



Weekly Newsletter
Autumn 2021 – 7
Friday 12th November 2021

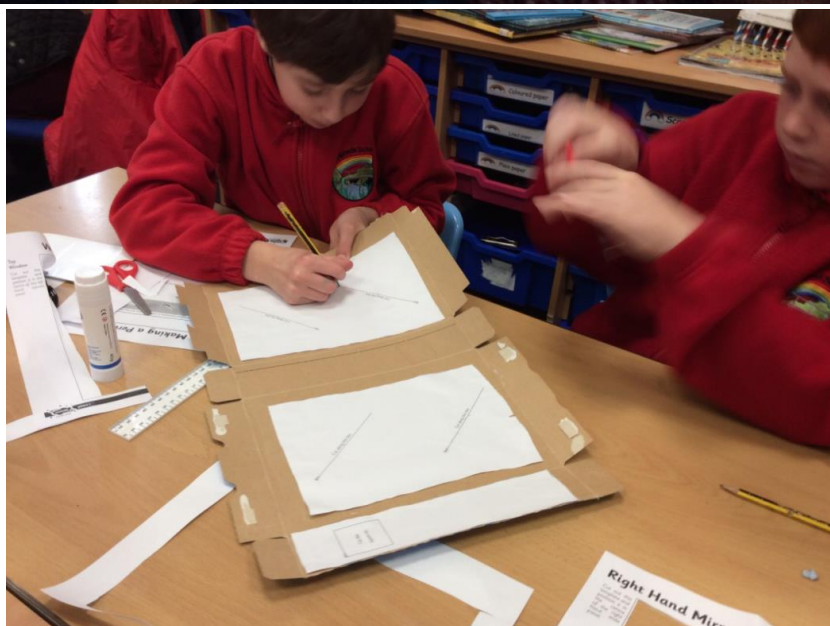
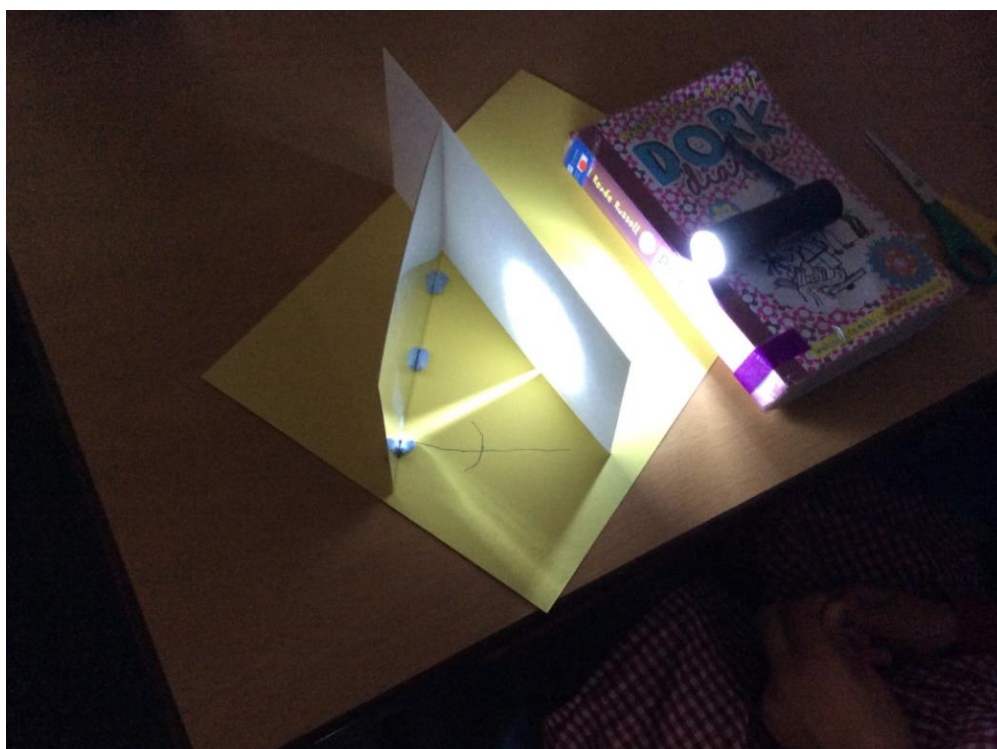
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Tregonning Class

We have already had a busy week in Tregonning. We have started looking at a Greek play; and how we might perform this to others. In science we continued investigating light: how it is reflected and using our findings to make periscopes. The RHSE lesson this week explored how illness is a part of human life. It introduced our immune systems, medications and vaccines.



