



Weekly Newsletter

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This week's focus: Christmas Carol Concert at Wesley Chapel



On Friday the 8th of December Penponds School gathered at Wesley Chapel to sing songs and be merry (it was all very merry and there was lots of singing). Everyone sounded amazing, so well done everyone. We sang a medley of songs including Mary had a baby, It was on a starry night, Once in Royal David's city, Away in a Manger and a number of class songs and the choir. I was personally very entertained by the staff choir who sang Winter Wonderland; I think they're much better than original! Might I also say thank you to everyone who spoke as it can be very scary sometimes. Thank you to everyone who showed up, we couldn't have done it without you. That's enough praising for one day! If

anyone has any photos of the evening they would be willing to share with the school please email them to secretary@penponds.cornwall.sch.uk By Roisin Bermingham.

Santa Claus visit



Dates for your diary:

Fri 15th Dec

Penponds village official Christmas tree light switch on: 1830

Tue 19th Dec

Class Christmas Parties

Tue 19th Dec – Christingle assembly – 14.50pm start

Tues 19th Dec

Camborne Lantern

Parade – **MEET AT 6PM outside St Meriadoc Infant School**

Wed 20th Dec – Last day of term. School finishes at 3.30pm

Thu 4th Jan – First day of term

Thu 4th Jan – Dodgeball after school club in lieu of Thu 14th Dec session

Thu 12th Jan – Netball Club begins again

NO AWARD ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

Attendance:

Carn Brea: 97.06%

Godolphin:

Y1 – 91.58%

YR2 – 97.5%

Trencrom: 94.44%

Tregonning: 94.81%

Quote of the week:

Seeing is believing, but sometimes the most real things in the world are the things we can't see."

— The Conductor, Polar Express



On Monday a very special visitor showed up in a Fire Engine! Father Christmas spent all morning talking to the children and spreading joy throughout the school. He gave gifts to the whole school, ate lunch on our Christmas top table and watched some of the dress rehearsal for 'Lights, Camel, Action'. A huge Thank You to Mr and Mrs Hoccom for arranging for Father Christmas to have a day off from his busy schedule and to Mr Gourley for organising the Fire Engine.



Carols at Tregenna Nursing home



On Thursday morning the choir went to Tregenna nursing home on Pendarves road to entertain the residents with their great singing. The original plan was to walk up from school but we had to go to plan B because of the crazy weather! CSIA had a minibus available so we didn't have to get cold and wet. The residents loved the carols and gave all the children a small present at the end. Thank you to Mrs Holmes for accompanying us on her keyboard.

Family Lantern Making

Yesterday our school hall was full of busyness and preparation for Camborne Lantern Parade on Tuesday evening. We made 73 lanterns to escort the Penponds Phoenix and our new Jelly Fish on parade. **We will meet at 6pm on the road outside St Meriadoc Infant school. Children need to be accompanied by an adult.** If anyone is able to help carry the Phoenix and jellyfish around the route that would be greatly appreciated. We will have the large school banner for the parade so keep a lookout for it!



Christmassy Christmas Show with Squashbox theatre



On Friday morning the whole school and Little Acorns watched The Christmassy Christmas Show in the hall with Craig Johnson. Craig tours the South West with his various puppet shows when not acting with Kneehigh Theatre. The children should all eat their Brussel sprouts after seeing the show. It was a real treat to see the show in Penponds

and afterwards Craig led the older children in puppet workshops.



Christmas workshop at Penponds Church

On Friday afternoon Tregonning and Trecrom class walked to Penponds Church to take part in a Christmas workshop with Rev Olive Stephens. It was a lovely way to finish off a busy week with activities based on the Christmas story and a reminder of what Christmas means to so many people.

Lights, Camel, Action!



