



# Weekly Newsletter

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**This week's focus:** School Trips to King Edward Mine and Penlee House

## King Edward Mine – Tregonning Class Trip

Tired, excited and interested were the words to describe me on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February. I had never been to a mining site before and was interested to see what it was like. Arriving at school I could see my class milling about, happily chatting about what was to come. We read for a while, until the 53 seater coach arrived to whisk us to King Edward Mine. The mine was only 5 minutes away, so the coach trip didn't drag. It was a rather beautiful sight when we arrived.



One of the guides sat us down on wobbly stools to give us an introduction. Some rocks and tin were passed around, including iron pyrite (more commonly recognised as Fool's gold). Then we were sorted into two groups. My group went to the mill first. It was quite a walk, but it was worth it. First we saw stamps which were very interesting. The miners used these to crush the ore. Next, we saw the water wheel. It was very large. No-one thought it could get any better, until our guide turned it on! After being reluctantly dragged away from the wheel, we saw the shaking table. Water playfully bounced down the yellow table, splashing the people close to it. On and on we went past marvellous machines, until we got to the museum. Noting the last thing I saw, some headgear, I stepped inside. Our guide gave us each a sheet and we had to complete it.

Finally, it was lunchtime. Mine was enjoyable, especially when we were allowed to play for a few minutes. Then it was time for the challenge. We all had to build some

## Dates for your diary:

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**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March**  
NEXUS Maths Masterclass  
8.55am

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March** Choir  
after school next week  
**cancelled**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March**  
Godolphin Class trip to  
Newquay Aquarium

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March** –  
World Book Day  
celebrations – dress up day  
and Snuggledown at 6pm  
**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March** –  
Taste the World/Rainbow  
Choices for Class 3 in the  
Hall

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**11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> March** – British  
STEM week

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March** –  
Shoobox Racer Competition

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March** –  
Cornwall Records Office Trip  
– Trecrom and Tregonning  
Classes

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March** –  
Science Adventures Show –  
in the Hall

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**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March**  
NEXUS Maths Masterclass  
8.55am

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** –  
Parent meetings

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** –  
Parent meetings

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**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March** – RMat  
Gala Performance at The  
Regal Theatre, Redruth

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**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April**  
NEXUS Maths Masterclass  
8.55am





headgear out of newspaper and put rocks on it, in teams. Ours was terrible. The structure was all wobbly and it almost broke. Oh well. This was a really good trip. By Jasmine

#### Penlee House – Trencrom School Trip

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February Class 3 went to Newlyn. First we got on the bus and travelled to Newlyn. It took about 45 minutes to get there. Then we arrived at Newlyn gallery and museum. When we got out of the bus there was a huge building, we walked down the path and we all walked inside. They told us where to go and put our bags away. Once we put our bags away we walked up a staircase. It was a nice staircase. Once we had got up the staircase we followed our guides. We followed them into a room with paintings on every inch of the walls. They told us to sit down in neat rows, then they talked to us about staying safe in the gallery. Then



**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April** – Last Day for children

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April** – INSET day – no children in school

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** – First day back for children

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April** – Beach Safety talk in the Hall

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April** – Pasty Day – pasties for lunch to celebrate Trevithick Day

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April** – Trevithick Day, Camborne

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April**

NEXUS Maths Masterclass 8.55am

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April** – Class 3 swimming (morning session) replacing lesson on 21<sup>st</sup> January.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** – Bank Holiday

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

NEXUS Maths Masterclass 8.55am

**13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> May** – SATs week for Year 6

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May** – Half-term holiday

**3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> June** – Trencrom Class - Camp at Eden

**2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> July** – RMAT London Trip – Tregonning Class

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July** – Penponds Family Festival

**15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> July** – Work Experience Students in school

**15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July** – Transition Days for Year 6 at CSIA

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July** – last day for children



they asked us about what we were learning about in school. Then an old woman came in. We all thought she was just a visitor but she wasn't, she said she was Betsy. No-one knew who she was at first but then she told us all about how they used to fish back then. How they used to catch pilchards and all different types of fish.



After that she told us about fishing history. We looked at relics of old pots, bowls and hot water bottles. After that we went to go and have lunch and the place we had lunch in used to be a nursery. Once we had lunch we walked back to the bus

and we went to the fishing port of Newlyn. Once we got to the harbour we went into the fishing office and listened to a man named Lionel. He showed us how all the



fish get scanned. Then we went into a big freezer where they stored all the fish: dogfish; mackerel; haddock and a lot more. After we finished seeing all the fish we went outside to the ice works and Lionel told us that the ice works made 1,000 tons a day. When he had finished telling us about the iceworks Lionel told us how they catch the fish that hide on the sea bed. Then he told us to follow him to show us how they kept all the boats safe. Then we went to where they kept the smaller boats and to our surprise we found a huge anchor that one of the boats found while they were fishing. It had a lot of barnacles on it and some fish scales. After that we said thank you to Lionel and went on the bus back to school.

