



Weekly Newsletter

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This week's focus: Fossil Workshop in Trecrom class



On Wednesday 9th October Class 3 had a fossil workshop. Lesley from King Edward Mine was the person who came in to do the workshop with us. There were five things to do. The first one was sketching a T-Rex skull. The T-Rex skull was a replica. The next activity was the cabinet of curiosities. There were lots of rocks and fossils and different types of amber. We had sheets to write and draw the rocks and fossils we picked up. The next activity was looking at fossils. There were lots of types of rocks and fossils and a big piece of Amber. Also we located different dinosaurs in different countries. Back then in dinosaur time all the land was connected. Next was the last activity in the



Dates for your diary:

Monday 15th October – Newquay Zoo – Carn Brea Class

Monday 15th October – Year 1 Hearing Screening Check

Monday 15th October – NEXUS Maths Masterclass 8.55am

Tuesday 16th October – Daily mile event for Cornwall Council at Par. Trecrom and Tregonning class.

Thursday 18th October – Halloween Disco – 6-7.30pm. Tickets on the door for £2per child which includes a hot dog

Friday 19th October – Create and Paint at Portreath for Tregonning Class

Half-term:

22-26th Oct 2018

Tuesday 30th October – Royal Cornwall Museum trip for Tregonning Class
Tuesday 30th October – Parent Meetings 3.30-6.30pm

Thursday 1st November – Parent Meetings 3.30-5.30pm

Monday 5th November – NEXUS Maths Masterclass 8.55am

Monday 12th November – School Photographs – Portraits and Siblings

Monday 19th November – NEXUS Maths Masterclass 8.55am

morning. It was asking Lesley facts about fossils. There were lots of facts about fossils and different types of species of dinosaur. In the afternoon we made badges. There were fossil badges, dinosaur badges and lots more. Next we did posters of our favourite fossils. Finally we pretended to be geologists and uncovered a



footprint. It looks like fun being a geologist. Quite a few people wanted to be a geologist. The workshop was for the whole day and everyone's hands got very dirty so we had to wash them about three times. **By Vincent and Lily**

Camborne Youth Conference visit to County Hall, Truro

On Friday 12th October the school council and learning ambassadors went to County Hall, Truro. Firstly, we arrived and made our way to the Forum room. We sat down with some other schools and listened to an introduction, followed by two presentations/speeches. Then we had a quick 15 minute break including juice and a chat. Next we headed back to the Forum and listened to three other speeches and question time. Finally, we had



lunch and half-way through **Alice and Ruby were interviewed by Radio**

Cornwall which will be aired this Saturday morning between 7am and 8am.

We came back to school at about 1.30pm and finished the day. Please listen to us tomorrow morning! Well done to our new Learning Ambassadors of Ben Hoccom, Ben Green and Kiera Negus.



Football Matches

On Friday 5th October Penponds School played Gwinear School in a boys' football match at home. Gwinear kicked off but got tackled and gave the ball away and Penponds went up and scored. The end score was 7-0 to Penponds. We all played well but the one who stood out was Piran Ellis who was player of the match. **By Jake and Alex C**

Monday 3rd December –
NEXUS Maths

Masterclass 8.55am

Monday 3rd December –
to Friday 7th December –

Parent Free Zone
12-1pm Christmas
present wrapping
service. Please could
any parents able to help
let Mrs Wood know.

Friday 7th December –
Penponds School
Christmas Concert at
Wesley Chapel 6pm for
6.30pm start

Friday 14th December –
Penponds Tree Lighting
6-6.30pm

Monday 17th December
– NEXUS Maths
Masterclass 8.55am

Wednesday 19th
December – Last day of
school for children

Wednesday 19th
December – Camborne
Lantern Parade

Inset Days:

Thursday 20th December
2018

Monday 7th January
2019

Tuesday 8th January
2019 – first day back for
children

Monday 28th January –
NEXUS Maths
Masterclass 8.55am

Monday 11th February–
NEXUS Maths
Masterclass 8.55am

Monday 4th March
NEXUS Maths
Masterclass 8.55am

Monday 18th March
NEXUS Maths
Masterclass 8.55am

Monday 1st April
NEXUS Maths
Masterclass 8.55am

Monday 29th April
NEXUS Maths
Masterclass 8.55am



Gina, Alice, Amy, Hollie, Jessica and Ellena took part in a girls' football match against Gwinear School. Gina scored 3 goals, Amy scored 2 and Alice scored 3. We played very well as a team. Each player made a difference to the match. Jessica was Player of the Match. Gwinear played quite well but the end score was 8-0 to us. By Gina Eastman



Topic Homework

Look at these fantastic models of the Temple of Zeus for topic homework from Tregonning Class. Well done, everyone!

