

Newsletter 8  
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Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022

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### Global Boarders Surf Days

At the beginning of the week both Trenchrom and Tregonning classes enjoyed a day of surfing with Global Boarders at Gwithian. The weather was fair for Trenchrom on Monday; less kind for Tregonning on Tuesday. Apart from that, though, each class made the most of the opportunity and enjoyed themselves in the surf. Both coaches and minibus drivers praised the excellent behaviour of the children and it was a pleasure to watch their confidence and skill grow as the day went on. We are so fortunate to have such a fantastic location so close.



### Dates for your diary:

#### **NEW! Forest School After School**

Wednesdays 6<sup>th</sup> July, 13<sup>th</sup> July and 20<sup>th</sup> July only  
3.15-4.15pm

Details further in the newsletter

#### **Sports 4 Tots**

Tuesdays after school

#### **Extra-Curricular Clubs**

Last week of clubs week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> July

#### **DDMIX Club**

Fridays after school – now open to all children – Reception to Year 6 – last club will be Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July

#### **Skateboarding Club**

Fridays after school

#### **Rock Steady Music**

Fridays - Lessons In school time

Stay and Play sessions for new reception children starting in September.

Times: 13.45 – 14.45

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July



### **The Big Dig!**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July**

Details further in the newsletter

### **NEW! Meet the Teacher**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

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### **Bastille Day Celebration**

**Activities for all classes**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July**

### **Rocksteady End of Year**

**Concert – all classes**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

### **School Reports to Parents**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

### **Penponds School Festival**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

**15.30-20.00**

Details further in the newsletter

### **No Extra-Curricular Clubs in last week of term**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> July**

### **NEW! Roman Day –**

**Trencrom Class**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

### **Residential Trip to**

**Woodland Valley Farm –**

**Y5/6**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July –**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

### **NEW! Y6 Leavers Assembly**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 2:30pm.**

Details further in the newsletter

### **Last Day of Term**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**







**Sports Day**  
**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June**

Carn Brea’s first Sports Day was a huge success. We took part in lots of activities including javelin throwing, an egg and spoon race, long jump and skipping. We especially enjoyed racing to move water from one bucket to another using a big sponge! We practiced our ball skills and throwing skills too. We also all got to take part in a running race. We had a fantastic time, everyone took part and tried their very best.

**First Day of Autumn Term**  
**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

**Swimming Lessons –**  
**Tregonning Class – Y5/6**  
**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September –**  
**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

**Inset Days:**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022**  
**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022**  
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**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022**  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023**  
**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023**  
**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023**  
**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**Attendance:**

Carn Brea: 97%  
 Godolphin: 95%  
 Trecrom: 98%  
 Tregonning: 94%

**Class Awards:**



**Carn Brea**  
 Whole Class  
**Godolphin**  
 Bert, Olsen, Eden





## Trencrom

All of Trencrom for amazing surfing and sports day

Sebastian, Hermione, Joshua

## Tregonning

Whole class

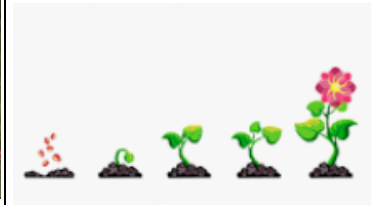
## Quote



Life is what happens when you're busy making other plans!

John Lennon

## Poem



## *It takes Awhile*

It takes awhile  
for grass to grow,  
for returning spring  
for melt the snow;  
for a hatching bird  
to break the shell;  
to draw sweet water  
from a well.

Between the in breath  
and the out,  
between the seedling  
and the sprout;  
between the act  
and the reaction,







between desire  
and satisfaction,  
there's a pause, a pulse,  
where faith should smile  
and calmly know  
*it takes awhile.*

R H Grenville



## Meet the Teacher - Wednesday 13th July

Next week children will be spending two days getting to know their new teacher in their class and for their teacher to get to know them. For some, they will know each other very well already, but will get to know their new class mates! Mr Brokenshire will be joining us for the two days too, so he will be out and about getting to know our school and community.

