



Newsletter 2
Summer 2023
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April - William at Wells!

Our musical star, shone again the weekend of 22nd April, taking part in a Trumpet/Cornet event with the brass department at none other than Wells Cathedral School!

He spent the day there in musical workshops and even had a music lesson with the Head of Brass himself. This was such an achievement for William musically, but also socially as went not knowing anyone else there! He took part in a concert at the end of the day.



Diary Dates:

Thursday 15th June

School Photos – Group
Photographs only – Classes
and Year 6

Friday 16th June

RMAT Rainbow Run

**Wednesday 21st June and
Thursday 22nd June – 2 nights**
BF Adventure Residential –
Tregonning Class

Monday 26th June

Global Boarders Surf Day –
Trencrom Class

**Tuesday 27th June and
Wednesday 28th June
– 1 night**

Porthpean Residential –
Trencrom Class

Thursday 29th June

Global Boarders Surf Day –
Tregonning Class

Wednesday 5th July

Choir to Memory Cafe

3rd-7th July

Bikeability for Tregonning
Class

Friday 7th July

Summer Family Festival



Friday 14th

July

Rock Steady Concert

A great experience for him musically and for building confidence too.

To top it all off, he was also awarded a Distinction in his Grade 1 exam! Well done William - we are so proud and are happy basking in your reflected glory!



Friday 21st July

Last Day of Summer Term

Inset Days:

Monday 24th July 2023

Tuesday 25th July 2023

Tuesday 5th September 2023

First Day of Autumn Term

Inset Days: – 2023/2024

Monday 4th September 2023

Friday 24th November 2023

Monday 19th February 2024

Monday 3rd June 2024

Wednesday 24th July 2024

Attendance week ending

Friday 21st April:

Carn Brea: 98%

Godolphin: 98%

Trencrom: 99%

Tregonning: 96%

Well done to Trencrom

Class for best attendance

Attendance week ending

Friday 5th May:

Carn Brea: 89%

Godolphin: 95%

Trencrom: 96%

Tregonning: 95%

Well done to Trencrom

Class for best attendance this week

Oll an Gwella (Newquay Male Chorus)



We have recently received a letter from Oll an Gwella following our Cornwall Day at the beginning of term saying:

On behalf of all in Oll an Gwella I would like to thank you for your most generous donation of £500 (including £8 for a CD) following our visit on Tuesday 18th April.

I think it was quite clear to everyone that our singing went down well with the pupils, staff and parents alike. I know we were all greatly impressed by the 'feel' of the school and its culture.

Once again, our most grateful thanks for your most generous donation which will enhance our charitable donations to Cornwall Blood Bikes and Penahligon's Friends.

Tony Mills
(on behalf of Oll an Gwella)

Trevithick Day – Saturday 29th April

We were so proud of the many children who turned out in their very best costumes to represent Penponds dancing in the Trevithick Day procession last week. The children clearly had a fabulous time from their beaming faces and giggles. They danced brilliantly! Thank you to all the parents, carers and staff who turned out to support and help us on the day.



Class Awards week ending Friday 28th April



Carn Brea:
Otis, Dottie, Charlie

Godolphin:
Alyssia, Evie, Henry

Trencrom:
Archie, Thomas, Mack

Tregonning:
Finnley, Joshua, Alfie

Class Awards week ending Friday 5th May



Carn Brea:
Skye, Wilf, Woody

Godolphin:
Zaci, Charlotte, Holly

Trencrom:
Bella, Thomas, Zara

Tregonning:
Olivia, Issie, Ellie



Headteacher's Awards week ending Friday 28th April



Carn Brea: Riley

Godolphin: Alyssia

Trencrom: Jessica

Tregonning: Finnley

Headteacher's Awards week ending Friday 5th May



Carn Brea: Otis

Godolphin: Robyn G

Trencrom: Bert

Tregonning: Jasper

New Prefects:

Harry,
Freya D





Quote:

Memories are the key not to the past, but to the future.