Wow! What a fantastic performance by Key Stage 1 and EYFS! The children were absolutely fantastic in both performances and thoroughly enjoyed taking part. We were lucky enough to have a special visitor watch their dress rehearsal on Monday, before the first show on Tuesday! They were all really excited and so was Santa! A special thanks to everyone who helped in making this performance run so smoothly, to everyone who came to support the children and everyone who helped with the brilliant costumes. They all looked great! Thank you again to everyone who contributed! Have a lovely Christmas! We would like to say a huge Thank you to Tamsin Floyd who has donated her time in making fresh pesto to sell on Tuesday night with biscuits and a tasty warm apple and spice drink on Wednesday. Both her daughters Eloise and Ruby also represented the school in giving a warm welcome to the parents and their families. The total amount of donations given was £107. A big thank you to all the kind donations which will be used towards Penponds Gardening club. **Miss Marsh, Miss Meyers, Miss Percy and Miss Souch.**

School Christmas Dinner



On Wednesday lunchtime we held our school Christmas dinner. The staff served the children who had the option of full Christmas roast with all the trimmings, crackers and party hats. Thank you to Phil and Bobby from our supplier, Taylor Shaw who worked above and beyond to make sure the dinner was a success.

Year 6 Suspense Story writing

The year 6 children have been writing suspense stories this week; here are some examples:

30 minutes until the end of the world

30 minutes. 30 minutes until the end of the world. People call me The Wanderer, I am here, I am there. I once had a family then it happened. The humongous explosion leaving the world a desolate empty space. I'm going to take you back, 30 minutes before the end of the world...

It was an ordinary morning like any other: my mum working on something top secret in her lab; my dad making me breakfast; me hungrier than ever. Suddenly, men in black suits burst through the door cursing in Russian while smashing everything. Like the calm at the end of a storm, a woman with smooth red hair strutted up to my mum and whispered "ve vant your technology... now!" It was hard to understand her with her thick Russian accent but I could tell she meant business.

In a flash, they grabbed my mum and searched her lab. They found nothing but in the corner of my eye, I saw a memory stick. Without thinking, I grabbed it and shoved it in my pocket. The strange men took my mum and dad. Then the lady turned around, smirked at me and left. All alone in my house, my head was swimming with questions. Why did they want my parents? Who are they? What were they planning? That very

moment, I felt overwhelmed with emotions. Trying not to cry, I plugged the memory stick into my laptop and my mum's files popped up. "No...it can't be...I – I don't believe it, I won't believe it." I threw the laptop down and I ran outside...

The sky was a crimson red, the air filled with pollution. Lightning struck, sending panic through the street; I did the only thing I could think of... run. I ran as fast as I could not looking back. In the next split second, the bomb exploded how silly I thought you can't run from a bomb. Pulse racing, I knew I would die.

When the bomb finally caught up with me, I didn't die... I just stood, watching it avoid me. I never understood why I didn't die, I did know I had to find...IT. **By Roisin.**

SCREAM

Our story starts on the last day I saw my sister. We were telling ghost stories in the basement, only joking, pretending. The basement was cold and dark with little room. We weren't scared as we had been down there many times before. As usual, mum called us up to bed. I was finishing the chapter on my book when I heard it. Slicing, shrilling, shrieking; a scream. A horrible wailing scream that pierced the air like a bullet from a gun. Without thinking, I ran to my sister's room...

The walls were red, her book was on the floor, also covered in the horrible red liquid. There written in giant letters was this: BEWARE YOU HAVE SUMMONED ME, NOW YOU WILL PAY THE PRICE. Crying with fear I ran to Mum. We sprinted down the hall to my sister. We were too late, she was gone. **By Jacob**

FREE SCHOOL MEALS/PUPIL PREMIUM

If you think you may qualify to claim for Free School Meals for your child and have not already done so please apply as soon as possible for the school to claim the relevant funding even if your child is currently in Reception, Years 1 or 2 and is entitled to Universal Free School Meals at present.

Here is the link to the latest Free School Meals/Pupil Premium application form. Any queries you can also call the Council's Free School Meal team on 01872 323 298 or visit the

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/>

Or through the Penponds School website link:

http://www.penponds.cornwall.sch.uk/web/does_my_child_qualify_for_the_pupil_premium/320914



Little Acorns have been chosen as one of the options in the Tesco blue token appeal starting on January 2nd in Camborne Tesco. Please, please, please **start saving your blue tokens NOW** and help us raise funds for new ICT equipment at the pre-school.
Make sure you ask your cashier for a blue token. No minimum spend 😊