



Weekly Newsletter

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This week's focus: Carn Brea class

You may have heard on the news yesterday that Ofsted have published a report on the standards of education in reception classes in England. The report states that, 'one third of children are failed in the first year' as well as making several recommendations:



- ensure that when children are learning to write, resources are suitable for their stage of development
- ensure they are taught correct pencil grip and how to sit correctly at a table
- attach greater importance to the teaching of numbers and counting, recognising small numbers of items, comparing numbers and solving problems
- provide frequent opportunities for children to practise and consolidate their skills

When I read the report yesterday morning, I felt very proud of our reception provision. I have seen the high standards already achieved in writing in their writing books, on the walls, outside in the sandpit or in the class floor book. The children have **performed their own stories for me or brought in videos of themselves retelling those stories at home**. I have had the privilege to watch as the children **learn their phonics using 'Fred' talk**. I have seen their **pencil grip develop** with the use of handwriting tools to a point where the class are now beginning to **practice their joining**. Parents have celebrated with me their 4 year old children being able to **count in two's** and I listened intently to a young boy who eagerly told me all **the mathematical differences** between a square and rectangle, all while predicting real life uses for each shape. Every time I go into Carn Brea class I am bombarded with children sharing their successes of the '**Rainbow challenges**' or getting me to practise my own fine motor skills on the **Funky fingers table!**

Now, as the Headteacher it is easy for me to boast about the virtues of our school, which is why I regularly invite Mark Lees and Karen Brokenshire into Penponds to check on academic standards. Mark recently retired as a senior Headteacher after 30 years as a school leader across the south-west and is now an



Dates for your diary:

Wed 6th Dec – Flu vaccination – Reception, Y1,2,3 +4 children

Thu 7th Dec – Santa Fun Run – Rainbow MAT

Fri 8th Dec
Carol Concert at Wesley Chapel 6pm for 6.30pm start

Sun 10th Dec - am
Penponds Village Christmas tree being decorated in the square

Sun 10th Dec
Penponds Village Nativity, start time 4pm

Mon 11th Dec – VIP visitor to Penponds School

Tue 12th Dec and Wed 13th Dec – Carn Brea and Godolphin Class Christmas Nativity – 6pm start

Wed 13th Dec – School Christmas Lunch

Thu 14th Dec – Family Lantern making morning

Fri 15th Dec – Christmassy Christmas Show with Squashbox theatre – 9.30am start

Fri 15th Dec
Penponds village official Christmas tree light switch on: 1830

Tue 19th Dec – Christingle assembly – 14.50pm start

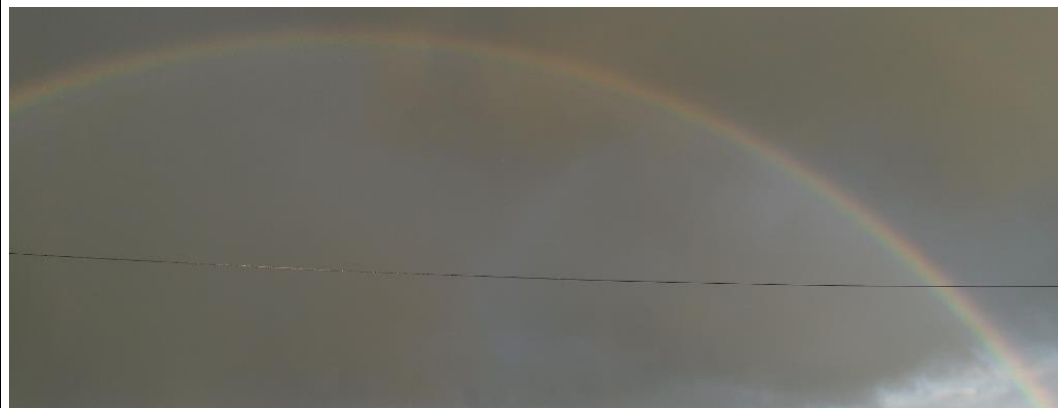
Tues 19th Dec
Camborne Lantern Parade

Ofsted Inspector. Karen was the Headteacher at Treloweth school for 17 years and now works for the National College of School Leadership, specialising in improving primary standards. Both these senior educationalists have confirmed and celebrated the standards in Carn Brea class this term.

All this improvement has happened with the professionalism, enthusiasm and dedication of **Miss Percy and the EYFS staff team**. We are very lucky to have a high adult to child ratio in Carn Brea which has a huge impact on small group work and free flow play. **The school governors** have supported and challenged the provision by prioritising resources and challenging the staff team on standards. **Our parents** have been instrumental in making sure the children arrive in school ready for learning. I am delighted with the progress the children are making and will be inviting our colleagues from the Rainbow MAT and other local schools into Penponds to see the wonderful things happening in our reception class and elsewhere around the school. **The children really are, 'aiming high and achieving their best'.**

Adam Richards
Headteacher

A Rainbow over the Rainbow MAT



Spotted over higher Penponds yesterday, this full rainbow made landfall stretching from Higher Penponds down to Penponds Mill. Trencrom class quickly took the register and went outside to witness it in all its glory. Miss Marsh then set the class a challenge of finding out how a rainbow is formed and other rainbow linked challenges.

