



# Weekly Newsletter

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## This week's focus: Youth Speaks!



Last Friday evening our two Youth Speaks teams travelled to Pool School to take part in the area final. Emily, Ruby, Alessia, Jack, Gina and Thomas were up against teams from Troon, Trevithick and Crowan schools. The public speaking was excellent and all the children rose to the occasion. Both our teams performed

brilliantly and came 2<sup>nd</sup> and fourth overall. Troon school won for the first time ever and now both Penponds and Troon go through to the Cornwall finals in Penzance next week. Both Mrs Holmes and Mrs Oxford supported the children with their speeches and had spent hours training them up to answer questions and respond with tact and grace. You can read Emily's speech at the end of the newsletter. (Gina's will be next week's newsletter)

## Great Britain High Jumper visit

Next Friday we are lucky enough to be visited by an High Jumper from the Great Britain Track and field team. He will lead the children in a sponsored circuit in the hall before showing the classes some of his own skills – we are hoping he will demonstrate how he competes in the high jump and bring some of his medals! Your child should have brought home a sponsorship form this week. If possible, please sponsor your child to complete the circuit and get them to bring in their sponsor money by THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY. 60% of the money raised will go to the school to replace some of our PE equipment and 40% sponsors the athlete. Last year we were visited by Antony James, the Olympic Swimmer, which was a very successful event. Thank you in advance for your support.

## Topic Homework

There have been some fantastic examples of topic homework brought into school this



week. Thank you for all the support the children have had at home with all their creations. There are so many castles in Godolphin class we are expecting Prince Harry and Miss Markle to turn up and select one for their palace! Well done to everyone who was worked so hard on their topic.

## Dates for your diary:

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Valentines Disco 5.30pm to 7pm

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb** –  
**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb** - Spring half term

## Summer term:

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July** – Leavers Assembly at 2pm

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July** – Penponds Family Festival 3.30pm to 8pm

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July to**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July** – Porthpean camp for Y5/6

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July** – last day of summer term

## Attendance:

Carn Brea: 97.39%

Godolphin:

Y1 – 100%

YR2 – 99.31%

Trencrom: 97.12%

Tregonning: 95.47%

## Attendance Trophy:

Godolphin – Year 2

## Awards:

**Top Table:** Emily R, Elijah A, Trystan B, Emily J

**Carn Brea:** Ethan, Jasper, Annabelle, Abbie S

**Godolphin:**

YR1 – Charlie, Freya B, Olivia

YR2 – Finley C, Jowan, Jayden H

**Trencrom:** Ben H, Oliver, Jessica





**Tregonning:** Thomas, Ruby, James

**Headteacher:** Lily D, Lilly, Eloise, Piran, Daniel, Joshua

**Maths:** Sophie L, Alex C, Charlotte, Indie-Rae

**Quote of the week:**

Knowing what's right doesn't mean much unless you do what's right.

By Franklin Roosevelt

**Miss Marsh's Fun Fit** sessions have now begun on Wednesday



evenings from 5.30pm!

Children welcome to join in. If you are interested contact Miss Marsh at: [nmarsh@penponds.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:nmarsh@penponds.cornwall.sch.uk) evenings.



**Make a Wish Day**



Thank you for all those who supported Make a Wish Day. The total raised from the non-uniform day, raffle, book and cake sales was **an amazing £115.20.**



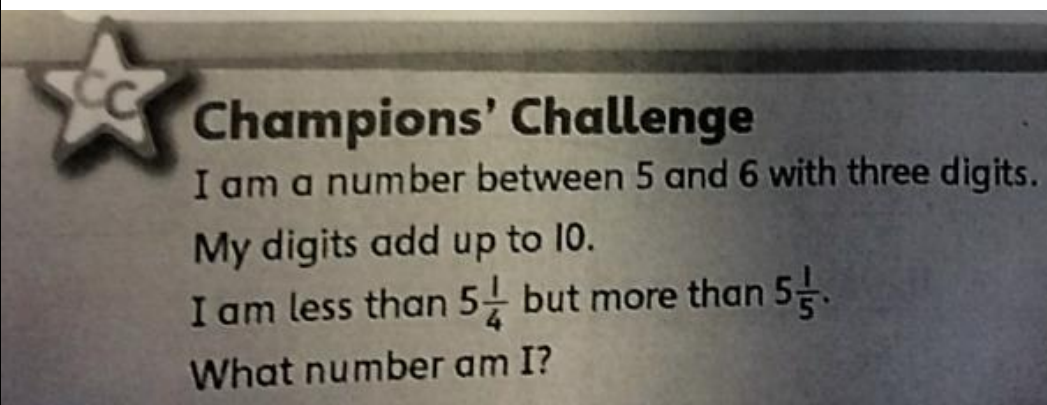


### Gymnastics final

On Thursday Evie and Alice went to the area gymnastics final at Penryn college. We did a quick warm up then got into split 2 groups, 'Non Gymnasts' and 'Gymnasts'. Half of us went to do the Vault. The Vault looked rather easy to us. Next we did our amazing floor routine. After that we did our body management and got to play with the equipment there. It was a good day overall. **By Evie and Alice**

### Maths challenge

Well done to all those people who solved last week's 'working backwards question. The correct answer was Jack £28, Seb £7, Patricia £14 and Matilda £14. This week's question is from Y5 maths mastery checkpoint:



### New Contact details – Reminder for Parents and Carers

Please can parents and



carers

make sure they let the school office know of **any changes** of name, address, contact telephone numbers and email addresses and any additional emergency contact details as soon as they occur. It is important our records are **kept up-to-date**, especially if we need to contact you urgently at all.

