



**Weekly Newsletter**  
**Spring 2022 - 6**  
**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

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 @penponds\_School



### Tolvaddon Junior Life Skills

On Thursday morning Tregonning class visited Tolvaddon fire station. Organised now by GWR, there were several agencies running 15-minute workshops about useful life skills: electrical safety, traffic safety, e safety, CPR and rail safety. The behaviour of all children was excellent and they were engaged with every topic. They all had favourite parts of the morning, but for many it was dressing up as traffic wardens and covering a windscreen with parking tickets!



### Dates for your diary:

#### Swimming Lessons

##### Trencrom Class Y3/4

**Mondays 10<sup>th</sup> January – 4<sup>th</sup> April inclusive**



#### Extra-Curricular Clubs

**All clubs finish at 4pm. Last week of clubs will be 28<sup>th</sup> March to 1<sup>st</sup> April. No clubs during the last week of term.**

**Mondays** – Outdoor Learning – all year groups with Miss King

**Mondays** – Aerobics – all year groups with Mrs Watts

**Wednesdays** – Chess and Board Games – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 with Mr Hooper

**Wednesdays** – Makaton Signing – all year groups – all year groups

**Thursdays** – Dance – Reception and Years 1 and 2 – Miss McLennon

**Thursdays** – Choir – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 with Mrs Bailey



### **Sports 4 Tots**

**Tuesdays**

**1<sup>st</sup> March – 5<sup>th</sup> April**

Please book direct with Nick Eagles

**NEW - DDMIX dance fitness class**

**Fridays**

**4<sup>th</sup> March – 1<sup>st</sup> April**

Book direct with Martha Huntley

### **Half-Term week**

**21-25<sup>th</sup> February**

### **First Day back after half-term**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

### **Ducklings arriving**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

**School Nurse in school for Height and Weight measuring for Reception and Year 6 children only**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

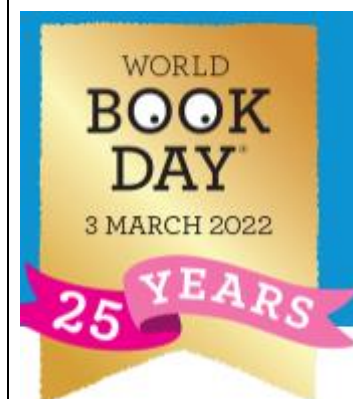
### **Author Visit- Scott Jones**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

### **World Book Day**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

'Snuggledown/Pyjama Day' for the children/no school uniform and bring in your favourite book. Tracey Curran – Cornish Author in school



### **Last Day of Spring Term**

**7<sup>th</sup> April**



### Trencrom Class

As part of our DT work, Trencrom class have been designing, making and evaluating smoothies. We found out about different drinks available on the market, questioned each other to find out preferences within the class and used this information to create our designs.

We followed this on by making, tasting and evaluating the smoothies. Yum yum!



### Mark's Ark

This week, Carn Brea enjoyed an exciting visit from Mark's Ark to support our 'Let's Crawl' topic learning. Mark brought along a millipede, stick insect and a tarantula! He taught us all about each mini beast's body, what they eat, where they come from and a little about life cycles. We even got to see the tarantula's exoskeleton which Mark had stored safely in a box. It was such a fascinating afternoon. Mark also brought along a barn owl for Godolphin Class, which linked to their 'Into the Woods' topic, we each got to hold and stroke her. A brilliant afternoon was had by all!



### Inset Days:

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022

### Easter Holidays

9<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> April inclusive

### First Day of Summer Term

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April

### Camborne Trevithick Day

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April

### Bank Holiday – School Closed

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

### School Group Photos

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May

### Half-Term week

30<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June

### First Day back after half-term

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June

### Global Boarders Surf Days

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Y3/4

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Y5/6

### Bikeability for Year 6

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June –

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June

### Last Day of Term

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

### This week's Attendance



Carn Brea: 95%

Godolphin: 98%

Trencrom: 92%

Tregonning: 94%

**Next Awards will be after half-term**



**Quote:**

Life is like a camera



Just **focus** on what's important

**Capture** the good times

**Develop** from the negatives

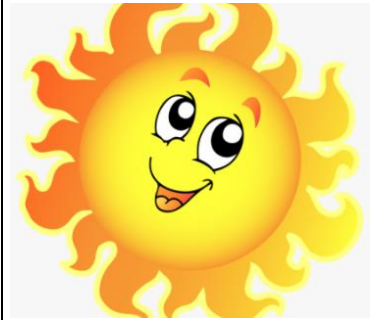
And if things don't turn out – **take another shot**





## Poem:

### We never thank the sun



We never thank the sun  
enough  
For all it does for us.  
For all the light it shines  
around,  
For the warmth and beauty  
and love.