Monday 13th May

NEXUS Maths

Masterclass 8.55am

Friday 12th July 2019 –

Penponds Family Festival

Attendance:

Carn Brea: 100%

Godolphin:

Y1 – 98.24%

YR2 – 97.78%

Trencrom: 98.53%

Tregonning: 100%

Attendance Trophy:

Carn Brea and

Tregonning Classes

Awards:

Top Table – Maddie T, Charlie, Emelia, James

Carn Brea – Holly, Jessica, Isobel

Godolphin –

Y1 – Jasper, Piran, Maisy,

Y2 – Eadie, Harry, Laurie

Trencrom – Jessica, Emelia, Lily

Tregonning – Alex, Maddie, Jake

Headteacher – All of Year 1, Hollie S, Freya D, Rosie, Emily R, Mack

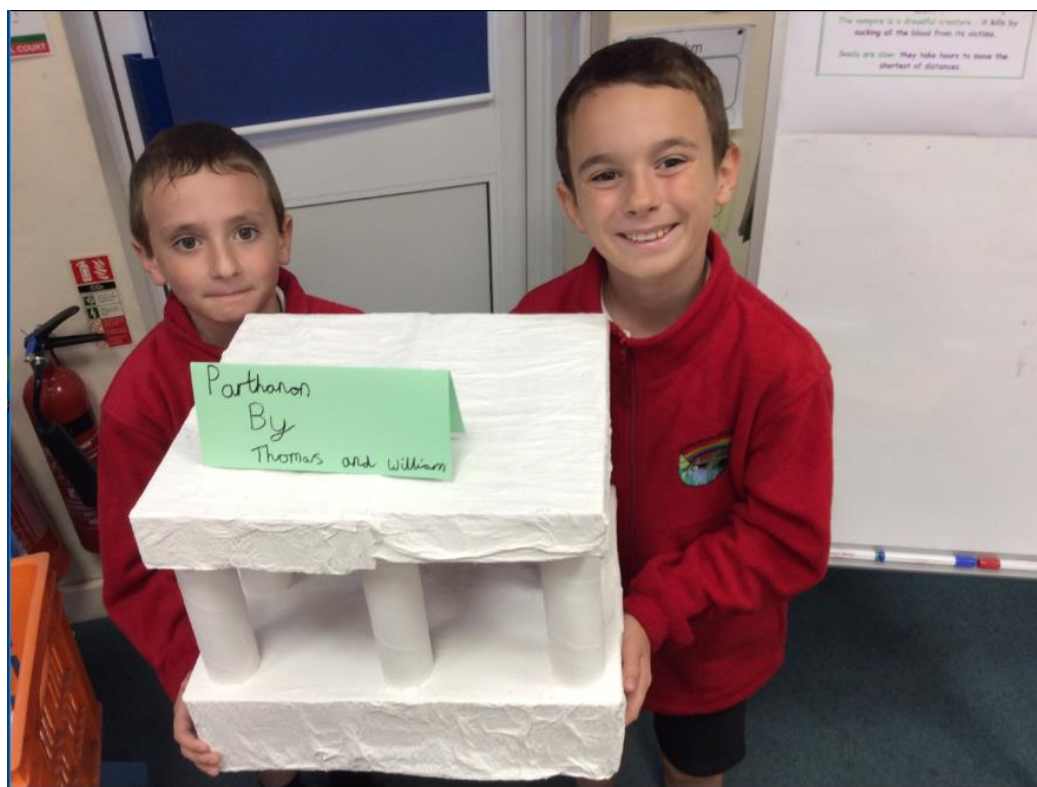
Maths – Ellena, Ia, Summer, Olivia, Finley

Nessy – Harry P, Ben G, Fleur

Football – Player of the Match – Jessie O, Piran E

Quote for this week:

If you see someone without a smile, give them yours.



