




Weekly Newsletter

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This week's focus: British Science Week

This week we celebrated British Science week and the children experienced some exciting learning opportunities. Soap box racers on Monday, the Cornish Records office staff visited on Wednesday and a science theatre production on Thursday. On Tuesday, by popular demand, the astronomer Simon Ould brought his Dome into school and everyone was able to experience one of his shows.

Soap Box Racers

On Monday 11th March we made soapbox racers. We made them out of tissue boxes, straws, CDs, gardening sticks and small wooden wheels. It was really exciting and fun making them. First we stuck the straws to the tissue box, then we put the garden stick through the straw, then we attached the CDs and the wooden wheels to the straws. The winning two went to St Meriadoc Juniors. Our speedsters won the



furthest distance award with both cars hitting the wall at the other end of the school.

Space Dome

On Tuesday 12th March, the Space Odyssey dome came in to school. Class 4 and Class 3 went in to the space dome together, while the other classes went in at different times. Troon School and St Meriadoc Juniors also came along to experience the wonder! It felt weird walking through the door into the space dome. Simon Ould told us about the first people to go to space. Then we watched a video about the first people to space and what has happened after that. We looked at all the constellations and tried to figure out how long it took to get to the nearest star. It was really fun. By Ryan

Dates for your diary:

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Monday 18th March

NEXUS Maths Masterclass
8.55am

Tuesday 19th March – Choir
CANCELLED this week due to Parent Meetings

Tuesday 19th March –
Parent meetings

Wednesday 20th March –
Parent meetings

Thursday 21st March –
Down's Syndrome Day –
Everyone can wear odd socks to celebrate our differences and raise awareness

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Tuesday 26th March – RMAT
Gala Performance at The Regal Theatre, Redruth

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Monday 1st April
NEXUS Maths Masterclass
8.55am

Tuesday 2nd April
Bling your ride day

Tuesday 2nd April
Easter Experience at Penponds Church (Carn Brea class – am; Godolphin – pm)

Wednesday 3rd April
Easter Experience at Penponds Church (Trencrom Class – pm)

Thursday 4th April –
Easter Experience at Penponds Church (Tregonning Class – am)

Thursday 4th April – Last Day for children

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Friday 5th April – INSET day – no children in school



I really liked it all but my favourite bit was looking at the stars and trying to find pictures. I found one. It was a fish. By Ellie R

Visit from Cornwall County Records Office

On Wednesday 13th March Classes 3 and 4 were visited by Chloe and Ian from the County Records office. Trecrom class had a workshop about seaside holidays in the past, which tied in with their topic on fishing and fishing ports. They had to look carefully at old photographs of Cornwall and see how places had changed. We especially enjoyed looking at the funny bathing suits people used to wear! Tregonning class had a workshop about Cornish mining and looked at different archives from mining.



Science adventures!

On Thursday morning storytellers from Coppice theatre came into school with their 'science adventures' show. This show was funded by the Arts Council and visiting schools all over Cornwall. The children learnt about electricity through stories and afterwards Tregonning class were treated to a workshop.



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Tuesday 23rd April – First day back for children
Thursday 25th April – Beach Safety talk in the Hall
Friday 26th April – Pasty Day – pasties for school lunch to celebrate Trevithick Day
Saturday 27th April – Trevithick Day, Camborne

Monday 29th April
 NEXUS Maths Masterclass 8.55am
Tuesday 30th April – Class 3 swimming (morning session) replacing lesson on 21st January.

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday

Monday 13th May
 NEXUS Maths Masterclass 8.55am
13th-17th May – SATs week for Year 6
Thursday 23rd May – Class groups, Sports Groups and Year 6

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May – Half-term holiday

3rd-5th June – Trecrom Class - Camp at Eden Project

2nd-4th July – RMAT London Trip – Tregonning Class

Friday 12th July – Penponds Family Festival

15th-19th July – Work Experience Students in school
15th and 16th July – Transition Days for Year 6 at CSIA

Wednesday 24th July – last day for children

Thursday 25th July – INSET Day



Pirate Quest – Carn Brea Class



and learned what it was like to be a real pirate. We completed some pirate challenges and were rewarded with some yummy treasure and our own badges. We also found out about some Cornish legends, spriggins (naughty Cornish fairies) and Cornish knockers (who helped miners find the tin underground). Unfortunately, the weather was too bad for the afternoon activity to the beach, but we had a great time being pirates.

