



Weekly Newsletter

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Curiosity, Creativity,
Confidence.

This week's focus: Sports Success!



Penponds v Gwinear Football Report by Lee Dunstan

On Monday we played Gwinear in our first game in the football league. We started with the ball and it was me and Greg in the centre. We passed the ball back to Paul and

Paul ran up but Gwinear defended well, they kicked it out. It was a corner for Penponds. Gregory took the corner and Jack Instance back rolled it to Paul who took a cracking shot and scored! Then Jack ran into the goalpost as his dad was distracting him. Gwinear took the centre and passed, shot and scored. After half time we took the ball off Gwinear and played it up the centre. I passed the ball to Gregory who shot and scored. Paul then tackled the next Gwinear player, off-loaded it to me so I had a shot which rebounded off the post! The ball nearly rolled over the line. Gwinear had the goal kick but passed it to me so I had another shot but the goalie saved it. Gwinear got it out but Paul intercepted it and then scored another. Thank you very much to the parents who gave us lifts and provided the half time oranges. Roll on the next match!

From Mr Richards: **A huge thank you to the parents that have agreed to sponsor new football kit for the children.**



Bringing Back The Bling at CSIA Cross Country Festival

On Thursday the Penponds x-country team completed in a primary cross country festival at CSIA. Despite a keen south-westerly and a determined field of runners both Gregory Eastman and Emily Stephens WON the key stage 2 event. Many congratulations to all the other competitors as they will go onto compete at the forthcoming qualifying competition.

Dates for your diary:

12th Oct – KS1 Sports festival 0930 to 1130
12th Oct – **Harvest Festival**
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.
31st Oct – Bikeability for Y5/6
31st Oct – Parents evenings this week
1st Nov – Bikability for Y5/6
2nd Nov – Play in a Day
3rd Nov – Bikeability for Y5/6
4th Nov – Bikeability for Y5/6
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
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:

Top Table:

Minnie, Gwyddion, Jessie, Maddie, Jake, Sophie L and Alfie W

Class Awards:

Janise, Laurie, Brody
Jayden, Eloise
Ben, Maddy
Alessia, William

Headteacher Award:

Indie-Rae, Jowan, Alex K, Eddie

Player of the match: Paul Short

Attendance

Carn Brea: 98.22% - **Trophy**
Godolphin: 95.88%
Trencom: 97.58%
Tregonning 92.83%

Harvest Festival

Our annual celebration of Harvest Festival will take place in the school hall on **Wednesday 12th October at 1430**. The school will come together to celebrate and give thanks with each class contributing to the celebration and food collection. At the end of the assembly the Year 6 will auction off the food collection with the raised funds going to a charity chosen by the new school council. If you are able to donate any food items (preferably that will keep for a few weeks!) please send them into school with your child. Many thanks for your continued support.



Accelerated Reader is an online learning tool the school uses to track children's reading. When children in KS2 finish a book they take an online comprehension and often a vocabulary quiz on the content, characters and action in the book. As this builds up over

time children can become word millionaires, as the program counts all the words they have understood. Last year the school read approximately 25 million words, which is a fantastic achievement. This year our school target is 30 million words.

School Priorities 2016-2017

The staff have been working hard with the Rainbow Multi-Academy trust and our school improvement advisors to establish our priorities for this year. They are: to raise the rates of progress for all pupils across the school; to increase the learning challenge in all lessons; to establish a learning environment that creates a 'Wow' factor. We will update you on our plans, actions and what impact we have had towards our priorities on a regular basis.

Penponds Speaks

Mrs Oxford will be returning again this year to organise Penponds Speaks. Children in Trencom and Tregonning class are invited to take part by preparing a speech to be delivered to a parent audience at 6pm on Monday 14th November and Tuesday 15th November. The format will be the same as previous years and the children will have had the details in a letter this week – it's also on the website. This leads into the Camborne Youth Speaks competition later on in the school year.

Rainbow MAT London Trip, 19th to 21st June 2017



There are still places available on the London trip for year 5 and year 6. The trip takes in the Houses of Parliament, Lego Land, a West End show, the London Eye, a Thames boat trip, the Tower of London and St Pauls

Cathedral. The cost of the trip is approximately £210. If you are still thinking about it please see Mr Richards ASAP as at **October half term the places will be offered to the other MAT schools.**

Autumn term Parent meetings will take place after half term. We are planning to open the school for an afternoon and allow the children to lead the discussion about their learning, progress and next steps. Parents will be able to book into a session during the afternoon, tour the classrooms with their children and speak to the teachers as required. Of course, any parent wanting a traditional parent meeting will be accommodated. More information on this will follow shortly.

Parent Action Group

Four parents have expressed an interest in joining a Parent Action Group to continue to help improve the school for our children. We will start by looking at current homework provision and how it can be improved to support the learning in school. This area was highlighted as an area for improvement on the parent survey in the summer term. If you wish to be part of this group please email me directly at: head@penponds.cornwall.sch.uk

Paper Free office

We are aiming to reduce our photocopier bill and become a, 'paper free' office. One of the steps to achieving this is to email newsletters, class letters and other documents to parents instead of providing a hard copy. We have started to do this and are having a lot of success in reducing our paper usage. We will continue to try, where appropriate, to reduce the amount of printed letters by communicating electronically. We are also investigating school to parent text messages and an online payment option for school dinners to increase our efficiency in managing communication.

School entrance

We are planning to address some issues with the front entrance to the school; rainwater currently gets blown under the sliding door and other options need to be considered. If there are any builders/architects/ joiners/DIY enthusiasts keen to be involved in some way please speak to Mr Richards.

Improving the Learning Environment

One of our key priorities this year is to improve our learning environment. Already Miss Souch has been busy in the library creating a, 'story mural'. If anyone has any clean beanbags/rugs/cushions they know longer need (and they have a Fire label attached) they would be greatly appreciated in the school library.

Can you deduce the clues to uncover the stories?