Halloween Disco – Thursday 18th October

Please can parents and carers drop off their children at 6pm and pick them up at 7.30pm. The cost is £2 per child (pay on the door) with free hot dogs. There will be prizes for the Best Costumes!



Parents evening

Please book an appointment to see your child's teacher in the school foyer for the parent meetings after half term. If you are unable to make any of these times contact the teacher directly to arrange a convenient time.



It can be challenging for parents and carers to know whether children are spending too much time on their devices. Furthermore, it's even more of a challenge to know whether a child is addicted to the Internet and social media. As technology is becoming more pervasive, children and young people are experiencing tech-related dependencies. Do we as parents and carers have the knowledge to identify and support children and young people who may be developing an addiction to their devices?

47%
of parents
said they thought their
children spent too much
time in front of screens



What parents need to know about SCREEN ADDICTION

SMARTPHONE ADDICTION IS A RECOGNISED HEALTH CONDITION

Children as young as 13 are attending 'smartphone rehab' following growing concerns over screen time. There are now help centers in the UK which deal with screen addiction for children and adults showing the seriousness of device addiction.

IT CAN CAUSE SLEEP DEPRIVATION

7 out of 10 children said they had missed out on sleep because of their online habits and 60% said they had neglected school work as a result. It is important that children get the sleep they need in order to focus the next day.

CONFIDENCE, SUPPORT & ACCEPTANCE

The Children's Commissioner report 'Life in Likes', explored how children aged 8-13 are using social media today. It showed that children are using their devices to speak to their online friends about their problems and seek acceptance and support, removing face to face interactions.



APPS CAN BE ADDICTIVE

Apps have been designed with 'psychological tricks' to constantly keep grabbing your attention. One example of this is on the app Snapchat, where you can gain 'streaks' when interacting with your friends. If you don't respond, you lose the streak. This addictive nature of apps aims to engage children and keep them coming back for more.

LOSS OF INTEREST IN OTHER THINGS

Your child may become less interested in anything that does not include their device. You may notice that your child is missing school time and generally being less engaged with other activities in the home. It is important to discuss this with your child as soon as you notice a behaviour change.



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Top Tips for Parents



LIMIT SCREEN TIME

In today's digital age, technology is an important part of a child's development so completely banning them from their device will mean they are missing out on a lot, including conversations and communication with their friends. Rather than banning them from using their devices, we suggest setting a screen time limit. Work out what you think is a suitable and healthy amount of time for your child to be on their device per week. Remember that your child may need to use devices for their school homework so only set screen limits on recreational time on their device. Once you have established this, have the conversation with them to discuss why you are implementing a screen limit. There will be others in your child's friendship group who will not have screen limits set and will be sending messages when they do not have access to their phones.



LESS TIME MEANS LESS EXPOSURE

There are many risks associated with devices, such as cyberbullying, grooming, sexting, viewing inappropriate content etc. Less time spent on a screen means that a child will be less exposed to these risks.

MOBILE-FREE MEAL TIMES

Have you tried to settle your child by giving them a tablet at the dinner table or restaurant? This may seem like a quick fix to calm them down but in reality, it is encouraging them to use their device as a distraction from conversation and dealing with their emotions. We suggest removing all technology from the dinner table and having conversations with your family about how their day has been.



ENCOURAGE ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES

It may seem like an obvious solution, but encouraging children to play with their friends, read a book, or playing outdoors will help them realise they can have fun without their device. Playing football, trampolining, camping, going for a walk or swimming are all healthy replacements for screen time. Try to join them in their outdoor activities to show your support.



LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Children model their behavior on their peers, so if their parents are constantly on their device, they will see this as acceptable. Try limiting your own screen time and follow the same rules you have set for them. If you have asked your child to not use their device at the table, make sure you don't. Try setting house rules that the whole family abide by.



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KING EDWARD MINE MUSEUM

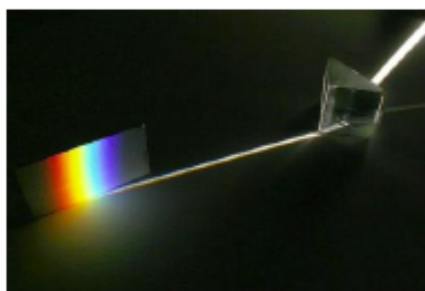


Children's activities this autumn at King Edward Mine, Troon.