Poem:

Memories are funny things,
You hear your favourite
singer sing
And all at once, that voice is
stored,
Recognizable evermore.

You visit towns, you see the
sights,
You feel the heat, you see the
light
And that becomes a picture
saved;
A snapshot of a happy day.

And all you ever need to do
Is think about that perfect
view
And all at once, you're there
once more,
Seeing it as you previously
saw.

A scent or sound can do the
same.
A hint, and whoosh, you're
back again
You're in the room, with your
friends
No matter how much time
transcends

And if you listen close enough
The voices of the ones you
love
Will stay inside your clever
mind
For you to recall, anytime!

Trevithick Day – Penponds School Display

We were so proud to have received a 'Highly Commended' award for our Trevithick Display! Our display was based around the Harry Glasson song, 'Cornwall My Home'. All classes created artwork in different media to represent the imagery in the lyrics. Pop into school if you were not able to view the display 'in the flesh' during the Trevithick festivities.



So soak up life and all it brings
Because memories are funny things.
They're weaved from all you see or do.
Make them good. It's up to you.

By Ms Moem, English poet



New Prefects

We couldn't be prouder to announce that we have two new prefects at Penponds. I would like to introduce you to Prefect Freya and Prefect Harry. They have been chosen for very unique reasons special to them. Freya as you know is a fantastic role model in all that she does but we are particular proud of her independence and drive to succeed as an author. Harry has overcome many hurdles in his time at Penponds and his natural sense of justice and caring personality exudes from him. We are so proud of you both. Congratulations.

Coronation Celebrations

On Friday 5th May we marked the coronation of King Charles III and Queen Consort Camilla. We began the day with a whole school assembly learning about the history and pageantry of the coronation and how people celebrate significant events. Each class then spent the morning learning about British Values and creating food to share with the school in the afternoon picnic.

