



Weekly Newsletter
Autumn 2021 – 3
Friday 1st October 2021

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Trencrom Class

Trencrom class have had a busy week this week. In RE we looked at classical artwork depicting God in various forms, then we had a go at making our own works of art.



Dates for your diary:

Swimming Lessons

Tregonning Class Y5/6

Every Monday afternoon
 starting on 13th September



Tuesday 5th October

Sports4Tots extra-curricular
 club starts for Year1 and 2
 children pre-booked

**Extra-Curricular Clubs (pre-
 booked) postponed/start
 date to be confirmed**

Monday - Mindfulness Art
 Tuesday –Wednesday – Chess
 and Board Games
 Thursday – Book Club
 Thursday – Construction/Lego

Wednesday 6th October

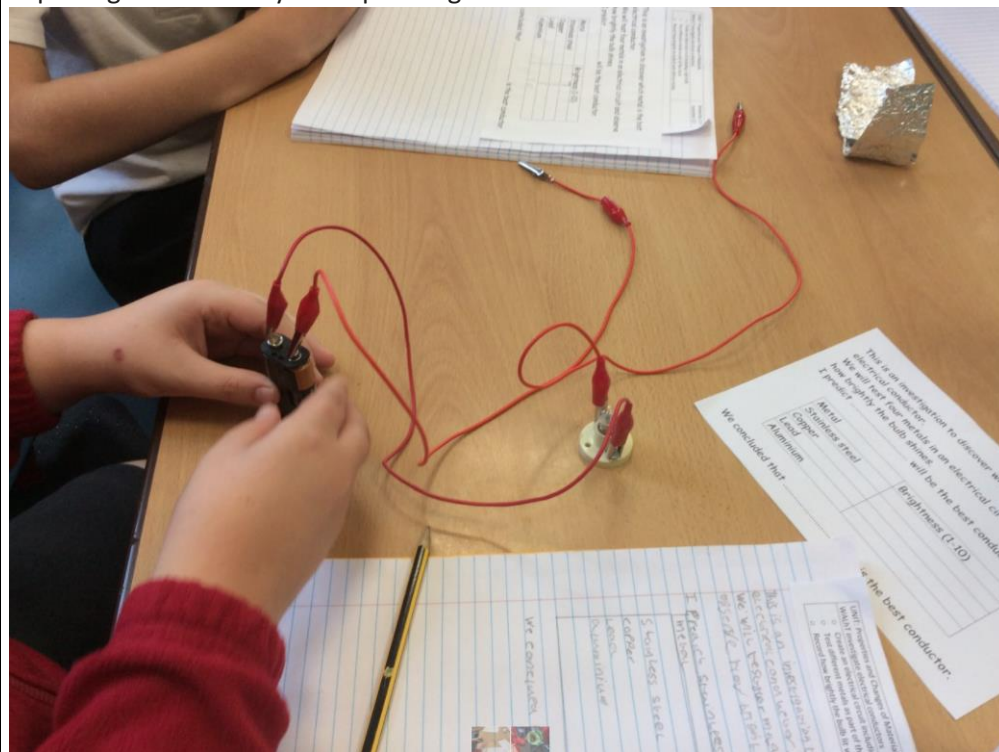
Tregonning and Trencrom
 Class Trip to Royal Cornwall
 Museum
 Parents/carers can pay £9
 voluntary contribution via
 Parentpay

Tuesday 19th October

Godolphin Class Trip to
 Falmouth Maritime Museum
 Parents/carers can pay
 £12.50 voluntary contribution
 via Parentpay

Tregonning Class

It's been another full week in Tregonning. We had our third swimming lesson on Monday and have been able to exercise most afternoons. We have carried on learning about the ancient Greeks: this week looking at their systems of government – a first form of democracy – but no votes for slaves or women! This led to an interesting discussion about whether prisoners in the UK should have the right to vote at elections. In science we are learning about materials and our last two investigations have been evaluating which metals are the best conductors and exploring different ways of separating a mixture of materials.