KEMSTEM Club

Our over-subscribed monthly Saturday STEM club that was launched last year has now been re-launched for the 2018-19 season.

The first session is on October 20th, 10-12am. **Booking is essential.**



It has been re-designed so more children can take part. Details are on:

www.kingedwardmine.co.uk under 'News and events' or contact me directly on education@kingedwardmine.co.uk

Session one is called '**Light Fantastic!**' Learning is fun with light, mirrors, prisms and colour!

Night-time torchlit treasure hunt!

Thursday 18th October, 7.30-8.30pm. **Booking is essential.**

Discover King Edward Mine in the darkness, lit only by flickering candles and miners' lamps!

Follow the trail of clues through the museum and mill and then complete the activities to win a glittering prize to take home!

Last year we ran this event 3 times and still had people on our waiting list so don't miss out this time!



FORTNITE BATTLE ROYALE

'Fortnite - Battle Royale' is a free to play section of the game 'Fortnite'. The game sees 100 players dropped on to an island from a 'battle bus' where they have to compete until one survivor remains. The last remaining player on the island wins the game. Players have to find items hidden around the island, such as weapons, to help them survive longer in the game. To make the game harder, there is an added twist called 'the storm', which reduces the size of the island from the start of gameplay, making the players closer together in proximity. The game is available on PC, PlayStation 4, Xbox One, Mac and iOS.



What parents need to know about FORTNITE: BATTLE ROYALE

MICROTRANSACTIONS

New featured items are released daily and are only available to purchase within 24 hours of their release. These are cosmetic items, called 'skins', 'gliders' and 'emotes', which change the look of the characters but do not improve the game play. Once purchased, the player has full use of these in the future. The designs are more desirable for players to purchase and are sold at a premium. Also available to purchase in the game is a 'Battle Pass'. When a new 'Battle Pass' is released, users can play a series of challenges to receive more rewards (cosmetics) by progressing through different tiers. Whatever rewards they achieve can then be used in the game.

IT CAN BE ADDICTIVE

Games can last around 20 minutes but this varies with each game. Children may feel angry if they lose the game and continue to play until they achieve the result they want. The competitive nature of the game may make it difficult for children to stop playing halfway through as it could affect their position in the game.

IT CAN BE PLAYED ON THE GO

The game was released on mobile in April 2018 meaning it can be played without a games console at home. Some schools have reported that the game is distracting their students whilst in the classroom. As the game is available outside of the home, parents may not be aware of how long their child is on the game.

HACKER ATTACKS

News site Forbes said it had seen 'dozens' of reports online by people who said their accounts had been compromised by hackers. Hackers gained access to users accounts in the game and spent hundreds of pounds in fraudulent charges.

TALKING TO STRANGERS DURING SQUAD MODE

Interacting with other players in the game is part of the fun as players can communicate with their friends and other players in the game. Players will benefit from wearing headphones. In the game to hear footsteps from other players trying to outpace them in the game. Wearing headphones makes it difficult for parents to hear what exactly is being said and children may be exposed to inappropriate language. Fortnite includes really good reporting features for players either cheating or misbehaving, and work towards having one of the best online gaming communities.

'FREE' TO PLAY

The game is free to play, however, if playing on Xbox, you will need an Xbox gold subscription to play the game which is chargeable.

NO PROOF OF AGE REQUIRED

Logging up to the game is relatively simple. Users have the option to log in with their Facebook or Google accounts or their email address. When signing up with an email address, there is no proof of age required. If your child is under the age of 13, it is important to check if your child has the game downloaded.

SOCIAL MEDIA SCAMS

There are many accounts on Facebook and Twitter which claim to give away free money (known as 'Xbox Live' or 'PSN' cards). Any giveaway promotion from Fortnite will be in-game. It is important to check the authenticity of these accounts before giving away personal information in order to claim 'X' levels. The websites or accounts may ask you to share your account name and password in order to claim the money. If these offers seem too good to be true, they usually are.