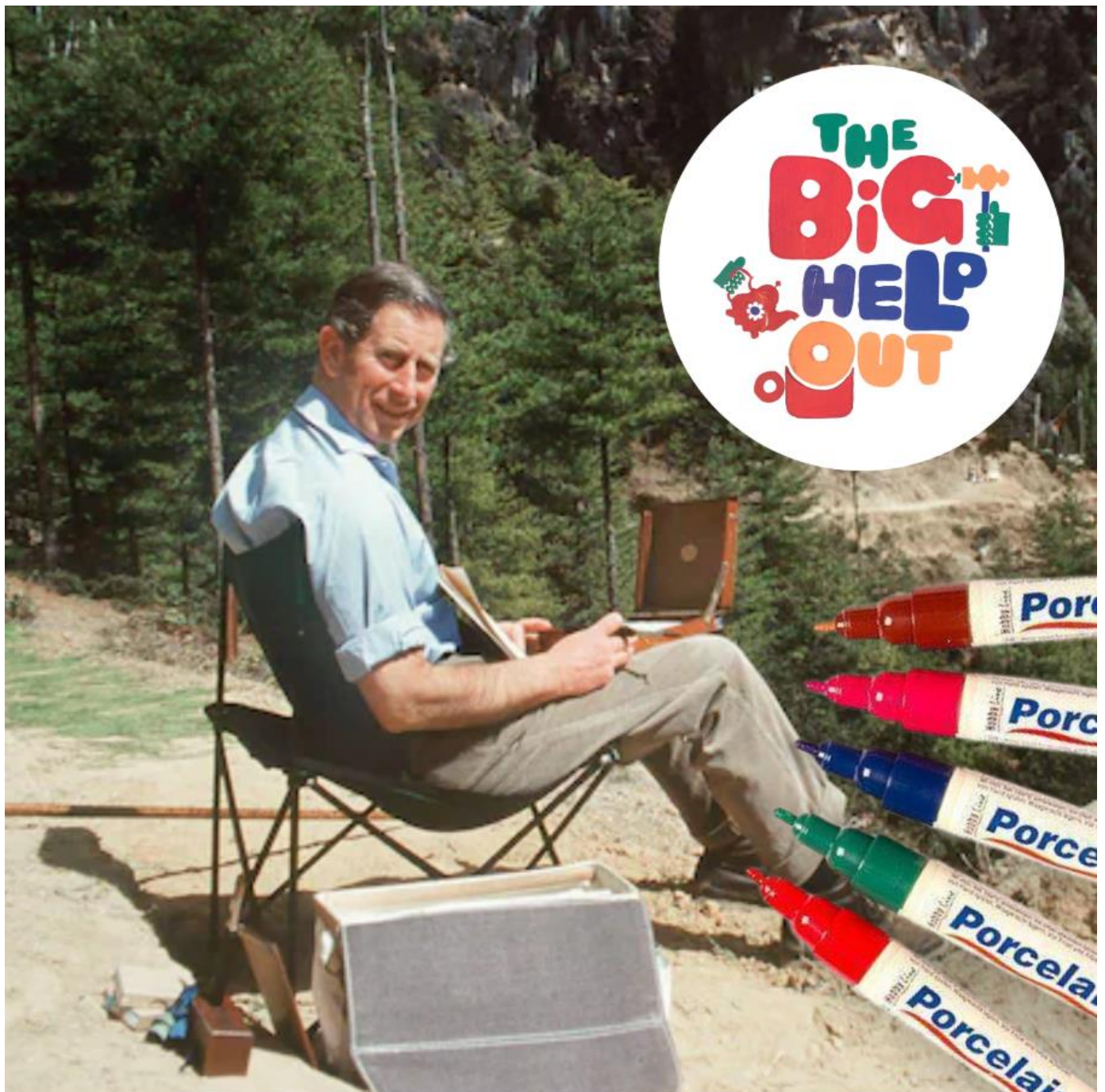


We were delighted to welcome Les Ladner, former pupil, back into Penponds to talk to each class about his experience of the late Queen's coronation in 1953, where he shared photographs too. We enjoyed a delicious picnic outside together.

At the end the day we held our usual celebration assembly which also include a fancy dress pageant where Jasper was chosen as the winner. In 1953, during the Penponds pageant, Les's role was a servant. So we felt this time around Les should be crowned as King of Penponds. He was crowned on a Cornish tartan throne with crown, sceptre and orb.







Join us at **Camborne Library**
to mark the **CORONATION!**
Decorate a tile to show how you
have **HELPED** others.
Library workshops **15th April - 12th May**
Come in and chat to us for more details.
Let's celebrate our wonderful
COMMUNITY!

FREE Kids Activity Club

Encouraging Years 4/5/6 children to be more active!

Do you have a child that wants to try something new and get more active?

Activity for children should be FUN!

In partnership with DT Coaching, Healthy Cornwall are delivering a range of fun, different and exciting activities every week during term.

These include – Multi-Sports, Archery, Kin Ball, NERF Battles, Laser Tag, Ultimate Frisbee, and much more!

Times /Venues

- Redruth School, Wednesdays, 17:00-18:00
- St Meriadoc CE Junior School, Fridays, 15.45-16.45
- Humphry Davy, Thursdays, 17:00-18:00

Contact Healthy Cornwall to book your place. Details below

Booking is essential



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SPRING FAYRE

SATURDAY 13TH MAY

10AM- 12PM

FREE ENTRY..EVERYONE WELCOME

 **BBQ**  **REFRESHMENTS**  **GAMES** **Raffle**

CAKE STALL **TEMPORARY TATTOOS**

Garden Trail **CRAFT STALLS**

TEA & COFFEE .. **LOTS OF PRIZES** **TO BE WON AND LOTS OF FUN!**

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On 16 June all the pupils across the Trust will be taking part in a **Rainbow Colour Run** which will be lots of fun for all the children. This will be a sponsored run and the children will be raising money to be split equally between their school and Penhaligon's Friends, a charity close to the heart of all our schools.