Active Learn parent meeting



Thank you to all the parents who attended the short meeting yesterday to learn about how Active Learn maths can help the children practise key maths skills at home. If anyone wasn't able to make the meeting please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher or Mr Richards. The login details are below and

next week the children will bring home a bookmark with their login details as a reminder. Thanks for your continued support. **Mrs Lawlor – Maths Subject Leader.**

Active Learn – maths homework



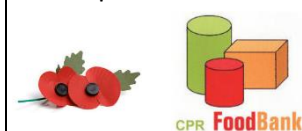
Years 2 to 6 have all now been set up on www.activelearnprimary.co.uk for maths homework. Your child can show you how to log in: **Username:** first 4 letters of first name followed by first 4 letters of surname

Password: changeme

School code: hk9w

The games, videos and activities that are set by the teachers each week tie into the maths learning in school in a fun and interactive way.

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



This term we have raised a grand total of

£766.54 for various charities. Well done team!

This week's awards:

Top Table:

Summer, Daniel, Piran E, Megan

Class Awards:

Carn Brea –

Alfie M, Emily Q, Mia, Joshua

Godolphin –

YR1 – Leon, Brody, Ellie R, Charlie

YR2 – Evie, Jowan, Griff, Zabe

Trencrom –

Lemmy, Jessie, Harvey, Maddy

Tregonning –

Thomas, Eddy, Evan, Alessia

Most activities work on a tablet or laptop although some games require Flashplayer which limits use on an ipad. Feedback is sent directly to the teachers and the children earn rewards which they can use to customise their area. There is also a brilliant explanation of how maths is taught in school at:

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/grown-ups?c=parent>.

Christmas tree assembly



Thank you for the wonderful support for this morning's Christmas Tree assembly. It was a lovely event to start the festive period. Our next whole school event, apart from the choir singing at Barripper chapel on Monday evening, is our Carol Concert on FRIDAY 8th DECEMBER at WESLEY CHAPEL, 6pm for a 6.30pm START.



Santa fun run



Dear Parents/Carers,

This year we are taking part in a, 'Run To Lapland' sponsored walk/run which will begin during the week beginning Monday December 4th. **Across the Rainbow MAT, all of our schools are aiming to cover the distance it will take for Santa to travel**

from Lapland to Camborne. We hope to raise a substantial amount of money that can be donated towards the renovation of our local sporting facilities at Carn Brea Leisure Centre.

Each day throughout the week, the children will walk/run a daily mile with their class Teachers and Learning Assistants regardless of the weather. We ask that during this week the children come suitably prepared with waterproof coats and wellies or a change of footwear. On Friday 8th December the pupils will complete their final mile and will be presented with a certificate of their achievement. On this Friday, we would like children to wear a Christmas accessory (tinsel, hat, headband, scarf etc).

The main way we are hoping to raise the money is by the sponsorship of the children completing the miles. Your child should have brought home with them a sponsorship form in their book bags. Maybe you could sponsor them 10p a mile? Could all forms and sponsorship money be brought into school by no later than Monday 18th December. If you are unable to raise sponsor money, we are asking for a donation of any amount to help towards the cause.

We hope that you are able to support us and raise as much money as possible for our community sporting facilities. Any questions, please ask your school staff or Mr Richards/Mrs Watts

Many thanks,

The Rainbow MAT PE teachers

Headteacher Award –

Griff, Jessie, Lily M, Harrison, Issie, Alfie M, Alfie G-W

One Million Words Award – Megan

Player of the Match –

Netball – Thu 16th Nov – Sophie L

Attendance:

Carn Brea: 91.5%

Godolphin:

Y1 – 100%

YR2 – 96.53%

Trencrom: 93.83%

Tregonning: 91.77%

Attendance Trophy:

Godolphin Class/Year 1

Quote of the week:

The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud, for all to hear. **Buddy the Elf.**



Amazing homework

Our collection of amazing homework linked to topic learning continues – look at this lovely painting of a Kangaroo from Australia by Indie-Rae.

Giacometti Artist study – 3D Sculptures

Many of our visitors into school this week have commented on the Artist study which Tregonning class have completed. For those of you who've not seen them yet here are a few examples of the Alberto Giacometti inspired sculptures currently on display in our corridor.



The Boxer, by Cadan.



Olly Murs, by Emily



The Handstand, by Ruby

The Penponds village Christmas tree will be put up in the square in the morning of Sunday 10th December. If anyone has access to a cherry picker or something similar to help put the lights on the tree that would be greatly appreciated. Please email Mrs Wood at

secretary@penponds.cornwall.sch.uk if you are able to help. **Save the date!** The official switch

on of the Penponds lights will be on **Friday 15th**

December at 1830. Please come along and support this local event.