Half-Term Week

25th – 29th October 2021

Inset Days:

Monday 6th September 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Friday 8th April 2022

Monday 25th July 2022

Tuesday 26th July 2022

Monday 29th November 2021

School will be closed due to a day off in lieu of the extra Bank Holiday which falls in half term.

Attendance this week

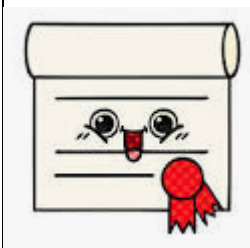
Carn Brea: 95%

Godolphin: 92%

Trencrom – 87%

Tregonning – 83%

Class Teacher Awards



Carn Brea

Orla, Paige, Jessica

Godolphin

Jack, Kelyn, Robert

Trencrom

Sebastian, Joshua, Austin

Tregonning

Ellie, Brody, Gwyddion

Head Teacher Awards



Carn Brea Class

Carn Brea class have been busy taking part in lots of 'Funky Fingers' activities over the last few weeks including Dough Disco, dot painting and using tweezers. We have also spent lots of time practising our scissor skills. These activities are helping us to make the muscles in our fingers nice and strong to help us with writing!



Carn Brea

Robyn

Godolphin

Eden and Kelyn

Trencrom

Esmee and Elijah

Tregonning

Charlie and Kaiden

Quote and Poem this week were contributions to the Cornwall Council Inspire a Generation G7 Cornwall Biodiversity Creative competition

Quote:



Amelia, Age 9

St Frances CofE School

She says:

"I was trying to think of something different that no one else would come up with. I know I wanted to do something to do with icecream because it melts and has that Cornish connection. I hope the G7 leaders listen to the message, because we have lots of lessons on climate change in school and we all need to do our bit. I go on regular litter picks to help my community. I hope I inspire people to follow my lead"

Second-Hand Uniform

Karen Stone has kindly offered to sell second-hand Penponds school uniform to raise money for Penponds School. If you are interested in purchasing please contact her direct on:

karstones@hotmail.com or 07471 471 001

Music Lessons

If your child is interested in music lessons please sign up for lessons at <https://www.cornwallmusicservicetrust.org/signup>

Details on fees can be found at <https://www.cornwallmusicservicetrust.org/fees>

At present we have the following lessons in school:

Mondays - Keyboards – Mr Simon Kneebone, Cornwall Music Service Trust
Tuesdays and Wednesdays – Piano and Singing Kirsty Bailey – contact direct
Fridays - Guitar – Mr Jon Field, Cornwall Music Service Trust

Covid Guidance

KS1 and KS2 children need to arrive at **8.45a.m** and go to their classroom door entrance.

Reception children need to arrive at **8.50a.m** and go to their classroom door entrance.

Staff will be at the door ready to welcome them in.

At the end of the day please collect your child from their classroom entrance apart from Y5/6 (Tregonning class) who will be walked around to the front of the school by the bike shed and will be dismissed from there.

Reception and KS1 will finish at **3.15p.m**. KS2 children finish at **3.20p.m**.

Please collect your child promptly.

Due to the increased number of confirmed Covid cases in Cornwall at present, we would politely ask that parents continue to wear masks at drop off and collection when the school will be very busy and if entering the building for an appointment.

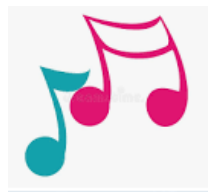
If your child develops a new continuous cough and/or high temperature and/or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia) please do not send them into school and arrange for them to have a PCR test as soon as possible.

PCR tests are advised for all children in Carn Brea Class

There is more information about the return to school from Cornwall Council through the following link.

[Back to school - Cornwall Council](#)

Thank you for your continued support.



Poem:



Edith, Age 7
Constantine Primary

Listen to our World

Nature comes in sizes big and tiny, tall and small.

As you rush past our Cornish hedgerows, only leaving a speck of red, as a robin's breast, slow down as a snail.



Listen to the patter of rain drops, falling on the path and the drops beating like drums.