Penponds Summer Family Festival



10 top tips for safely using SMARTWATCHES

Kids love gadgets, and smartwatches – available to buy from as little as £20 online – make a tempting gift. As with any type of mobile technology, though, smartwatches can pose risks to children unless they're used safely. Receiving unwanted calls, cyber-stalking and distracting a young person when they're crossing the road are all known risks associated with smartwatches. However, these devices can bring plenty of benefits for children and parents alike – so let's examine the pros and cons of smartwatches.

AVOID CHEAP OPTIONS

A quick search online yields a torrent of cheap smartwatches for kids, costing as little as £20. It's wise to avoid this bargain basement tech: it tends to deliver a poor experience with inferior battery life, and it's hard to have faith in the software's safety. There have been cases of smartwatches being hacked to track or contact children; stick to known brands who have a reputation to protect.

CONTROL CALLING

Many smartwatches have the facility to make or take calls. As with a phone, you may want to restrict who your child can call – or be called by. On Apple Watches, you can select trusted contacts who are allowed to ring your child, while other watches' controls vary hugely. Some need to connect to a linked phone for calls, so you may be able to block unknown contacts via that device instead.

BEWARE HIDDEN COSTS

For a smartwatch to allow calls independently (that is, without being connected to a phone via Bluetooth), it will need its own mobile data plan. This might take the form of a tiny SIM card that you slot into the watch – or an eSIM, where the physical card is replaced by software settings. Either way, this will incur an additional monthly cost that you'll need to factor into any buying decision.

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Apple Watches aren't cheap, but they do offer superb safety features – allowing parents to control calls, messages and emails on the device, as well as a location tracking system that can send alerts if kids wander beyond pre-set boundaries. Their SOS function enables children to contact emergency services instantly if they're in trouble, which simultaneously also alerts parents and carers.

MAKE THEM COOL FOR SCHOOL

Some schools have banned smartwatches, as pupils have been using them as substitute phones. If your child's school does permit them, some devices can be set to prevent distractions in class. For example, Apple's Schooltime feature turns their watches into ordinary time-keeping devices during school hours. The display changes in this mode, showing teachers that it isn't being used for other purposes.

TRACK ITS LOCATION

Both Apple and Android devices have apps which allow you to track a smartwatch's location. They can also initiate an audio alert – avoiding those cushion-hurling panics when a treasured device can't be found at home. If you're planning to track your child's location via their watch, make them aware of that in advance. You could even make it a condition of them getting the watch in the first place.

THINK 'SAFETY FIRST'

Smartwatches are often worth hundreds of pounds, which can make young people wearing one a target for thieves. Advise your child to keep the watch hidden in public (when possible) and not to resist if muggers demand their watch. If you manage to track a stolen device, pass that information to the police: location data isn't always accurate, so you could end up wrongly accusing someone.

STORE MEDICAL INFO

Devices including the Samsung Galaxy Watch and Apple Watch can store the owner's medical details (such as their blood group and any pre-existing medical conditions), potentially giving emergency services access to vital information in a crisis. These devices also have 'hard fall' detection, which sends a text message to selected contacts along with a map showing the wearer's location.

USE THEM AS MOTIVATION

If you're worried your child's slumped on the sofa staring at screens, smartwatches are great fitness trackers and can be a powerful incentive to get moving. Some devices will alert the wearer if they've been inactive for a long time and encourage them to do some exercise. Many watches record the user's daily step count and measure other health metrics.

BE MINDFUL OF BEDTIME

Many smartwatches offer sleep tracking, which some (usually older) children use to justify wearing them to bed. However, that also presents a temptation to message friends or check social media late at night, even if their phone is downstairs. Unless there's a valid reason not to, you could encourage your child to remove the watch in the evenings and ensure the charger stays in a different room.

Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as the *Sunday Times*, *Which?*, *PC Pro* and *Computeractive*. He's appeared regularly as a technology pundit on television and radio, including on *BBC Newsnight*, *Radio 5 Live* and the *ITV News at Ten*. He has two children and writes regularly about internet safety issues.



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