It just hangs there every day,  
A sparkle in the sky.  
We never stop to thank it,  
though,  
As it goes burning by.

I think that friends are like  
the sun,  
In this way if no other.  
We relish their beauty and  
bask in their warmth,  
But never say so to one  
another.

So I am taking this chance to  
say,  
Loud and proud and true,  
That I am so thankful that you  
are my friend,  
And that I get to be a friend  
to you.





### **Celebration Assemblies**

If your child has achieved anything out of school could they please bring it in to share in Celebration assemblies on Fridays. Dance certificates, Football trophies, Horse riding rosettes etc anything we'd love to celebrate it!



### **Rights Respecting School**

As you know we have been learning about Children's Rights as detailed in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child this year. Our school council are leading on this in school and we are also focusing on children's rights in assemblies too.

Our whole school contributed to choosing these five articles from the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child to focus on:

Article 12 - Right to a Voice

Article 15 - Right to meet with friends and join clubs

Article 28 - Right to an education

Article 29 - Right to be the best you can be

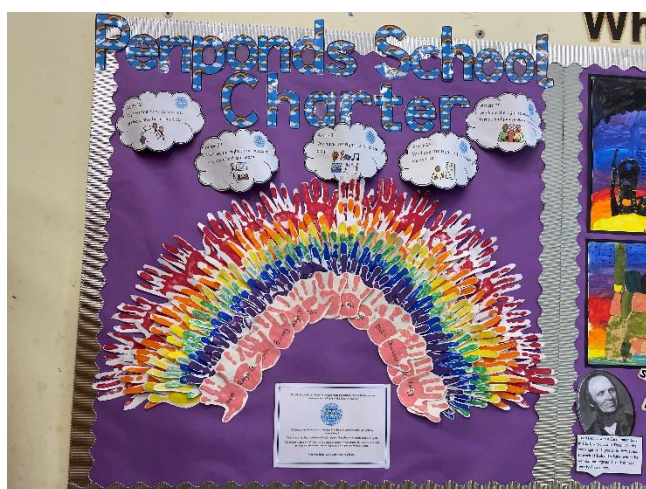
Article 31 - Right to relax and play.



Our whole school learnt about many rights in assemblies. In assembly, we made a long list of the rights the children wanted to focus on in school and then School Council: Rights Ambassadors chose the final five.

Following this a whole school charter was created— an agreement, with all signing up to respect our own and other's rights. This was designed by our School Council: Rights Ambassadors. Children chose to sign the charter by using their handprints in the shape of a rainbow to reflect being part of the Rainbow MAT family and handprints to be inclusive. All children in our school could sign up with a handprint. Children do not have any responsibility in order to access their rights as rights are unconditional. Children are the Rights Holders and adults are the Duty Bearers to uphold children's rights.

Our charter is not a set of rules, but is a visual reminder of our agreement; to strive to develop responsible behaviours through respecting our rights and those of others.



### **New School Curriculum needs a new name!**

Our curriculum has recently been under review to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our children's learning.

We know that remote learning is no substitute to children learning in the classroom alongside their peers, supported by teachers and learning professionals.

Following curriculum coverage checks of what had been taught in school and through remote learning, we decided to undertake a full curriculum review. This was especially important with a rolling curriculum programme (Year A and Year B curriculum) and mixed age classes.

Your amazing teachers have now completed this work and now it needs a name – something a little more exciting than, 'The Penponds School Curriculum'.

The curriculum belongs to the children, so it should be named by them, the Penponds children!