After school on Wednesday 13th July, parents/carers are invited to come into school to visit their child's new classroom and meet their new teacher. The teacher will also have a short presentation to share with you about what your child will be learning next year in their class and opportunities for you to ask questions. We will dismiss the children to you as usual at the end of the day, then invite you back into school, once all children have safely been dismissed into their parent/carer care.

If you are unable to attend, these presentations will be available on the school website and we will share this link with you on Dojo. If you have more than one child, you will be able to visit more than one class when you arrive so you can see the space, but you will need to choose one presentation to go to and then you will be able to view the presentation online. Children are more than welcome to accompany you to this event.

Come and have a look what we do!

## Year 6 Awards

Each Year Penponds School awards trophies to its Year 6s to mark their achievements when they leave us. Originally there were a few trophies and over the years this has grown to awarding 7 awards.

The awards are:

John Bailey Award for Academic Achievement  
Governors' Award for Learning Attitude  
The MP (progress) award for challenge and determination  
The Naval Shield for Being a Leader of Your Own Learning  
PSHE  
Creative Arts  
Sports Person of the Year



We were concerned that with smaller cohorts and the growing trophies, the children may worry about 7 out of the 19 children getting an award and the rest not. I know last year, 7 out of 13 were given a trophy.

We spoke to the children and asked what they wanted to do. We talked about reducing the trophies, adding to them, keeping what we have already and adding personal additional awards and the children decided they didn't want to change anything. We always respect the views of our children and we were very impressed by their attitude and maturity.

As a rights respecting school, we listen to their right to a voice - so we have followed their wishes with the Year 6 awards this year. These will be



awarded to the Year 6 children in their Year 6 Leavers Assembly on the last day of term Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 2:30pm. Year 6 parents are invited to attend this special celebration and join the school in wishing our wonderful Year 6s all the best for the next steps of their future!

### **Forest School - After School Club for July**

There will be three Outdoor Forest school sessions running on the 3 Wednesdays in July (6th, 13th and 20th), for Godolphin and Tren crom children from 3.15 to 4.45pm @ £8 per session per child. To include games, natural crafts and an introduction to Bushcraft skills.

Contact Sue [treefolkforestschool@gmail.com](mailto:treefolkforestschool@gmail.com) to book a place and further information.

### **Parking Car Park and Outside School**

Please be mindful of how and where you park in the car park and outside school. Cars should be reverse parked in the car park and not be parked in the spaces for disabled or on the hash lines for emergency vehicles. Cars should not be parked on junctions especially the T junction leading to Penponds Village where there is no pavement and people have to walk along the road.



Thank you for your support in keeping our children and families safe.

### **Address and Contact Details Changes**

Please let Mrs Wood know if there are any changes to your address or emergency contact details. If you are planning to move house in the Summer Holidays please let her know asap.

### **The Big Dig!**



You are all invited to our community event: THE BIG DIG! We desperately need volunteers to help us spruce up our garden and planting area. We have

successfully recruited a regular volunteer in Reverend Olive Stevens, who will be running a weekly gardening club. However, our area has become completely overgrown and unmanageable. In order to get the club started we need as many hands on deck to help us clear the area ready for planting, paint our planters and replant the containers around school. Everyone is welcome (Aunties, Uncles, Grandparents, and siblings- all hands on deck!) The event will take place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July from 9am to 12. We will provide some light refreshments, but please bring your own packed lunch for a team picnic after all our hard work. Lets all get together to help the children create an outside space to be proud of. Any donations of plants, seeds, bulbs and compost gratefully received. Many thanks to you all for helping us with the upkeep of a very important part of our school. Anyone who is also keen to volunteer their time to help with the upkeep of our garden please see Mrs Richards or Miss Berry.

### **Penponds Festival – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

Preparations for the festival are well on their way. We just have a few requests please:



If you would like to run a stall please let Trudy Watts know soonest  
[tawatts@rainbowacademy.org.uk](mailto:tawatts@rainbowacademy.org.uk)

A stall will cost £10 for set-up and then whatever you make is yours.

