



Weekly Newsletter

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Curiosity, Creativity,
Confidence.

This week's focus: Badminton success!



On Monday Tate, Lee, Paul, Bonnie-May, Jack V, Emily J, Sophie, Josh and Alessia took part in the are Badminton competition at CSIA. The children played against 3 teams from Trevithick school, 3 teams from Weeth school and a team

from St Johns. The game involved running onto the court at different points to keep the shuttle in the air and...we were victorious against all the other teams! The children now go through to the area finals in Penryn on Friday 11th November. This means that every sporting event we have entered in the last 6 weeks we have won. Well done to all those who have taken part.

Prefect awards

On Friday in assembly six children form Year 6 were awarded their Prefect badge and tie in our celebration assembly. Holly, Megan M, Gregory, Lee, Ellie T and Paul were chosen by the staff for their attitude, commitment, organisational ability, leadership potential and enthusiastic approach to all their learning. Our prefects will take on more responsibility around the school including showing around prospective parents, representing the school at different events and having a say on important school projects. Many other Year 6 have applied to be Prefects and more will be appointed next half term.

Dates for your diary:

20th Oct – INSET day – school closed to pupils
 21st Oct – INSET day- school closed to pupils. End of half term.
 31st Oct – back to school.
 2nd Nov – Play in a Day
 3rd Nov – Bikeability for Y5/6
 3rd Nov – Scholastic Book Fair until 10th November
 4th Nov – Bikeability for Y5/6
 7th Nov – Parent Evenings this week
 10th Nov – Withy Lantern construction
 11th Nov – Withy Lantern construction
 14th Nov – School photographs
 14th Nov – Penponds Speaks 6pm start
 15th Nov – Penponds Speaks 6pm start
 18th Nov – Children In Need
 9th Dec – Carol Concert at Camborne Wesley Chapel
 15th Dec – Camborne Lantern Parade
 16th Dec – Last day of term
 3rd Jan – INSET day
 4th Jan – Start of Spring term 2017

This week's awards:

3 day week – no awards

Handwriting



On Monday after half term the whole school will be starting a 6-week unit (for 20 mins a day) focusing on handwriting and developing the skills of penmanship. All the staff and children are going to improve joining fluently with consistent letter size. Everyone will start using a pencil and will be able to ask Miss Souch, the **Pen Queen**, when they have reached the standard required for a pen licence. The aim is that by Christmas our handwriting will look broadly similar. More information can be found <http://www.letter-join.co.uk/>

INSET Days

Tomorrow and Friday the school is closed to pupils for staff training. On Thursday the teachers are attending the Cornwall Education conference at the Eden Project along with the other Multi Academy Trust schools. On Friday we are focusing on our improvement plan, the curriculum and assessment back in school.

Mr Richards' Half term challenge Fuel your imagination for Hallows Eve:



1. Name 10 things a wizard might keep in their pocket
2. Write a spell in 4 sentences
3. Draw a picture that encapsulates Halloween. (A4 size and in glorious colour please)

The most magical picture and creative spell will be selected for publication in the newsletter after half term and receive a special Halloween prize!



The scholastic book fair will be in school from Thursday 3rd November to Thursday 10th November in the school hall.

Scholastic provide the school with three large containers full of books based on three different age groups; 2+, 6+ and 8+. Each book purchased goes toward a final total which then the school can use to purchase new books from scholastic for the classrooms and library. Last year we raised nearly £90 towards new books and will be able to add that amount to anything we raise this year. Leaflets will come home in the week after half term detailing some of the books on offer. <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/>

Harvest Festival Donation



Secondary Transfer and Reception Places

If you have a child in Year 6 please make sure you have completed your child's secondary transfer form online by the 31st October 2016.

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

For more information telephone 0300 1234 101

Tag Rugby Club

Due to popular demand the school's tag rugby club will open to pupils in Year 1 and 2 after half term. Children will need old clothes or sports kit (not school PE Kit) and football/rugby boots. The club runs on the school field until 1615 on Mondays afterschool. As the weather changes please note that during training the children will get muddy! Please see Mrs Wood to add your child's name to the list. If there are any parents willing to dust off your old boots and help at the club it would be greatly appreciated.



PA and Lighting System in the school hall

The school is very fortunate to own a substantial selection of sound equipment and a lightning rig to assist the children during performances and assemblies. Much of this equipment needs sorting out; if there are any parents out there able to lend some technical advice and have time to join Mr Richards on a journey of discovery please email secretary@penponds.cornwall.sch.uk to arrange a suitable time.

Building relationships with local business

We are keen to support local businesses, organisations and build relationships with our school community. If you would like to use this forum as a message board please email appropriate material to secretary@penponds.cornwall.sch.uk. The school does not endorse or take responsibility for the accuracy of any messages in this forum.



come and join in our

10th

ANNIVERSARY

OCT 28TH & 29TH
...from 10am

THE TRACK

home to Kernow Hydro, Specialised swim classes for all

FRIDAY 28th is KIDS EVENTS

- GAMES
- MINI TRIATHLON
- HALLOWEEN PARTY from 5PM - 7PM for under 10's
7.30PM - 10.00PM for under 18's

SATURDAY 29th is BACKYARD JAM

- LONGEST SKID / BUNNYHOP
- FASTEST LAP & BEST FREESTYLE
- ENDURANCE RACE
- FOLLOWED UP WITH AN ADULTS HALLOWEEN PARTY, LIVE MUSIC & DISCO

FROM JUST £1 ENTRY
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Camping off site (in the field behind)