By Vincent

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July – INSET Day**

**First day back for children:**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

**INSET DAYS 2019/2010**

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020

**Attendance and Awards for this week:**

**Attendance %:**

**Carn Brea:** 96.67%

**Godolphin:**

**Y1 –** 93.46%

**Y2 –** 94.44%

**Trencrom –** 97.46%

**Tregonning –** 97.44%

**Attendance Trophy:**

Trencrom Class

**Awards:**

**Top Table:** Elijah A, Jasmine C, Elffin, Erin

**Carn Brea:** Eli, Isobel, Zara

**Godolphin:**

**Y1 –** Maisy, Piran, Joshua, Abbie

**Y2 –** Brody, Issie, Freya B, Erin

**Trencrom –** Harry, Eloise, Emily

**Tregonning –** Trystan, Megan,

**Headteacher –** Amy, TJ, Mylo, Daniel, Charlie, Kaira, Isobel

**Maths –** Janise, Vincent, Lilly, Lily Dennis

### Choir – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Choir after school next week on **Tuesday 5th March has had to be cancelled** due to other commitments. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

### Football club



As we are now rehearsing for the Rainbow MAT evening of Song and Dance, there will be **no more Monday after school football club for this half term.**

### National apprentice week



On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March we have been lucky enough to have secured the services of 5 apprentices from Port Pendennis to help with various gardening jobs around the school. They are going to be working in our allotment area and poly tunnel all

day laying paths and weeding/getting the area ready for growing. If anyone could donate any of the following to help it would be greatly appreciated:

- Old car tyres
- Any unwanted plants or gardening equipment
- Any old patio slabs
- Unused Weed membrane
- Stone/wood edging for paths.

Many thanks, Mr Richards.

### Physical Education

PE (Physical Education) is an important part of the National Curriculum therefore it is essential that your child has the correct PE kit in school at all times so that they can participate in their weekly PE lessons.

To support us with teaching your child PE, please can you make sure your child has the correct PE kit, all clearly labelled with their name, in a drawstring bag. This needs to be sent into school at the beginning of each term. It will be sent home by the class teacher at the end of the half term to be washed. 'I forgot my PE kit', is not an acceptable excuse for missing PE, neither is having a cold. Children will only be exempt from a PE lesson if parents contact the school beforehand either through class dojo/email, the reading record or a short note.

In your child's PE kit, they should have the following items;

- \*White T-shirt
- \*Red/Black shorts
- \*Black/Grey jogging bottoms or tracksuit
- \*Red school jumper or fleece
- \*Plimsolls/Trainers.

### Quote of the week:



Also all children should have a drinks bottle. We are able to supply these in school.

Prior to participating in a PE lesson, all jewellery must be removed or covered as this could cause a hazard in the PE lesson. Ideally your child should leave the jewellery at home on their PE days. If they are unable to remove earrings, they need to cover them with micro pore tape.

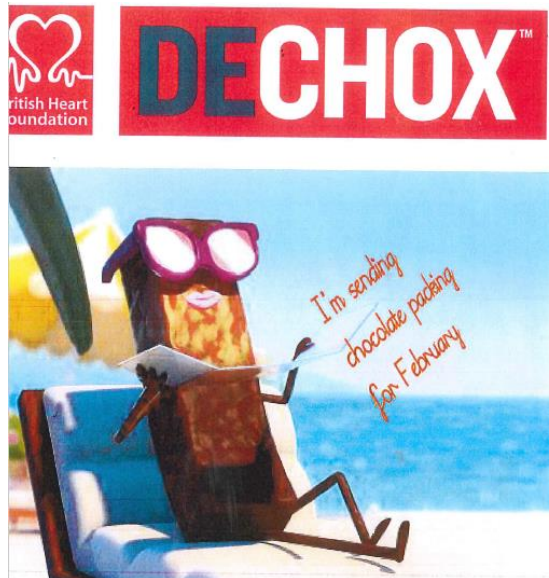
Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Trudy Watts

#### **British Heart Foundation and Cancer Research**

I am raising money for the British Heart Foundation and Cancer Research by giving up chocolate and exercising every day in February and March. Please support me by donating to these worthwhile charities. There will be a collection pot in the office if you wish to donate or visit my fundraising page on Facebook. Thank you.

