



**Newsletter 1  
Summer 2023  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023**

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**'Cornwall my Home'**

What an amazing start to the summer term?! On Tuesday we had a day to celebrate our Cornish Heritage in preparation for Trevithick Day, and what better way to do so than to focus the day on the song 'Cornwall my Home' written by Harry Glasson.

We started the day with a whole school assembly to learn all about the history of Richard Trevithick and why we celebrate Trevithick Day in this part of Cornwall. We looked at how Penponds support and take part in Trevithick Day, with our older children joining in the traditional dance through the streets and by the school entering a display competition. This year we decided to focus our display on the song 'Cornwall My Home' written by Harry Glasson. During assembly, we listened to a recording of Cornish a cappella shanty male voice choir, Oll an Gwella, singing 'Cornwall My Home' and we picked out the imagery from the lyrics in the song.

Each class, then spent the morning taking part in art workshops, looking at specific lyrics from the song and responding to them through an array of art mediums.

**Carn Brea class** looked at Chapel Carn Brea and using their collaging skills to make a 3D model of the chapel.

*First thing in the morning, on Chapel Carn Brea  
To gaze at the Scillies in the blue far away*



**Godolphin class** looked at Newlyn Harbour and designed and modelled a whole fishing fleet using recycled materials and papier mâché.

*I've stood on Cape Cornwall in the sun's evening glow  
On Chywoone Hill at Newlyn to watch the fishing fleets go*

**Diary Dates:**

**Reminder:**

Extra-curricular clubs start on  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April until 4pm

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April**  
Vision Screening for  
Reception Children

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April**  
Trevithick Day – Camborne

**Bank Holiday**  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May

**Bank Holiday**  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June**  
School Photos – Group  
Photographs only – Classes  
and Year 6

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June**  
RMAT Rainbow Run

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

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June**  
Global Boarders Surf Day –  
Trencrom Class

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June and  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June  
– 1 night**  
Porthpean Residential –  
Trencrom Class

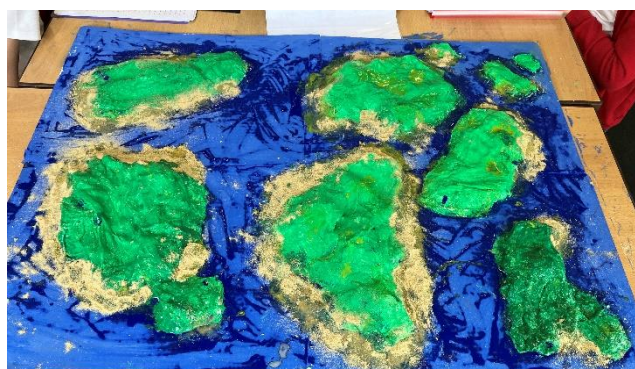
**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June**  
Global Boarders Surf Day –  
Tregonning Class





**Trencrom class** worked in different groups looking at Sennen Cove and the Isles of Scilly. They painted Sennen Cove using water colour, made a 3D model of the Isles of Scilly, using newspaper and mod-roc and even managed to squeeze in writing some travel guides about the islands too!

*'I've left childish footsteps in the soft Sennen sand' 'To gaze at the Scillies in the blue far away'*



**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July**  
Choir to Memory Cafe

**3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> July**  
Bikeability for Tregonning Class

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July**  
Summer Family Festival