WEAPONS AND VIOLENCE

PEGI has given the game a rating of 12+. Even though the game includes violence and weapons such as crossbows, grenade launchers, rifles, pistols, shotguns and more, PEGI say 'there is graphic and realistic looking violence towards fantasy characters is allowed. Any violence towards human characters must look unrealistic unless it consists of only minor or trivial injury such as a slip, making the game suitable for children aged 12 and over.'



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Top Tips for Parents

#1 LIMIT GAME TIME

Parents can use parental controls on Xbox and PC to limit the time your child is playing games on the devices. Be aware that the game is available on iOS and will soon be available on all mobiles. With this in mind, it is worth having a conversation with your child to discuss and agree how long you would like them to spend on games. Even though the games last around 20 minutes, it may be hard to take them away from a game mid-play. It may be worth using a limit of the amount of matches they play rather than a time limit.

#4 PREVENT THEM TALKING TO STRANGERS

There is an option to turn off the voice chat feature, which means they wouldn't be able to talk to anybody, including their friends. Your child will still be able to use the in-app chat and hear other people's conversations. To turn off voice chat, open the Settings menu in the top right of the main Fortnite page, then click on the cog icon. Open the Audio tab at the top of the screen. From there, you can turn off voice chat.

#5 LOOK OUT FOR VBUCK SCAMS

It is important that your children are aware of the scams that they may come across online in association with the game. Open up conversation with them about scams and how they should never share their username or password with people in order to gain anything for the game.

#2 RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

'Fortnite: Battle Royale' is a free to play game, but there are still options to make additional purchases. If you do not want your child to make payments, ensure your card is not associated with their account. If you are happy for your child to make payments in the game, but want to limit spending, we suggest using a pay-as-you-go or a games console gift card. These can be purchased in specific amounts, which will allow you to limit how much your child spends and removes the need for a credit/debit card to be used with their account.

#3 SHOW THEM HOW TO MAKE A REPORT

If your child believes a player is playing or talking inappropriately, you should advise them to report them. To report a player, you can use the in-game feedback tool located in the Main Menu of the game. Additionally, you can report a player in-game when spectating them.

#6 USE A STRONG PASSWORD

It may seem like a simple tip, but it is important that your child selects a strong password when creating an account, particularly if a credit/debit card is associated with the account. This will help reduce the risk of their account being hacked.

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Mining Monsters at East Pool Mine



Pictured, clockwise
from top left:
Designed by S Nicholas

October half-term at East Pool Mine

Tuesday 23 October - Saturday 27 October

East Pool Mine has been invaded by Mining Monsters! Can you find them all on your visit? Be prepared to walk our Terrifying Tunnel, Brave the Boxes of the Unknown and take your selfie with our Halloween Photo Props.

Trevithick Tuesday will be running on the Tuesday 23 October. A day full of spooky science and creepy craft 11:00-16:00 Normal site admission applies. For more details please see our website, Facebook page or telephone 01209 315027.

Visit nationaltrust.org.uk
www.facebook.com/eastpoolmine/

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13TH OCT
SATURDAY
CORNWALL
COLLEGE
POOL

10am - 1pm

TECH JAM

For anyone interested in technology,
for all ages and abilities

Cornwall's Tech Jams are run by volunteers working in IT and education throughout the Duchy, in association with Software Cornwall and local businesses. The Jams run from 10am to 1pm on the second Saturday of the month, alternating between venues in the Pool/Camborne area, Bodmin and Penzance. They are free to attend, you can turn up whenever you've got time and stay for as long as you like. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult though.


We have a number of 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.



cornwalltechjam.uk softwarecornwall.org





Christmas Fayre & Charity Fun Day

**Saturday 1st December 10-3pm
The Wesley Centre Camborne**

**Christmas Craft Fayre welcoming all
sellers STALLS AVAILABLE**

SANTA's GROTTO

**Photographer Peggy Colclough with a
Christmas set up offering an amazing
package**

**Entertainment for the children inc
Facepainting/Glitter, Hair Tinsel/
Glitter, Bouncy Castle + Much more**

Halloween Hunt

King Edward Mine Museum

Tues Oct 23rd

2-4pm

Entry £2 per child

See our website for more details www.kingedwardmine.co.uk



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