Mrs Trudy Watts



Trevada Music's Camborne store will once again be taking part in the National Learn To Play Day on Saturday 23rd March. We will be offering free taster lessons in our store throughout the day.



Lessons are available to adults and children of any age with the chance to try Guitar, Violin, Piano, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Oboe, Bassoon, Trumpet, Cornet, Flugel Horn, Tenor Horn, Baritone Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba and Drums!! Instruments will be provided where needed.

If you or anyone you know has ever wanted to have a go at a particular instrument then here is your chance to try for FREE with a qualified tutor.

Please book your slot early to avoid disappointment by calling 01209 714353 with your chosen instrument and your contact details.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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### Karate Lessons at Troon Church Hall

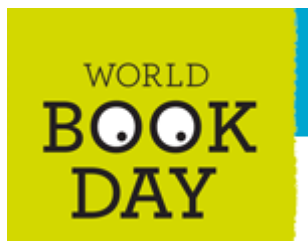


Karate Lessons available every Tuesday and Thursday at Troon Church Hall, from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

£2 per child. This is a family run club, established for 30 years. Grades and Competitions. Contact: Mr David Trescothick on 01209 710 940.



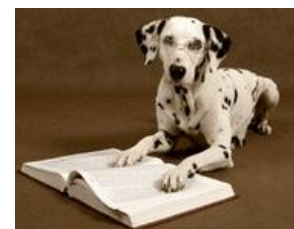
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## World Book Day Events at Penponds School

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019** (it is a day early at our school!)

- ❖ Dress up as your favourite book character - bring in 50p donation for Book Aid.
- ❖ Storyteller and actor John Brolly will be visiting all classes throughout the day.
- ❖ Children can bring in their favourite book to share.
- ❖ Take part in the 'We Love Reading' photo competition. Bring in a photograph of yourself enjoying a good read in the most



imaginative place and win a prize! (*All named entries handed into your class teacher by the closing date Wednesday 6th March.*)

- ❖ Cosy up for a snuggle down story time. Come back to school from 6pm – 7:30pm in your pyjamas, bring a blanket and a teddy for a bedtime story hot chocolate will be provided too!



- ❖ Watch 'story craft' video clips on [www.worldbookday.com](http://www.worldbookday.com) and discover how authors create their stories and share writing tips with you.
- ❖ Spend your free national book token on one of the free reads or put it towards another book choice.
- ❖ Start to read books from the 25 books to share book lists for each year group, read or share 10 books from the lists **during the year** and claim a prize! (Children to tick the books they have read with a parents signature and date.)

Thank-you for your support, if there are any queries ask Miss Souch

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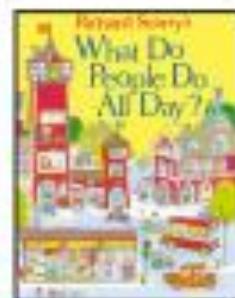
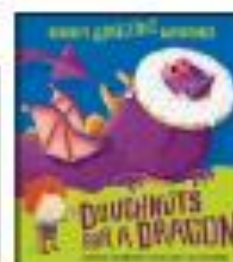
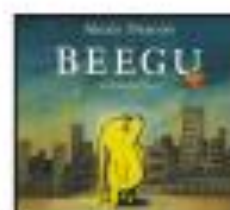
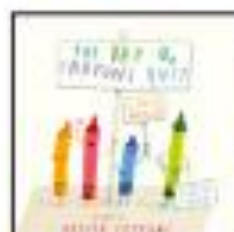
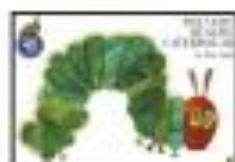
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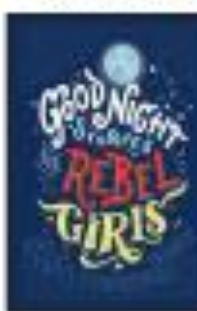
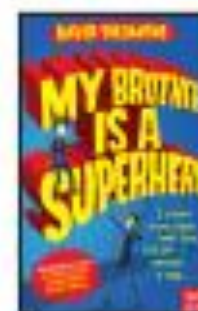
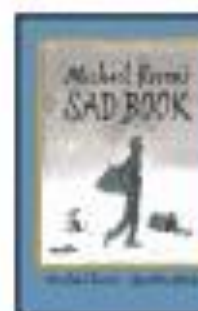
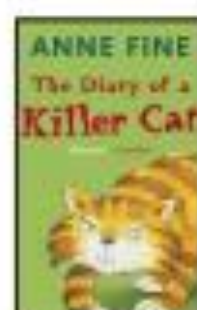
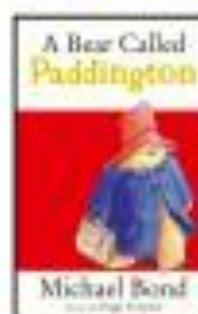
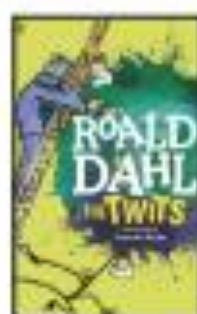
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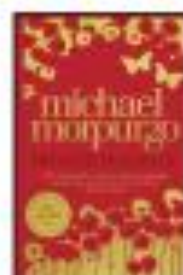
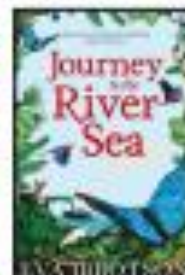
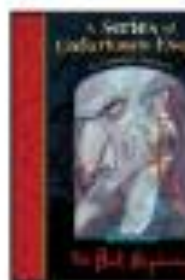
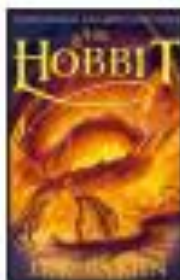
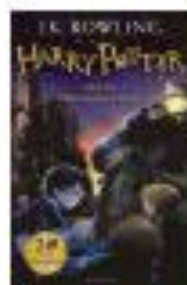
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9-12 YEAR OLDS