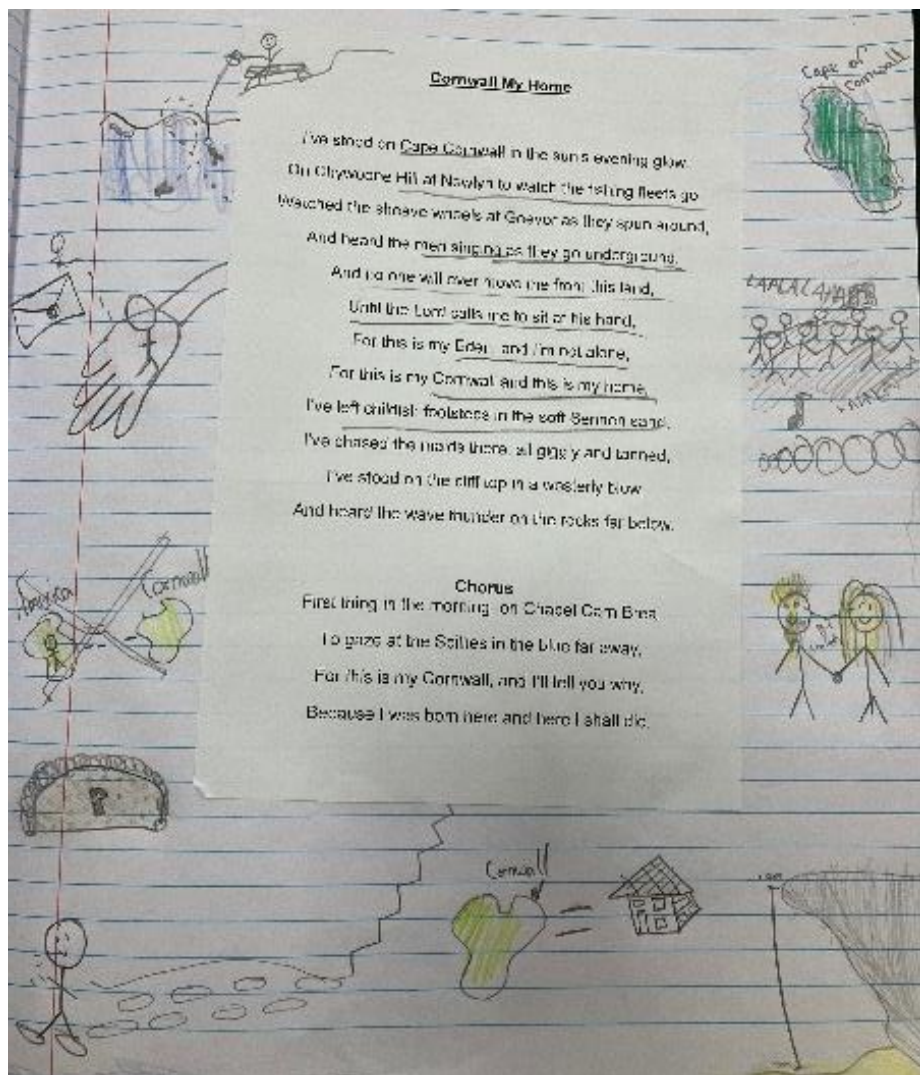
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July**  
Rock Steady Concert

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July**  
Last Day of Summer Term

**Inset Days:**  
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

**Extra Bank Holiday for King's Coronation**  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023





## Attendance week ending Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April:

**Carn Brea:** 94%

**Godolphin:** 99%

**Trencrom:** 97%

**Tregonning:** 98%

Well done to Godolphin  
Class for best attendance

## Class Awards this week



**Carn Brea:**  
Skye, Riley, Saffron

**Godolphin:**  
Eden, Robyn J, Joseph

**Trencrom:**  
Keegan, Holly, Isobel

**Tregonning:**  
Finnley, Freya D, Indie-Rae

## Headteacher's Awards this week



**Carn Brea:** Gracie

**Godolphin:** Loccy

**Trencrom:** Maddie, Hermione

**Tregonning:** Emily Q

**Tregonning class** also worked in different groups looking at Geevor Tin Mine. The children used willow withies to build a 3D model of the Geevor mine, and different sketching techniques to draw it. They also took part in a class 'response to reading' where they listened to the song 'Cornwall my Home' and responded through drawing.

*Watched the sheave wheels at Geevor as they spun around  
And heard the men singing as they go underground*

In the afternoon, we were visited by Oll an Gwella, (Cornish for 'all the best') the Cornish acapella male voice shanty choir that we had listened to in assembly in the morning, and each class took part in music workshops with them learning the songs 'Cornwall My Home', 'Trelawney' and 'Camborne Hill'. Members of our school and local community joined us later in the afternoon and we all enjoyed a delicious Cornish Community Tea outside, whilst being entertained with an open-air concert from Oll an Gwella and then a combined choir of the children an Oll an Gwella singing the songs they had learnt in the workshops. A massive thank you to the amazing Oll an Gwella for giving us their time!