Dates for your diary:

Swimming Lessons Tregonning Class Y5/6



Every Monday afternoon until the end of this term except Monday 29th November when school is closed

Sports4Tots extra-curricular
 Reception, Year 1 and 2 children pre-booked with Nick Eagles
 Began Tuesday 2nd November – spaces available please contact nick.eagles@sports4tots.org.uk or 01209 832 312

Extra-Curricular Clubs Began Monday 8th November

Except no clubs week beginning Monday 29th November due to parent consultations

Monday - Mindfulness Art
 Tuesday – Sports4Tots
 Wednesday – Chess and Board Games
 Thursday – Book Club at lunchtime
 Thursday – Construction/Lego



Carn Brea Class



BBC Children in Need Day



We will be celebrating
Children in Need on
Friday 19th November

This year's theme "Together We Can". To mark this we are asking children to come to school dressed in certain colours of the rainbow. Each Year group has been allocated a colour. [See further details in the newsletter](#)

Suggested donation of £1 on
Parentpay please.

Camborne Lantern Parade
Friday 26th November

Monday 29th November 2021
School will be closed due to a
day off in lieu of the extra
Bank Holiday/Platinum
Jubilee

Parent Consultations
**30th November and 1st
December** – book through
online booking system

Inset Days:
Monday 29th November 2021
– in lieu of Platinum Jubilee
holiday
Tuesday 4th January 2022
Friday 8th April 2022
Monday 25th July 2022
Tuesday 26th July 2022

Carn Brea class were very lucky this week, a real life superhero visited our class. Sandy, a firefighter, told us all about his job. He told us about how he drives a fire engine, puts out fires and saves people and animals. He showed us all of his clothes and equipment too. Carn Brea class were fascinated and decided that fire fighters are definitely real life superheroes. Thank you Sandy for visiting us!



Attendance this week

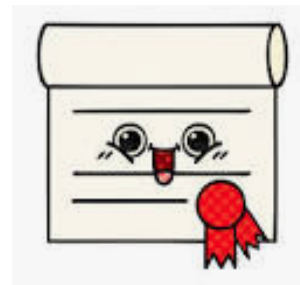
Carn Brea: 92%

Godolphin: 96%

Trencrom: 96%

Tregonning: 88%

Class Teacher Awards



Carn Brea

The whole class

Godolphin

Ben, Evan, Joseph

Trencrom

Alfie, Holly, Ethan

Tregonning

Charlie, Erin, Zabe

Head Teacher Awards



Carn Brea

Ethan

Godolphin

Blake, Hartley, Arlo

Trencrom

Emily C, Joshua

Tregonning

Laurie, Bella, Daniel

Youth Royal British Legion Remembrance Service – Camborne Parish Church – Friday 12th November

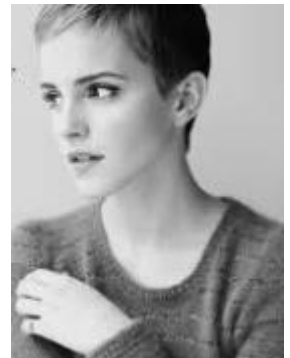
November

This year our oldest school councillors from Tregonning Class represented Penponds School at the Youth Royal British Legion Remembrance Service at Camborne Parish Church. Each class made a wreath, which our councillors laid on their behalf.



Quote:

Don't feel stupid if you don't like what everyone else pretends to love.



By Emma Watson

Poem:

I am still.
I am calm.
I am quiet.
I am wearing
a poppy
today.



I am thinking of soldiers and
families,
And of times they were far
away.

I am still.
I am calm.
I am quiet.
I am wearing a poppy today.

I am thinking of all the
fighting,
And the peace that we have
today.

Anonymous

Camborne “Winter Wonderland”

If you have not seen it already, please try to get a look at the beautifully decorated window display in Jojangles in Camborne. As part of the Winter Wonderland, the children helped to make the display that is now up. We also have our own window display in the front windows of school. They will be lit up for the next few weeks, so please try to get a look.



BBC Children in Need - 19th Nov

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Year 6 **Red**
Year 5 **Orange**
Year 4 **Yellow**
Year 3 **Green**
Year 2 **Blue**
Year 1 **Indigo**
Reception **Violet/Pink**



Please don't feel you have to go out and buy something in a certain colour for this event, just use what you have at home for example an orange hairband or socks would be fine. We will be creating a whole school rainbow to share - "Together We Can". Suggested donation of £1 on Parentpay please.