Join our memory walk  
[www.chsw.org.uk/mmw](http://www.chsw.org.uk/mmw)

For the first time we're inviting men to walk too!



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## 10th anniversary Moonlight memory walk

Making memories together with every step

Saturday 30 March 2019 ☺ Falmouth ☺ 9.30pm

Entry only £10  
includes T-shirt, goody bag and medal



Our five mile sponsored Moonlight Memory Walk is an uplifting night out where we remember our loved ones and join together for a special candle lit ceremony. The ceremony allows walkers an opportunity to reflect, remember and celebrate the lives of loved ones.

By taking part and fundraising in memory of your loved one, you'll be supporting local families, helping them to create their own precious memories that will last a lifetime.

Can't make the evening? There are other ways you can get involved and still be part of this special event. Please visit our website for details.

To sign up please visit [www.chsw.org.uk/mmw](http://www.chsw.org.uk/mmw)  
or call 01726 871 800

Join us on our Facebook event page for more information



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It's important to note that new challenges are arising on the internet all the time. We have created to this guide to raise awareness of the issue and offer advice on helping parents to talk to their children about making safer decisions online. See also our '7 conversation starters' guide for more tips on better communication with your child.



Momo is a sinister 'challenge' that has been around for some time. It has recently resurfaced and once again has come to the attention of schools and children across the country. Dubbed the 'suicide killer game', Momo has been heavily linked with apps such as Facebook, WhatsApp, YouTube, and most recently (and most worryingly)... YouTube Kids. The scary doll-like figure reportedly sends graphic violent images, and asks users to partake in dangerous challenges like waking up at random hours and has even been associated with self-harm. It has been reported that the 'Momo' figure was originally created as a sculpture and featured in an art gallery in Tokyo and unrelated to the 'Momo' challenge we are hearing about in the media.

What parents need to know about

# MOMO



## CHILDREN'S VIDEOS BEING 'HIJACKED'

There have been recent reports that some seemingly innocent videos on YouTube and YouTube Kids (such as 'surprise eggs', unboxing videos and Minecraft videos) have been edited by unknown sources to include violence provoking and/or other inappropriate content. Even though YouTube monitor and remove videos that include inappropriate content, clips can be uploaded and viewed thousands of times before they get reported and removed. As a parent, it's difficult to spot these videos as the harmful content doesn't appear until partway through the video.

## DISTRESSING FOR CHILDREN

Popular YouTubers and other accounts have been uploading reaction videos, showing their experience of the MOMO challenge. Some of the videos include a disclosure message warning that the content may be "inappropriate or offensive to some audiences" and that "viewer discretion is advised" but these videos are still easily accessed by clicking 'I understand and wish to proceed'. The image of the 'Momo' character can be deeply distressing to children and young people and it's important to note that it may slip through parental settings and filters.