The Friends of Penponds (FOPS) ensured there was a tasty Cornish spread and items were sold to raise money for the amazing charities Penhaligon's Friends and



Cornwall Blood Bikes. A huge thank you to the FOPS.

Finally, we are so proud to announce that all your kindness and support has resulted in raising a staggering £500 for Penhaligon's Friends and Cornwall Blood Bikes, which is just the cherry on top! All in all, it's safe to say the day was a great success. A heartfelt thank you to all who were able to come along and help raise money for these worthwhile charities, all while the children learnt about their Cornish heritage and much, much more! You can scan to view a video on You Tube.



## Quote:

If confusion is the first step to knowledge, I must be a genius.



## Poem:

### Confusing Illusions

When the ground is sky  
and the sky is ground  
and the illusions are all  
coming,  
That's poetry to me.





### More budding book makers at Penponds!

Hermione and Maddie have made an activity book all about Space for younger children! The book includes 'Dot to Dot', 'Sentence Jumbled', 'Spot the Difference' and much more. We have made copies of the book so it is ready to be shared. Well done to you both!



### Published Author at Penponds!

Amazing news!

We now have a published author at Penponds School!

Freya Dickenson has written her own book and had it published.

### Three Dragons of Element.

It is now on sale on Amazon, so if you've just finished your book or fancy a change - try out Freya's first Novel - it's a real page turner!

Follow the link:

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B0C2S7N7VZ/ref=mp\\_s\\_a\\_1\\_4?crid=1XS9R547MCGJJ&keywords=three+dragons+of+element&qid=1681921988&prefix](https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B0C2S7N7VZ/ref=mp_s_a_1_4?crid=1XS9R547MCGJJ&keywords=three+dragons+of+element&qid=1681921988&prefix)

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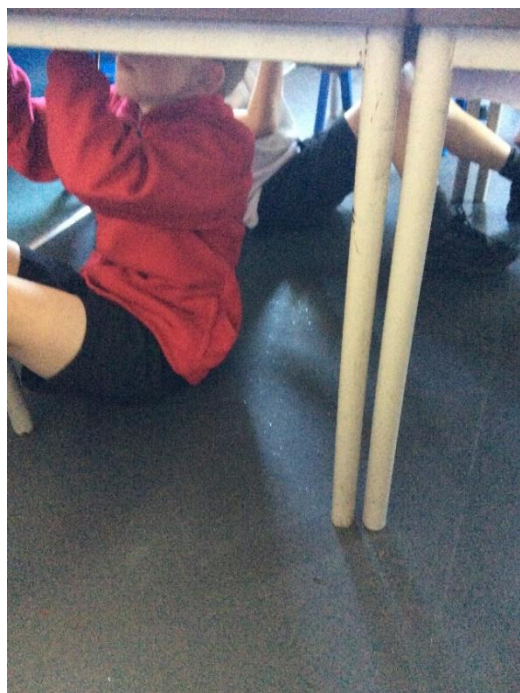
Freya has always written comics which we have printed and sold at school, but now she is writing novels! Congratulations to Freya and well done, what an amazing accomplishment!





## Trencrom Class – ‘Stone Age to Iron Age’

It has been an exciting start to Trencrom class's new topic this week. This term, our topic is 'Stone Age to Iron Age'. We have been investigating artifacts from this time period and we even turned our classroom into Stone Age caves and created cave art, just like the people in the stone age.



### Reminder:

Please ensure the one-way system is respected at all times when using the front school car park. There have been two reports of cars driving out of the entrance rather than using the exit this week. Thanks

### Gates:

You may have noticed that changes have been made to the gates onto the school site this week. The side gate which leads onto Higher Penponds Road is no longer an electronic gate. This gate will open each day between 8:40am and 9:10am and 3:10pm and 3:25pm. At all other times the car park gate should be used to gain access to the school.

Both grey exit release buttons, that controlled the gates, have also been disconnected. If you are on the school site during school hours and need to exit the site, you will now need to go to the car park gate, ring the buzzer and Mrs Wood will open the gate electronically from the warmth of her office 😊

Save the date!