Acorns fall in Autumn as blossoms bloom in Spring. If the birds don't sing and the rain did not fall, listen to the wind and the gale.

Gaze at glossy daffodil fields, and bold foxglove patches. Pink, purple and white.

Let howling wind blow, like a growling wolf. Let the weather and nature guide you to lands and deserts and soft silky beaches, and wet blue seas. Think of nature, and how we, us humans can help it.

Just wonder, what if it all wasn't here?

Parent Reminders

- Please provide **fruit** for snack at lunchtimes rather than chocolate/biscuit bars
- Please **reverse** into car parking spaces in the car park

Posters for Parents

- National Online Safety – Pokemon Go
- National Online Safety – Social Media
- National Online Safety – Mobile App
- Transfer Secondary School – September 2022
- Starting School – September 2022
- Re-Skilling Cornwall

What Parents Need to Know about POKÉMON GO

AGE RESTRICTION
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Pokémon GO has been among the world's most popular mobile games since its spectacular release in 2016. It's recently enjoyed a resurgence, thanks partly to people combining entertainment and exercise during lockdown. In Pokémon GO – like the Pokémon TV show, trading card series and other video games – players capture, train and battle with their Pokémon creatures: physically exploring locations while using augmented reality via their phone's screen. The game generally provides a positive experience, but there are still some safety concerns to consider.

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

Pokémon GO requires players to visit in-game landmarks like Pokéstops and Gyms. These are often situated at public real-world locations such as churches or post offices. Sometimes, however, they can inadvertently end up being placed in dangerous areas which are unsuitable for children, even when accompanied by an adult: near a construction site or a main road, for example.

STRANGERS & MEETING OFFLINE

Players often cooperate with friends in the game, and there are many online discussion hangouts. As well as sharing tips and info, these groups may arrange to meet offline to catch Pokémon or attend raids (communal events where players flock to the same real-world place for a mass battle). This can put children at risk of being messaged and invited to meet by strangers under the pretence of talking about the game.

DATA COLLECTION

When a player logs into their Pokémon GO account, the game collects personal data about the user and their device. Locations, emails, names, ages and even camera images can all be accessed. What then happens to this information is open to debate. Niantic, the game's developers, maintain that they do not sell user information to third parties – but the fact that they have it at all is a concern, nonetheless.

VISIBLE PROFILES & LOCATION

Pokémon GO players can add each other as 'friends' in the game by sharing their trainer codes. Two trainers who do this can then view each other's information, such as their username. If a username gives any clues to the player's real name or personal details, a stranger may then be able to look them up online. The game also lets users upload images to social media, which could publicly disclose a child's exact location.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

The game uses a currency called Pokécoins, which can be bought for real money (in bundles between £0.79 and £99.99) and exchanged for in-game items such as Pokéballs and berries. It's extremely easy for a child to purchase Pokécoins (even accidentally) if there's a payment method connected to their mobile phone – and possibly rack up a sizeable bill without realising it!

Advice for Parents & Carers

PLAY ALONGSIDE YOUR CHILD

Finding and catching Pokémon with young ones could turn into a great mutual hobby. At 25 years old, it's one of the few games franchises that spans two generations. Enjoying the game together will give you plenty of new things to talk about with your child – and if you played Pokémon in your own childhood, you might impress them with your knowledge of the digital critters!

ENCOURAGE AWARENESS

Remind your child of the physical dangers they could face while catching Pokémon and emphasise staying aware of their surroundings. The game will often alert children (through their phone) when they are close to an interesting Pokémon item – usually sending them excitedly rushing off to find it – so they should never play Pokémon GO near busy roads or in places they don't know well.

DISGUISE THE EXERCISE

One of Pokémon GO's benefits is that it encourages young (and not-so-young!) ones to get exercise outdoors. Some parts of the game can be completed from home, but it's best experienced while walking around your local area. Certain tasks (like visiting Pokéstops) can be repeated every day – and an hour outside having fun catching Pokémon will hardly feel like exercise at all!

