



Weekly Newsletter

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This week's focus: Youth Speaks Final 2017

On Saturday the 4th March, three children, Emily Stephens, Gregory Eastman and Emily Jones from Tregonning Class, went to the Atlantic Hotel in Newquay to compete in the Youth Speaks Final 2017.

They went up against the best ten primary schools throughout the South West. At 2pm, there was a welcome ceremony before the competition started and straight after that they welcomed the ten teams in the following order: St Marks, Stoke Fleming Community, Mount Street, St Leonards, Caen Community, Nanpean Community, Tavistock Community, Alverton, Maynard and Penponds (us). All of the teams were really hard to beat but we managed to pull through until the very end. Finally, two hours later, they came to a decision. They said "In third place... Nanpean Community Primary School. Then, in second place... Alverton Primary School. And finally, in first place Penponds Primary School!" The three went up and collected their shield with a smile reaching ear to ear and maybe a couple of tears. In conclusion, they did really well and bring pride to the school. Well done, Emily S, Greg and Emily J.

By Emily Stephens

West Briton article:

A team of three Y5 and 6 pupils from Penponds School in Camborne were thrilled to discover that they had been awarded first place in the Rotary Club Youth Speaks District final at the Atlantic Hotel, Newquay on Saturday 4th March 2017. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Redruth, they faced stiff competition from nine other teams from all over Devon and Cornwall.

The title of their speech was 'Death by Chocolate', which the main speaker, Greg Eastman, was keen to point out was not the title of his latest novel! The key message was that these days, many people are able to buy chocolate every day if they wished, instead of just saving it as a special treat. Greg used humour to help convince the audience that over indulgence was not a good idea, in spite of how delicious it tastes.

Greg was well supported by his team mates, Emily Stephens, who chaired the meeting very professionally and Emily Jones who proposed the vote of thanks. Emily Jones also received the distinction of being awarded a special prize for offering the best vote of thanks in the competition.



Dates for your diary:

13th Mar – Tregonning trip to Wheal Martin
16th Mar – Space Odyssey Dome for Rainbow MAT at Penponds
20th Mar – Maths evening
22-23rd Mar – Parent meetings
24 Mar – Red Nose Day
25 Mar - Little Acorns Spring Fayre 10am – 12pm – Everyone welcome.
31st Mar – end of term

This week's awards:

Top Table: Erin, Jayden, Rosie and Greg

Carn Brea: Elijah, Indie-Rae and Brindley

Godolphin: Bella, Mylo and Chelsea

Trencom: Lemmy, Alfie Goss-Wilby and Piran

Tregonning: Ellie W and Jack V

Attendance:
Carn Brea: 94%
Godolphin: 93.33%
Trencom: 94.4%
Tregonning: 100%

Attendance Trophy:
Tregonning Class

Eden Project Visit – Monday 6th March

On Monday our class visited the Eden Project and it was great! First we got off the bus. We went to our workshop and we did some work. We were learning about green machines. We went to the biomes and we saw beautiful plants and flowers. We had lunch and we saw a huge seed. We saw lemons and coco seeds then we went to the climbing frame. Then we went back to the workshop and after we went to the bus and we were back at school.

By Keira

Cross-Country

On Wednesday 8th March, Penponds cross-country team took part in cross-country at Pool Academy. Qualifiers were: Alice Fletcher who came eighth and Gregory Eastman who came third. At the start we all did a warm-up. Then the Y4 girls raced. Y4 girls that took part were: Gina Eastman who came 46th and Alice Fletcher who came 18th. Then the Y4 boys raced. Y4 boys that took part were: Jake Jenkins-Prail who came 38th. Y5 girls that raced were: Sophie Lomas who came 33rd. Y6 girls that raced were: Emily Stephens who came 17th and finally Y6 boys that raced: Gregory Eastman. They all did really well and we wish the qualifiers good luck for the finals.

By Alice, Gina and Jake

Penponds Family Festival Logo Competition!

We would like the first ever Penponds Family Festival logo to be designed by a Penponds pupil. This competition is open to every class and the children have two weeks to get creative as the closing date is Friday 17th March. Miss Oxford and Mrs Homes will have the tricky task of selecting the winning entry. Just look out for the entry form which will be given to the children to take home. So get the pens and pencils out children and get creative for the first ever Penponds Family Festival Logo competition! Good Luck.

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!

Maths Evening for Parents, Monday 20th 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.

Penponds Church

Penponds Church are planning a Saturday afternoon tea on April 22nd, as part of fundraising and to raise the profile of St George. There will be cakes, stalls and activities. Children are invited to submit drawings or posters of dragons!

Parent’s meetings – save the date Parents Evenings

Our spring term parent meetings will take place on **Wednesday 22nd March and Thursday 23rd 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.

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>

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.

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

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 children 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

Please get in touch if you have any questions.

Enjoy the ride!

Mr Richards





Yellow Yarn PowerFlower Challenge!



You are invited to knit or crochet a yellow yarn flower,
put a pin on the back + add a 'goodwill message' tag.

Flowers will be displayed on 29th April during Camborne Trevithick Day, in
the 'sTEAM PARTY cafe' then distributed amongst festival goers in the afternoon

You may use any pattern that you like

Finished flowers can be left at the XANADU collection point in Trelowarren St.

Cornwall College

Football Development Centre

www.cornwall.ac.uk/football

COMMUNITY FOOTBALL FUN PROGRAMME

Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th April

**FILL IN THE ATTACHED VOUCHER FOR THE CHANCE FOR YOUR CLUB/
SCHOOL TO GET FREE MACRON SPORTS EQUIPMENT**

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR CHILD PRIOR TO THE COURSE

Soccer Tots (4-6 yrs) 10 am -12.00 pm £10.00 for both or £8 for one day

Soccer Stars (7-14yrs) 10 am -15.30 pm £20.00 for both or £15 for one day

Players are requested to bring shin pads, footwear suitable for indoor and outdoor (football boots/ astro's and Trainers) clothing suitable for the weather conditions and a drink (Soccer Stars will require a packed lunch)

APPLY ONLINE - www.cornwall.ac.uk/football

APPLY BY EMAIL - football@cornwall.ac.uk (please email name of child and age)

For every player from the same school/club (minimum 5 players), who attends both days of the programme, your school/ club will receive £5 towards sports equipment from our Sponsor, Macron Store Cornwall.



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Club/ School Name:

Player Name:



CAMBORNE AND SURROUNDING AREAS EASTER 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	8.30 – 4.30 (£12)
What to Bring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suitable clothing for sports, trainers, spare clothes. Packed Lunch, Morning Snack, Plenty of water.



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 24th March.
Please make Cheques Payable to 'Go Active'

VENUE	Date	8.30 – 16.30
Trevithick Learning Academy	Tuesday 4 th April	£12
Trevithick Learning Academy	Wednesday 5 th April	£12
Camborne College	Thursday 6 th April	£12
Trevithick Learning Academy	Tuesday 11 th April	£12
Trevithick Learning Academy	Wednesday 12 th April	£12
Camborne College	Thursday 13 th April	£12
		Total = £

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

Medical Information.....

Parent/Carer's Name.....

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

Emergency Contact Number..... Password for Collection

By signing this form I agree to Go Active Cornwall Ltd's Terms & Conditions and Policies as stated on www.go-active.org, 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 sessions.

Signed: Parent/Guardian.....



Add us on Facebook and Twitter (Search 'Go Active Cornwall') to keep up to date with further dates and information. Thank you.