On Thursday, Carn Brea class went to Pirate Quest in Newquay. We had a swashbuckling adventure with Captain Calico Jack and Captain Davies. We learned about real pirates from the past; Ann Bonny, Henry Every, Black Bart and Blackbeard. We walked through some pirate ships, taverns and hideouts

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First day back for children:

Thursday 5th September 2019

INSET DAYS 2019/2010

Wed 4th September 2019

Mon 6th January 2020

Fri 12th June 2020

Mon 15th June 2020

Thu 23rd July 2020

Attendance and Awards for this week:

Attendance:

Carn Brea: 89.47%

Godolphin:

Y1 – 92.16%

Y2 – 99.38%

Trencrom – 99.05%

Tregonning – 98.29%

Attendance Trophy

Godolphin Year 2

Awards:

Top Table:

Annabella, Jasper P, Sophie, Alfie G-W

Carn Brea: Elffin, Maddie, la

Godolphin: Y1 – Abbie,

Toby, Summer

Y2 –Charlie, Issie, Janise

Trencrom – Ben, Gwyddion, Jessica

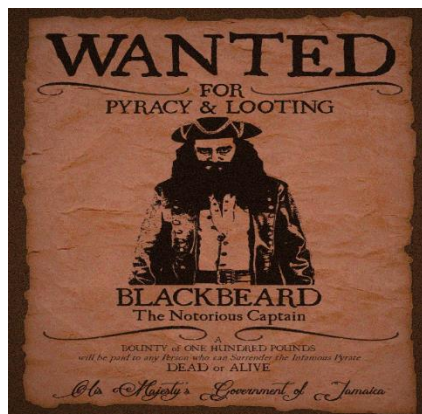
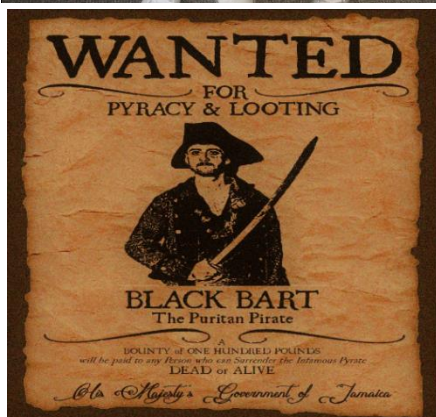
Tregonning – Fleur, Lloyd, Ruby

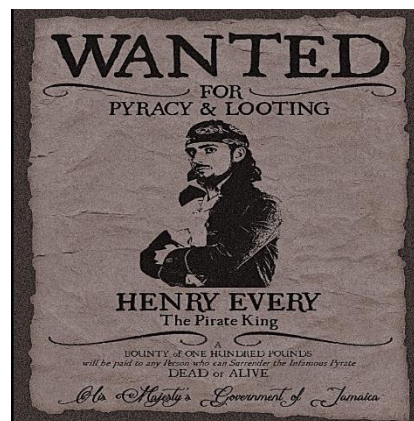
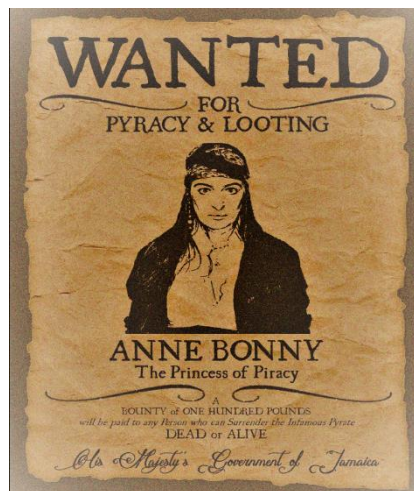
Headteacher –Ellie R, Thomas, William G, Jayden, Vincent, Elijah A, Elijah J-D, Jessica R

Maths – Maddie Tr, Freya D, Mia, Jowan, Lily De

Quote of the week:

Throw caution to the wind and just do it – **Carrie Underwood**







**Cornish Seal
Sanctuary**

SPRINT FOR SEALS 2019

Sunday 24th March

Say hello to the seals and take in the view
of the Helford estuary during our

**3K muddy fun run at the
Cornish Seal Sanctuary!**

Registration 8.30am - Run starts at 9.30am

All entrants receive an exclusive 'Sprint for Seals 2019' medal, a Cornish Seal
Sanctuary reuseablewater bottle and entry to the sanctuary.

To register, please head to www.visitsealife.com/gweek or call us on 01326 221361



Open to all ages. £12 under 16's. £15 over 16's.

All proceeds will go towards our work rescuing, rehabilitating and
releasing seal pups from around the coastline. You can help further
support the seals! Why not fundraise a little extra?