USE AN OLDER PHONE

If children use an older phone to play Pokémon GO, then they won't be walking around with their own new device, which could get broken or stolen. Parents are also far less likely to have left a credit card linked to the old mobile. It also means that you can limit the amount of information used to set up an account, and what companies who gain access to your data can do with it.

AGREE PLAY BOUNDARIES

Ensure your child knows where they are (and aren't) allowed to go searching for Pokémon, when they have to be home, and how often they can play the game. Talk to other young Pokémon GO fans' parents or carers to see what boundaries they set for their children. Lunchtimes (if allowed by the school) or after school are ideal times for getting some exercise and catching all those Pokémon!

Meet Our Expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for several years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world: LIFELAD Gaming and GAMINGABLE. Having started gaming at a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work – but, more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



SOURCES: <https://twinkl.co.uk/blog/pokemon-go-safe/>
<https://bleedingcool.com/games/pokemon-go-announces-quality-of-life-updates-for-february-2021/>

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What Parents and Carers Need to Know about ... SOCIAL MEDIA SCAMS

On any social media platform, you'll often come across links to genuine-looking websites. They might include an exclusive offer for one of your favourite shops or invite you to complete a quiz in return for a particular reward. In some cases, clicking on these links takes you to a fake website where you are asked to provide your personal details. The whole enterprise is a ploy to capture sensitive details, such as your email address and password, which the scammers then exploit at your expense.

Phishing for personal details

Here, the attacker tries to lure you into clicking a link by offering something in return, such as a free gift for completing a survey. However, when the link is clicked, it collects the details of whoever fills out the survey. This might include full names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. Scammers could use these to hack into your other accounts or simply sell your data to other criminals.

Malicious app downloads

Some cybercriminals design software that appears genuine or helpful (and is normally free) but has been created to steal your personal information. There may be a pop-up ad encouraging you to download and install the app. Once the app is downloaded, the attacker can see any personal credentials you enter, and could then use this information for their own gain.

Payment-based scams

Prevalent on sites such as Depop, these scams have spread to Facebook since it added the Marketplace feature. A user lists an item for sale and requests payment up front. Most online stores work this way, but the crucial difference is that scammers ask for payment via PayPal friends and family – not goods and services. This means you can't dispute the payment: the scammer keeps your money, and you never receive the item.

Quizzes disguised as rewards

Most quizzes on social media seem harmless, but many come with hidden threats. When you submit your answers, you're also agreeing to terms and conditions which – in some cases – allow the quiz developer to sell your details to third parties. This puts you at greater risk of phishing attacks and spam advertising emails. It might also give the app permission to use information from your profile.

Unshortened URLs

It's common on social media for URLs in posts to be shortened (to meet Twitter's character count, for instance). This may seem harmless, but it opens an avenue of attack for scammers who may be disguising a malicious link as legitimate. These links can install malware on the victim's device, which could lead to passwords being stolen or even be the precursor to ransomware attacks.

Single, impersonal scams

Using a fake corporate social media account, the scammer pretends to be from customer services. When someone complains about customer service on social media, the fake account messages them asking for their name, phone number and email. If the user provides this info, they are directed to a fake website where they enter their login details. The attacker can then steal their credentials or infect their device with malware.

Advice For Parents & Carers

Set strong passwords

Always ensure that your passwords are not easily guessable. Try to use a mix of letters, numbers and special characters so that criminals cannot forcefully get control. You should also change your passwords every so often to provide further protection against your accounts being taken over. If you have any concerns about your account's privacy, change the password.

Review your privacy settings

Regularly review your privacy settings on social media. You can restrict which parts of your profile can be seen and by who. We recommend making your personal information only visible to friends, which will help to limit the information a scammer could find out about you from social media. It's also safest to only accept friend or follow requests from people that you actually know.

Protect your personal information

Never enter personal information on unfamiliar websites. If you were redirected to a site from a social media post or an email link, putting in your personal details could give key information away to a scammer. Fraudsters may pose as someone you know to try and get your address or bank details (or your family's). If this happens, block the user and tell your family, so the scammer can't try to deceive anyone else.