We want the name to be special to Penponds. We have planned it to be:

- Enjoyable
- Memorable
- Well Sequenced
- Have real-life hands-on experiences
- Hooks old and new learning together
- Have lots of links across subjects
- Build knowledge and skills for life

So, we are having a little competition. Can you think of a name that shouts 'Penponds' and all of these things too?

Have a think over half-term and send in your ideas via Dojo.

Once we have a name, we will be asking for designs from you for the logo too!

Right to a Voice. Right to an education.

See the poster at end of this Newsletter.

### **Penponds School Website**

Please have a look at the Penponds School website to see its recent development. There is plenty of new information and you can check out last term's Topic Flipbooks using the links below too.

<https://www.penponds.cornwall.sch.uk/web>



### **Topic Flip books Learning – Long-Term Memory**

To support our focus on long-term memory and to ensure we never forget the wonderful learning we do in each topic, we have begun to create class topic flip books. These detail the learning sequence through a termly topic.

Children will be able to flip through the online books to revisit their prior learning and celebrate their enjoyable, memorable learning. We know these have been previously shared with you, but the children have enjoyed revisiting them so much, we thought we would re-share them again. At the end of the Spring term there will be new books to look through too!

Follow this link to the Flipbooks on our website:

[https://www.penponds.cornwall.sch.uk/web/topic\\_celebration\\_flip\\_books/588043](https://www.penponds.cornwall.sch.uk/web/topic_celebration_flip_books/588043)



### Friends of Penponds (FOPs) PTA

We are hoping to reinstate Friends of Penponds PTA. Anyone who is interested in reinstating this group and willing to help support the extras for the children in school please pop into school to meet with Mrs Bailey on

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 10am.**



Anyone unable to make the meeting but wanting to be involved in contributing what they can please

**email Mrs Bailey:** [jlamb@rainbowacademy.org.uk](mailto:jlamb@rainbowacademy.org.uk).

The Initial meeting will be about discussing roles (who would like to do what) with Mrs Bailey facilitating and then the new group arranging meetings with staff in school to propose plans etc that FOPs will lead on and arrange.

If you have been involved with FOPs before, please get in touch too, to share your wisdom of how it was organised before.

### World Book Day – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

We are having a 'Snuggle Down' during school hours for World Book Day - children to bring favourite book with name in and to wear pyjamas. We are also welcoming two authors into school during this week. On the actual day we have Tracy Curran - Cornish author of - Pumpkin's Fairytale [Pumpkin's Fairytale by Tracy Curran, Wayne Oram | Waterstones](#) to work in all classes on reading workshops. Parents can also purchase a copy of her book too if they wish.



On the Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March we have author Scott Jones coming in to work with KS2 children.

### NEW AFTER SCHOOL CLUB – Diverse Dance MIX (DDMIX)

Every Friday

Until 4pm

Free until Easter

Hi,



My name is Martha, I am Vincent, Gwyddion and Elffins Mum. I teach exercise classes in the community and I am really excited to be offering the DDMIX dance fitness programme as an after school club. This exercise programme is suitable for all ages. It is based on a range of different dance styles from all around the world including eras with easy to follow steps, The programme has been created by Darcey Bussell and Nathan Clarke. I am currently offering this to years 3 -6. If you are interested - Please could you sign up through the school and fill in the google form below which is a health and safety questionnaire. I am running the classes as a volunteer until Easter and I look forward to teaching your children some of the great dances we have. If you have any other questions- please email me- [diversedancemix.martha@gmail.com](mailto:diversedancemix.martha@gmail.com)

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScL90zPW0S-Z0XT4Ly7haYYjNpiBGAMsfEJAec2NMxtzTnqkw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScL90zPW0S-Z0XT4Ly7haYYjNpiBGAMsfEJAec2NMxtzTnqkw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

## Volunteer Vacancy at Penponds Church

Penponds Church are seeking a volunteer with booking/accounting skills, someone who maybe has some experience of charity work and can support our work by being our Treasurer. Please get in touch with



Camborne  
Cluster of  
Churches

Reverend Rosheen Browning for more information and details of how to apply.