**During the run, you will encounter slopes, hills and muddy/
bumpy areas.**

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Little Acorns



SPRING FAYRE

Saturday 30th March

10am – 12pm

**At Little Acorns Pre-school, Penponds,
Camborne, TR14 0QN Tel: 01209 718990**

Cake Stall

Craft Activities

Easter Trail

Tombola

Lucky dip

Spring Raffle

Face Painting

Easter Bonnet Competition

**Everyone welcome. Please come along to
support your local Pre-school.**

www.littleacornspenponds.co.uk or find us on facebook.

Bringing children's services together

Under 'One Vision', the multi-agency partnership plan for children, young people and their families, all the agencies working with children in Cornwall believe that greater integration is the best way of improving the effectiveness of services. In order to achieve this, the Council is in the process of bringing all its children's services together under an Integrated Children's Services Directorate.

Transfer of services

On 1 April 2019 Public Health Nursing (Health Visiting, School Nursing and some Specialist Speech and Language Therapy) will transfer into Cornwall Council from Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (CFT). This is the beginning of a wider programme to integrate education, early years, children's community health, early help and social care services.

What will it mean for me and my child/children?

The services you and your child/children currently receive will remain the same and will continue to be provided by the same staff. In order to ensure continuity of service, a copy of your and your child/children's electronic and paper records will be transferred to the Council's secure children's system. Your information will be transferred in a secure manner and access will be restricted, as it is now. Records will be held for the same retention and disposal periods.




Our services will remain the same and will continue to be provided by the same staff

You can view a copy of our privacy policy at [**www.cornwall.gov.uk/csfprivacynotice**](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/csfprivacynotice)

More information about Making Integration Happen can be found at [**www.cornwall.gov.uk/integration**](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/integration)

More information about One Vision can be found at [**www.cornwall.gov.uk/onevision**](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/onevision)

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Communication

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Makaton – Beginners Workshop

The Makaton
Beginners' Workshop
provides a practical
introduction to the
Makaton Language
Programme enabling
participants to use the
signs and symbols with
people who have
communication
difficulties.

Location:

Redruth Community Centre
Foundry Row
Chapel Street
Redruth
TR15 1AN

Date: 21 & 28 March 2019

9:30am – 4:30pm

2 sessions

Tutor: Ellener Whittaker

Course fee: £75.00

If you receive certain benefits you may
be entitled to a free course.

To enrol please quote the
course reference

C3530058

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We would like to invite your son/daughter to have a 1 Week free trial at our Carn Brea Mini Soccer Centre.

The Centre runs every Saturday from 9:00am – 10:30am at a cost of £4.50 per session, the sessions consist of learning basic skills needed for football (Dribbling, protecting the ball, passing, shooting etc) along with a range of fun enjoyable warm up and skill games not to mention matches and tournaments too.

The Centre's purpose is to get people who are new to football involved in a safe and fun environment, so they can hopefully develop as players and go on to play at a higher standard or within a grassroots football team.

If the centre is something you'd be interested in, then all that is needed is correct clothing and footwear (Trainers not Studs) and a drink to be bought to each session.

We hope this is something you would be interested in and look forward to seeing you in the future.

Please let me know if there is any more information you require.

Kind regards,

Harry Badcock

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PLAYING WITH STRANGERS

Realistic versions of modern day firearms and gunfire, coupled with intense firefights, blood spatter effects on screen and large explosions make this game appear more violent than the last graphically realistic game, *Apex Legends*. *Apex Legends* has a variety of modern military weapons such as assault rifles, machine guns, pistols, knives and frag grenades. Besides frantic gun battles, players also get to perform finishing moves on weakened enemies. These include electrocution, stabbing them with knives, beating them with fists, and using chemical gas attacks on multiple opponents before finishing them off. These attacks are often shown up close and from the victims' perspective also. In light of this, PEGI has rated this game suitable for children 16 and older in the UK and Europe, while in the US it is rated T+. Overexposure to such violence can have a detrimental effect to children's mental health.

As with any online game, there is a risk of players using intimidation and abusive language. This risk is increased when children play games with strangers. Another potential threat are the hackers who might encourage children to cheat in the game and make money off them.

Although anyone with an EA account can download and play this game for free, it does allow players to make a variety of in-game purchases with real money. Ranging anywhere between \$7.99 and \$79.99, players can purchase Apex Coins, the primary in-game currency. These in-game purchases allow the players to unlock cosmetic items, such as skins for their weapons and avatars, much more quickly than regular gameplay. Apex coins can be used to purchase Apex Packs containing "loot boxes." These allow players to collect rare items. Unlike many other battle royale style games, there are no duplicate items in "loot boxes" which can incentivize children to purchase them more frequently. Other free in-game currencies such as Crafting Materials and Legend Tokens can also be used to unlock these upgrades through regular gaming.

