

# Weekly Newsletter

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## This week's focus: Play in a Day!

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November Tregonning class did a play in a day. Firstly, we played a game to help us with a super hero pose. The game was we would walk around and Rob (our drama teacher)

said, "one, two, three, pose!" and we would all pose. Next we were given lines to learn for the first half of the play. My lines were, "Look at this, this represents an element of cyber bullying". Then we all learnt the lines for the second half and all the moves too. After that we rehearsed the whole play. We ran through the play and played another game. In this drama game Rob said, "Look down, look forward". If one person looked at you or caught your eye and you looked back at them then you were out. Finally, after all that practise, we performed to the whole school. The play was to remind everyone how to be safe online and know when to block, flag, stop or zip it when using the internet. **Recount by Jacob Necke.**



## Dates for your diary:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Scholastic Book Fair until 10<sup>th</sup> November
- 10<sup>th</sup> Nov – Withy Lantern construction
- 11<sup>th</sup> Nov – Withy Lantern construction
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – School photographs
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Penponds Speaks 6pm start
- 15<sup>th</sup> Nov – Penponds Speaks 6pm start
- 16<sup>th</sup> Nov – Learning Review meetings
- 18<sup>th</sup> Nov – Children In Need day – DRESS UP IN ANYTHING SPOTTY
- 1<sup>st</sup> Dec – Christmas Tree assembly 9.15am
- 5<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Show – Christmas with the Aliens 2.30pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Show – Christmas with the Aliens 6pm.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Dec – Carol Concert at Camborne Wesley Chapel
- 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Barripper carol concert – choir.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Class Christmas Party afternoon
- 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – School Christmas Lunch
- 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Camborne Lantern Parade
- 16<sup>th</sup> Dec – Last day of term. Penponds Christmas Lights switch on - Choir
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan – INSET day
- 4<sup>th</sup> Jan – Start of Spring term 2017

## Topic Learning – Firefighter visits Godolphin class.

On Wednesday Mr Gourley, Bella's dad, came into Godolphin class to talk to the children about his job as a Firefighter, in line with their autumn topic. He demonstrated how to put on Breathing Apparatus and answered many questions the children had about all the equipment a Firefighter needs. This visit helps make the topic very real for the children and inspires them even more to get stuck into their learning. Thank you very much Mr Gourley. If any other parents are able to commit some time to talk to the children about their jobs/experiences please contact the school.



## This week's awards:

### Headteacher Awards:

Erin, Alfie K, TJ, Ellie W

**Carn Brea:** Edie, Griffin

**Godolphin:** Bella, Chelsea, Alex K

**Trencom:** David, Ellena, Alfie

**Tregonning:** Ellie T, Charlie, Jack G

## Summer reading challenge 2016:

Harrison Prisk, Harry Partridge, Brody Harris, Elijah Andrews, Megan Denning, Eloise Floyd, Ruby Floyd, Emily Jones, Jessica O'Connell and Emily Stephens.

### Top Table Awards:

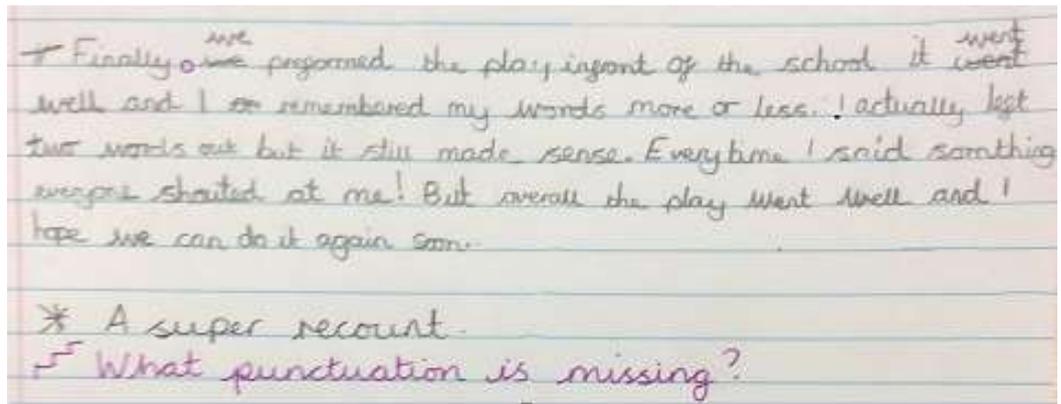
Reception: Ava  
Year 1: Kaiden  
Year 2: Harrison  
Year 3: Piran  
Year 4: David  
Year 5: Emily J  
Year 6: Jack I