### Rev'd Rosheen Browning

Priest-in-charge of Camborne, Tuckingmill, Penponds, Crowan & Treslothan  
01209 831175 (landline) or 07701 085736 (mobile)

The Vicarage, 37 Trethannas Gardens, Praze-an-Beeble,  
Camborne, TR14 0LL

### Posters:

- New Name for our New Curriculum
- Save the Children Thank you Letter
- DDMix – After School Club with Martha Huntley
- Breakfast/After School Club Booking Sheet for after half-term break
- Kids Club at Penponds Church
- Half-term fun days at Camborne Church
- Gweal an Tops Adventure Playground details
- Half-Term details at Gweal an Tops Adventure Playground
- February Half-Term Cricket Camps
- Blackbird Pie Link – [www.blackbirdpie.co.uk](http://www.blackbirdpie.co.uk)
- Protect Your Patch – Winter Awakes Half-Term Challenge
- Reskilling Cornwall – Supporting you back into employment





## We Need Your Help



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Your curriculum. You decide.  
Right to a Voice. Right to an Education.

Penponds Primary School  
Higher Penponds  
CAMBORNE  
TR14 0QN

**"At the centre I draw and write and go on the slide," Faisal,\* 5, says. "I paint! I paint everything! Especially bears."**

**THANK YOU, Penponds Primary School - YOU ARE FUNDRAISING STARS!**

We would like to say a **great big thank you** for raising a fantastic £65.18\*\* through your fundraising.

Save the Children exists to help children reach their potential so they can become who they want to be. This is possible thanks to supporters like you.

Faisal is a refugee. His family had to leave their home in Syria because it wasn't safe there.

Faisal now lives in a camp in Jordan. Life here isn't easy for children, but it seems nothing can keep Faisal from spreading his wings.

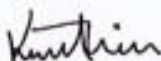
Faisal attends our early learning centre in the camp. He'll be starting school next year, so we're making sure he's ready to hit the ground running.



The centre also gives Faisal a safe space to use up his endless energy. He can chat, bash the tambourine, swing on the monkey bars, build forts, and come up with his next big idea.

**Thank you for helping children like Faisal all around the world!**

Best wishes



Katherine Ayres and the Fundraising team

*Please see overleaf to find out how to change how you hear from us.*



**DDMIX** Created by **DARCEY BUSSELL**  
and **NATHAN CLARKE**

# Dance Fitness by Darcey Bussell

A brand new full body workout  
based on a range of different dance  
styles from around the world, as well  
as eras, with easy to follow steps.

All you need is a pair of  
trainers, lots of enthusiasm  
and we will provide the rest!

**New After School Club**

**Every Friday**

**Until 4pm**

**Free Until Easter (Weekly charge  
after Easter)**



# Breakfast Club and After School Club Booking Sheet – Spring Term 2022

Child/Children's Name/s: .....

Emergency Parent/Carer Name & Telephone Number: .....

Payment made: .....

Please tick the sessions you would like to book for your child/children and pay in advance via Parentpay or Childcare Vouchers

DAY	DATE	BREAKFAST CLUB		AFTER SCHOOL CLUB				Payments
		<b>£3.50</b> siblings £2.00		3.20-4pm	4-4.30pm	4.30-5pm	Not available after 5pm	<b>£2 per half-hour Session,</b> siblings £1.50
Monday	28 <sup>th</sup> February							
Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup> March							
Wednesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> March							
Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup> March							
Friday	4 <sup>th</sup> March							
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup> March							
Tuesday	8 <sup>th</sup> March							
Wednesday	9 <sup>th</sup> March							
Thursday	10 <sup>th</sup> March							
Friday	11 <sup>th</sup> March							
Monday	14 <sup>th</sup> March							
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup> March							
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup> March							
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup> March							
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup> March							
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Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> March							
Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup> March							
Thursday	24 <sup>th</sup> March							
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Monday	28 <sup>th</sup> March							
Tuesday	29 <sup>th</sup> March							
Wednesday	30 <sup>th</sup> March							
Thursday	31 <sup>st</sup> March							
Friday	1 <sup>st</sup> April							
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup> April							
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup> April							
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup> April							
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup> April							
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET DAY		NO	BOOKINGS			