We are also asking for parent volunteers to be part of a rota system to man the FOPs stalls being set up: Ice Cream; Face Painting; Tombola; Tattoos; Uniform; Cakes; Crafts; Hook the Duck; Lucky Dip

Please let Trudy Watts know if you are interested, which stall and what time slot you would like to help. Each stall will be manned by 2 parents at a time for no more than an hour so you will still have time to enjoy the festival.

Does anyone know where we can borrow a BBQ or knows of a Band that would like to entertain for an hour? Are there any parents who would mind helping set up the gazebos etc on the day? Does anyone have any small prizes they can donate for the lucky dip?



**Little Acorns Request – Tesco Camborne**

Little Acorns has secured the Tesco Community Grant Scheme at the Camborne store, to help with our Communication, Language and Maths Resources. It starts from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 and runs until September. If you shop at Tesco please just collect the blue tokens and put them in the community grant pot that is situated near the entrance.

**Posters:**

National Online Safety – What Parents need to know about Minecraft

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MINECRAFT

AGE RATING

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Minecraft is a beloved classic of modern gaming. First released in 2011, this open-ended 'sandbox' game of building and exploration still has over 140 million players who happily return to play it at least once every month. Minecraft has also been utilised for much more than just entertainment: it's sometimes used in schools to teach children coding, and it's also employed as a tool for computer-aided design, which is another valuable skill. Encouraging creativity and problem solving, Minecraft has plenty to offer gamers of all ages, and it's available on almost all video game platforms.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### PUBLIC SERVERS

Joining a public network (called a server) lets your child potentially interact with strangers through text chat. Some servers focus on building, while others are dedicated to role-playing – encouraging direct player interaction. Anyone can join public servers and connecting to one is relatively simple. Public server IP addresses (and therefore someone's location) are easy to find with search engines.

### GRIEFING

Some people in Minecraft delight in purposefully damaging or destroying another player's creation. This is called 'griefing' and is a form of bullying: it intentionally spoils someone else's experience in the game by deleting hours of their work and forcing them to start from scratch. Many public servers treat griefing as a severe offence and frequently ban offenders.

### ADDICTIVENESS

Minecraft's gameplay is relatively simple, and the outcome (when a child has built something new, for instance) can be extremely gratifying. This can make the game highly addictive. It's easy to lose track of time while playing Minecraft, causing committed young players to forget about other activities like homework or enjoying family time.

### SCARY ELEMENTS

The visual design and gameplay of Minecraft is purposefully child friendly, so there's nothing too untoward in the game. However, some of the 'baddies' that can be encountered might prove a little too scary for very young players. In the game, certain enemies come out at night and are accompanied by audio – such as zombie moans and skeleton bone rattles – that may unnerve young ones.

### ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

After initially buying the game, players can make optional extra purchases for cosmetic items and other bonuses. Minecraft Realms is an optional online subscription (requiring regular payments) that lets users run a multiplayer server to play with their friends. Most games consoles also need an active subscription to enable online play – so online gaming can quickly become an expensive hobby.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

There are a lots of Minecraft content creators who release helpful videos about the game on YouTube and Twitch. Not all of these, however, are suitable for children. Watching these content creators' channels yourself first is a safe way to find appropriate Minecraft videos to share with your children. This also helps you learn more about the game itself, and how your child plays it.

### CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Selecting 'Creative' or 'Peaceful' mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of moaning zombies or creepers damaging your build.

### HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for your child to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given the necessary joining details. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – to ban someone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft.

### ENCOURAGE BREAKS

It's easy for the hours to fly by while your child is playing Minecraft, so reminding them to take regular breaks is essential. This is a useful way for them to learn good time management, which they'll benefit from as they get older. It will also teach them to play their favourite games in moderation – limiting addictive behaviour and allowing them to manage their day better.

### TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone needs to have contact with a stranger online. Talking to your child about online safety, therefore, is essential – as is having a plan in place for dealing with any hostile or difficult strangers. Ensure that your child knows never to tell a stranger about themselves online, and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

## Meet Our Expert

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