Children love to play battle royale games, owing to their competitive nature. However, the chance to play with friends against 57 other players might put undue pressure on your child to play at a certain time when their friends are online. This might also mean that quitting halfway through the game could prove detrimental to your child's team mates. Children thus might become addicted, and feel compelled to play the game until they achieve their desired results. Even though a typical game might last around 25 minutes, children may feel angry if they lose and go for another round.

In order to better understand and improve their game, children might be tempted to use sites such as YouTube and search for Apex Legends gameplay videos. This might introduce them to obscene language used by gamers in these videos. Many videos on YouTube do not have age ratings and the ones that do display warnings for age restricted content are easy to bypass by signing in. In addition, some videos may contain inappropriate content when watching other suggested videos that pop up on YouTube. Watching videos online of players opening their loot boxes on Apex Legends is one of the latest craze. Although there is little risk attached to this, it may encourage your child to purchase loot boxes.



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Top Tips for Parents

Before exposing your child to any game involving violence, judge the level and impact of that game by previewing online clips of it first or play the game yourself. If you deem it suitable, only then allow the children to play the game in order to maintain proper child safety. Moreover, you can take steps to ensure that the age restriction set by the particular game is being met and that no underage children are playing the game. You can also carry out regular open and honest conversations with children on the negative effects of violence, so that children have a clear idea of what it entails in real life.

In order to prevent your children from falling prey to obscene language online, it is important to monitor social media and search engine usage. Parents can restrict access to inappropriate content by blocking certain websites. With the help of activity log, parents can ensure that their children are not using any app or browsing any website unsuitable for their age. Parents can also look up safe search engines and browsers for children that have age appropriate filters and pre-screened child friendly content. When your child plays games online, encourage them to play without outside help and have open and honest discussions with them regarding the demerits of abusive language online.

Communicating with teammates is an essential and enjoyable part of the game. Parents should encourage children to play the game with friends they know and trust. However, if that is not possible and your child is playing with strangers in their team, you can always mute them on the inventory screen during the game. In addition, the "ping" feature can be used to allow players to communicate non-verbally i.e. by "pinging" locations, objects, and enemies.

If you do not want your children to make any in-game purchases or microtransactions, you must ensure that you have created a separate account for each child on the PlayStation 4 or Xbox One. If your child plays the game on PlayStation 4 or Xbox One, you have the option of creating a child account which will prevent them from making any purchases. You can also create a child account for your child, which you can password protect your account to prevent them from making any undesired purchases. You have to keep in mind that you are responsible for any purchases that your child makes any unwanted purchases from an adult account, you would be unable to claim refunds.

Parents should make their children aware of how to report abusive players and block them while playing Apex Legends. The game's publisher, Electronic Arts (EA), has clear instructions on their website on how to report harassment. PlayStation 4 and Xbox One have their own reporting mechanisms and it is essential that your child knows these to report any untoward behavior by any player. Children should also be told to block abusive players and report them to EA. If players and report cheaters at once. The developers of Apex Legends take cheating quite seriously and banned around 16,000 players for cheating in the first two weeks of the game's release. Game developer Respawn announced that over 350,000 players were banned for cheating in the game. Although EA has Anti-Cheat software,

With any new game that becomes an overnight success, it is important for parents to keep an eye on their children and see how it affects them. If you think your child is becoming addicted to playing the game, you can use parental controls on PC or on Xbox to limit the time they play the game for. For this particular game, since it would be difficult to leave midway, you can find a way to make it impose a limit on the number of minutes your child can play the game each time the game is played for. Moreover, you can always have regular open and honest conversations with your children about the negative consequences of playing online games and too much screen time.

CLARINET DAY!

WHEN

13th April
10am - 5.30pm

WHERE

Truro School
Trennick Lane, Truro, TR1 1TH

WORKSHOP LEADERS:

**MALBEC CLARINET QUARTET – NICK SHIPMAN, KAREN AYTON,
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2019 dates for your diary

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday 19th April

10am – Barripper Village Hall and Field

St Michaels Mount to St Michaels Inn Sponsored Walk

• 12th or 19th May 2019 (weather depending)

Village Bingo

21st June 2019 – Barripper Village Hall

Barripper Harbour Day

4th August 2019 – Barripper Village Hall and Field

12pm onwards

Murder Mystery Night

13th September 2019 – Barripper Village Hall

7pm onwards

Barripper Village Association Harvest Festival

12th October 2019 – St Michaels Mount Inn

7pm onwards

Festive Craft and Toy Table Top Sale

9th November 2019 – Barripper Village Hall

10am onwards

Santa's Grotto

14th December 2019 – Barripper Village Hall

2pm to 4pm