Camborne Lantern Parade Friday 26th November

It is lovely that Camborne Lantern Parade is being held this year albeit on a smaller scale. Schools have been asked to invite their oldest year group only this year and for them to be accompanied by one parent/carer. We understand that this will be tricky for some families so we would like to gauge how many of Year 6 children will be able to join in. Year 6 parents have been sent a letter. Please complete the reply slip at the end of the letter and return asap. If we have enough Year 6 children who are able to attend, a lantern-making workshop will be planned. In normal times, of course parents/carers would be welcomed into school for these workshops, however due to the levels of Covid in the Camborne/Pool/Redruth area we are unable to make a decision at the present time.



Parent Consultations 30th November and 1st December

Parents Consultations will be held on Tuesday 30th November and Wednesday 1st December between 3pm and 6pm. These will be face to face in the Hall and can be booked online using the following link:



<https://cal.smoothbook.co/5da5ce6f84e31e7aa72ad4c2>

Just copy and paste the link to your web browser. If you haven't registered before you will need to Register/Create Password before you can book a timeslot.

Parents/Carers should arrive on site at the main office door at their allocated time and can leave via the external hall door to ensure a one-way system to minimize the amount of people in the Hall at any one time. So

people are not waiting out in the cold we will have a timer set in the hall to ring after your 10 minute slot so consultations don't overrun. If you wish to speak further with the class teacher after your 10 minutes please call the school the next day to arrange. Please note there will be no extra-curricular clubs this week.

Christmas Videos

Due to the Covid restrictions on gatherings in school at the moment and in light of how long it takes to plan, rehearse and present performances and concerts, this year we will be creating Christmas videos to share with parents/carers via Dojo. Only children with consent for "Dojo" will be able to be part of the videos. If you would like to change or check your child's dojo permissions please contact Mrs Wood in the office.

Car Park/Traffic - Reminders



- Please only use the designated car park spaces for the disabled if you are a parent or carer with children attending school with disabilities ie if you hold a Blue Badge.
- For safety reasons please reverse into car parking spaces.
- Please be careful to use the correct entrance and exit gates when arriving and leaving the car park.
- Please drive slowly and carefully through Penponds Village as there are some areas that are narrow and have no pavement.

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.

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.

Public Health Update: Schools and Early Years Settings

The number of COVID-19 infections in Cornwall continues to increase, with more than half of the total number being recorded in Cornish Schools.

Because of this, Public Health Cornwall, is asking parents, carers, teachers and school staff to follow some new guidance.

We request:

- You book a PCR test if you are a household or close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case
- We are asking for household contacts of a case who attend an educational setting to take a daily rapid LFD test for 7 days

This additional testing recommendation applies to children in secondary schools and additionally primary schools if parents/carers feel comfortable in doing so.

The daily testing recommendation for Cornwall is not mandatory but designed to identify children and young people who develop COVID-19 a few days after their sibling or other household member and therefore reduce the risk of COVID-19 spreading in schools.

If they do not have COVID-19 symptoms and are testing negative they can continue to attend their setting. If they test positive on an LFD test or develop new symptoms, they should self-isolate and take a PCR test.

We also request that all parents, carers and older siblings of school aged children test twice weekly, using a lateral flow test, in line with the continued government guidance.

Guidance from the UK Health Security Agency (HAS)

For staff member cases

Where a staff member is identified as having been in close contact with the person who tested positive, they should be advised to take a PCR test. Close contacts may wish to undertake daily LFD testing whilst awaiting their result. They should also be advised to self-isolate unless one of the following applies:

- They are fully vaccinated
- They are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- They have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- They can evidence that they are unable to be vaccinated for medical reasons

To ensure eligible individuals identified as a close contact can access [Test and Trace Support payments](#) you may consider providing staff details to the NHS Self Isolation Hub when:

- staff member who was in close contact with the person testing positive has indicated they are not exempt from self-isolation, but the person testing positive was unable to provide that person's details to NHS Test and Trace.
- it is particularly difficult for the person testing positive to identify or provide details of some members of staff they were in contact with, for example temporary workers such as supply staff, peripatetic teachers, contractors or ancillary staff.

The self-isolation hub can be contacted by calling 0203 7436715.

Kind regards
Public Health