### Payments – Reminder for Parents and Carers



Please can parents and carers make sure any payments for children's lunches, breakfast club, after school club, swimming lessons and trips be made **in advance** to the school office. Lunches can be booked and paid for daily, weekly or termly. Breakfast and After School Club bookings can be booked and paid for weekly or termly. Thank you for your support.

## Teenagers and are they a new species within our homes?

### Youth Speaks by Emily Jones

Hands up if anyone has ever dreamed of being an explorer? Well, sit back and relax, because I may have the solution!

Like all animal species, teenagers have amongst other things, their own habitat, language markings and rituals. Before you think I am a David Attenborough or Steve Backshall travelling around the world in khaki clothes I have actually discovered this new species whilst wearing my onesie and fluffy slippers in the comfort of my own home!

Teenagers, like animal species have their own habitat. Their bedrooms resemble a jungle, dark, full of hazards and things that are likely to drop on you when you least expect it. There is also a mixture of smells ranging from the latest perfume or aftershave to the delicate smell of a rotting sock that missed the laundry basket at least 6 weeks ago!

All animals have their own way of communicating with each other, which only their species can understand. This also applies to the species of the teenager! Using a combination of emojis, grunts and slang words they communicate with each other, this could even baffle the best of explorers! My mum sometimes struggles but my Nan stands no chance! LOL, that is laugh out loud for those who are not fluent in teenage speak!

Animals also have their own distinctive markings, so does the species of the teenagers! With their questionable hairstyles, Nike and Reebok trainers, ripped jeans, hoodies and of course the essential Hype rucksack, they are a distinctive species prowling around their territories of the local town or park.

Like all animals teenagers have a number of rituals, one is the cleaning and preening of each other. Teenagers are constantly styling their hair, the girls applying makeup, and the constant taking of selfies to check out their looks. I think they believe that is what cameras were invented for!

Many animals leave trails that can be followed by explorers. Teenagers also leave trails these can be of clothes, dirty washing and food wrappers, which can be followed by not explorers but others that live in the house, like me!

Teenagers like other animal species also have ritualistic greetings. Animals greet other animals in rather peculiar ways. Some might even go as far to say that teenagers do the same! I will leave this up to your imagination!

Many species of animals hibernate and sleep for long periods of time, some people believe teenagers do as well. Many have trouble getting out of bed when it is light and going to bed when it is dark, some also only believe that there is only one 7 o'clock in a day! Teenagers, like animal species also stock up on food to help with their hibernation. Teenagers hunt and forage for food in plentiful food sources of kitchen cupboards and fridges!

I believe that if you have a teenage son, daughter, sister, brother, or you are one, you may recognise some of these characteristics that I have shared and I bet you did not realise that you were an explorer discovering a new species within your home too, like me! We have safely discovered this new species without falling into crocodile infested rivers or even getting ourselves dirty!

I have made these observations as a 10 year old, I wonder if I will be part of the exciting teenage species in 3 years time ..... Probably!

Thank you for listening.

## **Valentines Disco**



FOPS have organised a Valentine's Disco on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February from 5.30pm to 7pm. There will be hotdogs and refreshments available like the previous disco. Instead of parents staying for the disco, staff will look after the children so parents don't have to stay. There will also be a 'chill out' room for children who have had enough of the dancing! Tickets will be £2 and can be bought in advance or on the door.

## INVITATION TO COOSE TRANNACK – SATURDAY 17th MARCH 2018

Dear Parent/Carers,

I have the pleasure of inviting the children of your school or club to the 18th annual running of 'Coose Trannack Cross Country Races' on **Saturday 17th March 2018**. The event is held on the Coose Trannack woodland adjacent to Trannack School (near Helston). It is a millennium wood with fantastic views over The Lizard peninsula. The course is sloping and represents a tough challenge for even the most talented runners. The event is open to all children from Year Reception to Year 12 and will involve separate races for each primary school age group.

The change made to last year's event will remain with two secondary school races taking place, an Under 17s and Under 13s race. Points and medals will be awarded to the top three male and female runners from each of these categories; U17, U15 & U13s. Further details of this event will be sent in the forthcoming weeks and they can also be found on our school website:-

[http://trannack.eschools.co.uk/website/coose\\_trannack/29267](http://trannack.eschools.co.uk/website/coose_trannack/29267)

You can also follow us on Facebook at the following link; Coose Trannack. Here you can find all the up to date information and have the facility to ask us any questions if required. The adult "fun run" will continue in 2018 for anyone who likes a challenge and a bit of fun!!! There will be further updates on this race in the coming weeks.

