Active Cornwall run holiday clubs with a difference for children aged 5 - 14 years old. We have the biggest range of sports and activities in the UK – activities that include Street Surfing, Bubble Football, Rocketball and more! Now we are coming to a venue near you, and we would like to offer you a special discount!

Location	Trevithick Learning Academy / Camborne College
Timings	9am – 3pm (£10) <u>or</u> 8.30 – 16.30 (£14)
What to Bring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suitable clothing for sports, trainers, spare clothes.</li> <li>• Packed Lunch, Morning Snack, Plenty of water...</li> </ul>



If you would like your child to attend, please complete the form below by circling a time option for each day you would like your child to attend before returning it to the school office, with payment (Cash or Cheque), by no later than Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

*Please make Cheques Payable to 'Go Active'*

Date	9.00 – 15.00	8.30 – 16.30
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February - Trevithick	£10	£14
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February - Trevithick	£10	£14
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February – Camborne College	£10	£14
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February – Camborne College	£10	£14
		Total = £

Child's Name ..... DOB..... Age..... M/F .....

Any health problems or disabilities.....

Parent/Carer's Name.....

Parent/Carer's Email (required, please write clearly).....

Emergency Contact Number.....

By signing this form I agree to Go Active Cornwall Ltd's Terms & Conditions and Policies as stated on [www.goactive.co.uk](http://www.goactive.co.uk), authorise coaching staff to administer or approve any medical treatment deemed necessary. I agree that continual disruption to the learning of others by an individual may result in removal from the course. I also consent to Go Active Cornwall Ltd taking & using photographs for promotional purposes only which include my child/children participating in Go Active coaching session.

Signed: Parent/Guardian.....



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