Y3/4 Friendly Football Match

Penponds School played Trevithick Academy on Monday 27th November. The team included Harvey, Piran, Alex C, Oliver (Goalie), Finley L, Harrison and Tristan G. They played with great spirit and were all very keen to get the ball. Some great passing was seen and really great saves from Oliver (his first time in goal). Piran scored his first goal for Penponds. Well done team - you were amazing! Thanks to all the parents who stayed to cheer them on. Mrs T Watts



CALLING ALL ANGELS AND WISE MEN

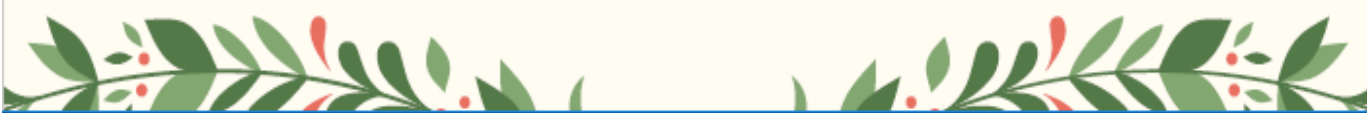
The third annual Penponds village nativity will take place on Sunday December 10th

Any children welcome to take part. You do not have to live in the village. There are no lines to learn and it is all great fun. There will be one short meeting beforehand to discuss what we are going to do and then the event in the afternoon of Sunday 10th December.

All ages, all children. Come and take part.

Please email us on flashmankitsonk@parnalls.com or text on 07852913464 with your contact details and child's name.

Let's make it the best ever!
Minnie and Katie Kitson



PENPONDS NATIVITY

Dear All,

We hold an annual nativity in Penponds. This year it will take place on Sunday 10th December from 4pm in the Square.

Everyone is invited whether you live in Penponds or not.

Everyone can take part.

Would your child like to be part of the nativity? All girls play Angels and all boys play Wise Men. There are no lines to learn and the whole thing is kept very simple and is like a living pageant as opposed to a performance. It is great if boys can dress up as Wise Men and girls can dress up as Angels but if they don't want to that's ok too.

Adults are also invited to take part. All adults are Shepherds and you are invited to wear/bring a tea towel and place it on your head as a form of costume.

Everyone meets in the Square at 4pm on the date above and part of the pageant takes place there, we then process up the road towards the Church and the rest of the pageant takes place in the Church.

Family and friends are welcome but everyone is invited to participate.

We ask everyone to bring a wrapped present labelled as to whether it is for a boy or girl and rough age range or indeed adult male or female. During the pageant the Wise Men will collect the presents and these will be distributed to the less fortunate after the service.

Refreshments are also served after the service for all.

If your children would like to be part of the Angels/Wise Men please let me have your contact details with child's name and age. An email address is preferable so we can distribute information efficiently.

You are welcome to attend even if your child does not want to take part.

Please contact Katherine Kitson on 07852913464 or flashmankitsonk@parnalls.com if your children would like to be part of this.

Thank you

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- Christmas Market Shopping



1-1 SANTA VISITS

LATE THURS
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Thursday 7th, 14th
& 21st December

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FREE FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday 2 December

11am - 3pm

Tolvaddon Community Fire Station

- **Activities for children & information stands**
 - Bouncy castle
 - Face painting
 - Christmas decoration making
 - Visit Santa in the fire engine
- **& more!**

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CAMBORNE AND SURROUNDING AREAS CHRISTMAS 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, Archery, Crossbows and many more!

We would like to offer you a special discount!

Location	Trevithick Learning Academy, Camborne
Timings	8.30 – 16.30 (£12)
What to Bring	Suitable clothing for sports, trainers, spare clothes. Packed Lunch, Morning Snack, Plenty of water.



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 15th December 2017**.

Please make Cheques Payable to 'Go Active'

Venue	Date	8.30 – 16.30
Trevithick Learning Academy	Friday 22 nd December	£12
Trevithick Learning Academy	Wednesday 3 rd January	£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. 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.....





There will be a Christmas Lunch menu only on Wednesday 13th December. Please be aware that the menu will be gluten-free and dairy-free except for the Quorn Roast. If your child needs a lunch that is vegetarian and gluten and dairy-free please let me know so I can order something suitable. If your child does not normally have a school dinner but would like Christmas Lunch please contact Mrs Wood on secretary@penponds.cornwall.sch.uk to pre-book. The cost of lunch is £2.40 per child which should be sent into school prior to 13th December. Reception, Y1+Y2 children do not need to pay.

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Wednesday 6th December 2017
Troon Children Centre
Camborne
09:30 – 14:30

Please call Myra Whitney to book a place or for more information – 01209 310000