We look forward to welcoming you and your children to Trannack School.

Kind regards,

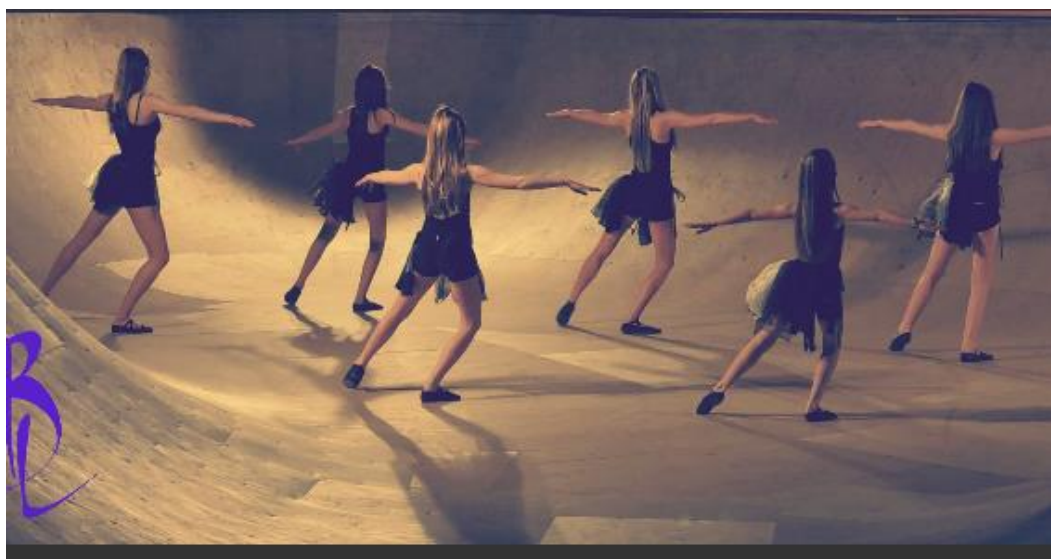
David Stott

(On behalf of the Friends of Trannack School).

**If you wish to enter your child, please email Mrs Wood and we will put in a school team.**

## Baby Ballerinas, Street Dance and Ballet Contemporary

This is a new performing arts opportunity in Camborne. Jenni Dandy has recently expanded her dance studio and is offering Baby Ballerinas for ages 3-6 as well as Street Dance and Ballet Contemporary for students aged 7-16 at Camborne Wesley Methodist Church. Jenni is a fully qualified teacher with QTS, DBS check. Please contact her direct for more details: Jenni Dandy BMUS(hons) PGCE-M, Blacklight Arts & Visual Media, [www.blacklight-avm.com](http://www.blacklight-avm.com) – Tel: 07980 1111169 – Email: [blacklight.avm@yahoo.com](mailto:blacklight.avm@yahoo.com)







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# TWILIGHT TASTER SESSION

Wednesday 21 February | 4 - 6pm

Book your free place today  
by calling 01872 242904



## **Passionate About Parenting**

Ever wondered why your child  
behaves a certain way?

Feel alone?

Not sure who can  
help?

Are you thinking  
that something  
needs to change?

Come along to our free **One Day Parenting Workshop** to learn some new skills on how to manage difficult behaviour and improve you and your child's relationship at home.

Our next workshop is below, please call soon as places are limited.

**09:30 – 14:30 Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

**Camborne Children Centre  
Cliff View Road,  
Camborne TR14 8QH**



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

free entry

**NEW:** watch demonstrations of the specialist life-saving equipment on board

# February open day

Cornwall   
Air Ambulance

Sunday 18 February | 11am-3pm | Cornwall Air Ambulance HQ

*Finish half term with a bang at a behind-the-scenes view of the helicopter and life-saving equipment on board*

- virtual reality adventure and rescue mission
- pop-up charity shop
- fun activities and games
- indulge in delicious treats

Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust, Trevithick Downs, Newquay, TR8 4DY 01637 889926  
Registered charity no.: 1133295 [cornwallairambulancetrust.org](http://cornwallairambulancetrust.org)





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**Surf Action is offering Armed Forces Community Inclusive  
Family Surfing Courses commencing on 31st March 2018  
(Serving and Veterans Families)**



**8 Week Surfing Courses at Praa Sands on a Saturday or Sunday from 10am—1pm for children/young people aged 7-18. Parents are encouraged to join their children in the water! All boards and wetsuits supplied.**

**Course 1: Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March—Sat 19<sup>th</sup> May**

**Course 2: Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April—Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

**Course 3: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May—Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July**

**Course 4: Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May—Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

**Course 5: Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July -Sat 8<sup>th</sup> September**

**Course 6: Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July—9<sup>th</sup> September**

**Email: [info@surfaction.co.uk](mailto:info@surfaction.co.uk) for more information and to register!**



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