## SUGGESTED VIDEOS ON YOUTUBE

Video apps such as YouTube include an 'up next' feature which automatically starts playing another video based on the video just watched. Due to YouTube's algorithm, users are shown 'suggested videos' that they may be interested in. The thumbnails used on suggested videos are purposefully created in a way to encourage viewers to click them. During our research, we found that when watching one Momo related video, we were shown countless other Momo themed videos and other scary content which would be age-inappropriate for children under 18.



**National  
Online  
Safety**

## Top Tips for Parents

### TELL THEM IT'S NOT REAL

Just like any urban legend or horror story, the concept can be quite frightening and distressing for young people. Whilst this may seem obvious, it's important for you to reiterate to your child that Momo is not a real person and cannot directly harm them! Also, tell your child to not go openly searching for this content online as it may only cause more distress.

### BE PRESENT

It's important for you, as a parent or carer, to be present while your children are online. This will give you a greater understanding of what they are doing on their devices, as well as providing you with the opportunity to discuss, support and stop certain activities that your child may be involved in. As the nature of each task becomes progressively worse it's also important to recognise any changes in your child's behaviour.

### TALK REGULARLY WITH YOUR CHILD

As well as monitoring your child's activity, it's important for you to discuss it with them too. Not only will this give you an understanding of their online actions, but those honest and frequent conversations will encourage your child to feel confident to discuss issues and concerns they may have related to the online world.

### DEVICE SETTINGS & PARENTAL CONTROLS

Ensure that you set up parental controls for your devices at home. This will help to restrict the types of content that your child can view, as well as help you to monitor their activity. In addition to this, it's vital that you are aware of your device and account settings to ensure your child's utmost safety. For example, on YouTube you can turn off 'suggested auto-play' on videos to stop your child from viewing content that they have not directly selected.

### PEER PRESSURE

Trends and viral challenges can be tempting for children to take part in; no matter how dangerous or scary they seem. Make sure you talk to your child about how they shouldn't succumb to peer pressure and do anything they are not comfortable with, online or offline. If they are unsure, encourage them to talk to you or another trusted adult.

### REAL OR HOAX?

As a parent it is natural to feel worried about certain things you see online that may be harmful to your child. However, not everything you see online is true. Check the validity of the source and be mindful of what you share as it may only cause more worry.

### REPORT & BLOCK

You can't always rely on parental controls to block distressing or harmful material. People find ways around a platform's algorithm in order to share and promote this type of material. Due to this, we advise that you flag and report any material you deem to be inappropriate or harmful as soon as you come across it. You should also block the account/content to prevent your child from viewing it. Also encourage your child to record/screenshot any content they feel could be malicious to provide evidence in order to escalate the issue to the appropriate channels.

### FURTHER SUPPORT

Speak to the safeguarding lead within your child's school should you have any concerns regarding your child's online activity or malicious content that could affect them.

If your child sees something distressing, it is important that they know where to go to seek help and who their trusted adults are. They could also contact Childline where a trained counsellor will listen to anything that's worrying them.

The Childline phone number is  
0800 1111.



**SOURCES:**  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-news-14022794>  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-4725622>





# 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 reusable water bottle and entry to the sanctuary.

To register, please head to [www.visitsealife.com/gweek](http://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.**

The Cornish Seal Sanctuary is a © SEA LIFE Trust Sanctuary. SEA LIFE Trust is a charity registered in England & Wales (1175859) and company limited by guarantee (10833915); SLT Sanctuary Trading Limited (1160544) is a limited company; all are registered at Link House, 25 West Street, Poole, BH15 1LD. [www.sealifetrust.org](http://www.sealifetrust.org)



# Communication

wea.org.uk

## 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

either online at

wea.org.uk or by ringing

0300 303 3464

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10am - 1pm

# TECH JAM



at Headforwards, top floor, Opie Building  
to celebrate Raspberry Pi 7th Birthday

It has been 7 years since the launch of the small computer that is changing the face of software education around the world. 10s of millions of these have been sold. If you have never seen one then come along and have a go, for free, and join in the world wide party. Loads coding activities and cakes!

Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

We have 20 Raspberry Pi computers enabling you to experiment with and learn how to:

Program Robots, Code into Minecraft, Compose Music with Sonic-Pi, Launch Rockets, Control Traffic Lights, MeArm Robotic Arms, BBC MicroBits and more.



for directions see [cornwalltechjam.uk](http://cornwalltechjam.uk)



# Cornwall Horn Festival 2019

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March & Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, Truro

led by  
**Jacqueline Kershaw**

and historic horn specialist  
**Anneke Scott**



**Workshops  
Masterclasses  
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