### Attendance this Week:

Carn Brea: 98%  
Godolphin: 98.52%  
Trencrom: 99.57%  
Tregonning: 100% - Trophy

### Handwriting

On Monday the whole school started our new cursive handwriting practice using Letter-join. <http://www.letter-join.co.uk/> The children and staff are improving their penmanship for 20 minutes every day for the next 6 weeks. Once a child thinks they have mastered the joining and their letter size is consistent they can go and see the 'Pen Queen', Miss Souch, who will issue a Pen Licence. Here's an example from Megan Manaton:



### Learning Review meetings

This terms' autumn parent meetings will take place on WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER following a slightly different format than in previous years. To explain the process, your child should have brought home a leaflet explaining the differences; the leaflet is also available on the school website.

[http://www.penponds.cornwall.sch.uk/web/class\\_letters](http://www.penponds.cornwall.sch.uk/web/class_letters) Once you have read the information and have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher or Mr Richards.

### Penponds Speaks – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm.



Mrs Oxford has been very busy with the children taking part in Penponds Speaks this term. The children have been practising projecting their voices, speaking clearly, adding emphasis and learning their speeches off by heart. The group will perform their speeches on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November in the school hall. Please come along and support the children if you are able to.



**The scholastic book fair** has arrived in school and will be set up daily at the end of the day from Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November to Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November. There is a large range of books available at knock down prices and the children will be able to browse in school time to have a chance to make some selections. A large percentage of the sales is given to the school in book tokens and we have saved £80 of tokens from last year. We're hoping to double this amount which will be used to increase the stock of books in the library. Thank you for support.

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/>

### Reception Places

If you require a reception place for your child in September 2017 you must complete a form by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017. N.B. If your child attends Little Acorns they will not automatically be given a place unless you complete the admissions process though Cornwall Council. You can apply online at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions).

For more information telephone 0300 1234 101

### Parent Art Donation

Many thanks to Chelsea and David's Mum and Dad for a kind donation of a framed print of Mousehole by Richard Lodey. We will display it in our school corridor.



### Learning Ladders

This week children in Godolphin, Trencom and Tregonning class have been trialling a new way of learning in Maths. On Monday the children self-assessed their skills related to a particular topic then worked on different steps of a 'Learning Ladder' throughout the week. The children were encouraged to think very carefully about what they could do already so they could select their own starting points before progressing onto further activities to secure and embed their learning. The teachers have worked very hard to adapt their teaching practice and over the next few weeks will visit Sithney school and Troon School for discussions with colleagues on how to adapt this further into our school.



### Children in Need

The school council will be organising our fundraising effort for the Children in Need appeal this year and on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November we will be dressing up in something Spotty! More details to follow next week.

### Friends of Penponds School Monster's Ball

F.O.P.S. have organised a 'Monster's Ball' school disco in the school hall on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November from 6.30pm to 8pm. There will be crazy dancing, fancy dress, a tuck shop and a chance to throw some groovy shapes on the dance floor. £2.50 per child entry on the night and parents must stay with their children and are more than welcome to get involved!



### Little Acorns Christmas Fayre

Little Acorns Winter Fayre will be on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 3.30pm straight after school until 4.30pm. There will be a cake stall, tombola, advent calendar surprise game and children will be able to make snowmen biscuits. Please save the date.

### Cornwall Council Site Allocations plan

Cornwall Council would like your opinion on the future planning for Camborne, Pool, Illogan and Redruth Area. You can view the details here: <http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/planning/planning-policy/cornwall-local-plan/development-plan-documents/cornwall-site-allocations-development-plan-document/camborne-pool-illogan-and-redruth-evidence-base/>