Avoid opening suspicious emails

When you get an email, always check the sender's address before opening it. If it's an unexpected email and the sender is a stranger, mark it as junk (in case they try again in future) and simply delete it. They could be a scammer who's simply seen your email address on your social media profile. Being aware of phishing attacks is the primary method of defence against scam emails like this.

Choose trusted download sources

Don't download apps or files from unknown sites – instead, use verified and trustworthy sources (such as Google Play or the App Store for download to mobile devices). You can recognise safe sources by their trust seals. The browser address bar on a secure site starts 'https' instead of 'http'. A shield or lock symbol in the address bar also indicates that a site is secure.

Install anti-virus software

Another key tip is to ensure that you have robust and reliable virus protection installed on any of your devices that support it. Anti-virus programmes will help to protect you against cyber-attacks by blocking any malicious downloads or detecting any recently downloaded malware and removing it. Update your virus protection software regularly and carry out frequent scans of your device.

Meet Our Expert

Formed in 2016, Kryptokloud provides cyber security and resilience solutions to its customers. With offices in the UK, the company offers managed service operational packages including cyber security monitoring and testing, risk audit, threat intelligence and incident response.



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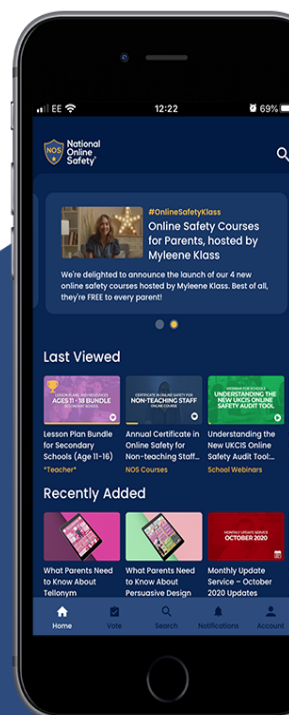
National Online Safety Mobile App

It's time to get **#OnlineSafetySavvy**.

Children are spending more time than ever online. As adults, we need to do everything we can to keep them safe in the digital world. But with new apps, games and platforms emerging every day, how can you stay in the know?

Say hello to the new National Online Safety mobile application. Created by experts, developed by us. With all online safety knowledge available at your fingertips, the NOS app empowers parents and teachers to understand and address online safeguarding risks – any time, anywhere.

The world's most comprehensive online safety app, it's packed with insightful courses, explainer videos, webinars and guides on topics that will help you protect the kids you care about when they're online.



Applying for a secondary school place for September 2022

Special Educational Needs

If an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan has been issued for your child you do not need to complete an application form. Please contact the Statutory SEN Service for more information: Tel: 01872 324242 Email: statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk

1 Decide on your preferred schools

You are strongly advised to name **three** preferences on the application form. **Naming a second or third preference does not give you any less chance of getting a place at your preferred school.** When making your decision you should...

...think about **how your child will get to school.** Go to www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport for more information on whether your child would be entitled to transport to school.

...look at the **admission arrangements** on our website that will be used to allocate places for each school.

...consider naming your **nearest or designated school** as one of your preferences. You can find your nearest or designated school on our website.

...look at the detailed **admissions information** on our website, also available on request.

2 Submit your application by 31 October 2021

Apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

3 Wait to find out which school you have been allocated

If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 1 March 2022. Apply on time!** Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.

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The deadline for applications is **31 October 2021**

Transfer to secondary school September 2022

Applying for a place in year seven at a secondary school

Information and guidance

Website and application form: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk

Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY

Telephone: 0300 1234 101

Need help with your application?

Contact the Family Information Service on 0800 587 8191



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Applying for a reception class place for September 2022

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2 Submit your application by 15 January 2022

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If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 19 April 2022. Apply on time!** Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.

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The deadline for applications is **15 January 2022**

Starting school September 2022

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018

Attending a nursery or pre-school

You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that if a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

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