# kids club

## @Penponds Church (the Secret Church)



**£1**  
**per**  
session

**EVERY THURSDAY** (term time)

sessions  
run  
**3:30 - 4:45**

FOR primary aged children  
15 places available

For more information:  
[becky@cambornecluster.org.uk](mailto:becky@cambornecluster.org.uk)  
07903 496869



camborne cluster of churches.  
Bookings: Becky@cambornecluster.org.uk

Come & join us for

# HALF TERM

2 days of fun at  
Camborne Church

Thursday February 24th  
Friday February 25th

Thursday  
cook and  
decorate a cake

Friday  
street art workshop  
with Kelly

chill, craft, play,  
lunch

£5 per day or  
£7.50 for  
both days

10:30 - 2:00





WELCOME TO



**FREE TO ALL 7-16 YEAR OLDS  
COME ON IN!**

*Parents please complete registration form at [www.gwealantops.org](http://www.gwealantops.org)*



### **Spring 2022 Opening Times**

**Term time February and March opening hours are:**

**Tuesday - Friday: 3.15-5.30pm**

**Saturday: 12-4pm**

### **February half term**

**Mon 21st - Fri 25th February, 11am-4pm  
(lunch provided)**

**Please note: We will be CLOSED on the Saturdays at start & finish of school holidays - Sat 19th & 26th Feb & 9th Apr  
We will also be CLOSED on Tues 1st & Wed 2nd March to attend the National Playwork Conference**

### **Youth Club**

**Free to 13s and over**

**Fridays 5.30-7pm term time**

**TEL: 01209 697717      WEBSITE: [WWW.GWEALANTOPS.ORG](http://WWW.GWEALANTOPS.ORG)  
EMAIL: [MANAGER@GWEALANTOPS.ORG](mailto:MANAGER@GWEALANTOPS.ORG)**

Please complete  
an online  
registration form  
for all children  
attending the  
sessions - find it  
on our Facebook  
Page or Website



**For 7's  
and  
overs -  
free and  
no need  
to book!**



# **FEB HALF TERM**

**MON 21 - FRI 25  
FEBRUARY  
11AM - 4PM**

**Food provided  
for all children  
who attend**



## **GWEALAN TOPS ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND**

**School Lane**

**Redruth**

**TR15 2ER**

**manager@gwealantops.org**



**NATIONAL  
LOTTERY FUNDED**

See [www.gwealantops.org](http://www.gwealantops.org) for more info



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# FEBRUARY HALF TERM CRICKET CAMPS

**GRAY-NICOLLS** 

ALL PARTICIPANTS TO RECEIVE 20%  
OFF GRAY-NICOLLS ONLINE SHOP  
& CORNWALL CRICKET CERTIFICATE



## BOOK YOUR PLACE

[HTTPS://CORNWALLCRICKET.CO.UK/  
JUNIOR-CRICKET/HOLIDAY-CAMPS.HTML](https://cornwallcricket.co.uk/junior-cricket/holiday-camps.html)

**OR SEARCH**

CORNWALL CRICKET  
HOLIDAY CAMPS

Win one of two Gray-Nicolls bats by simply attending Cornwall Cricket holiday camps between now and summer 2022. You'll be automatically entered for each time you participate. Draw to be made August 2022.

## SCHEDULE

Feb 21	10-3pm	Y1-Y5 (5-9)	1 day softball, Engagement into cricket	£15 Per day
Feb 22	10-3pm	Y4-Y8 (8-12)	Hard ball Camp	£20 Per day
Feb 23	10-2pm	ALL AGES (W&G)	Cricket fun day	£10 Per day
Feb 24	10-3pm	Y1-Y5 (5-9)	1 day softball, Engagement into cricket	£15 Per day
Feb 25	10-3pm	Y4-Y8 (8-12)	Hard ball camp	£20 Per day

Softball equipment provided

**BOOKING QUERIES  
CONTACT**

[admin@cornwallcricket.co.uk](mailto:admin@cornwallcricket.co.uk)

[WWW.CORNWALLCRICKET.CO.UK](http://WWW.CORNWALLCRICKET.CO.UK)



FREE

February half-term holiday 2022  
Virtual edition across Cornwall and beyond

# BlackbirdPie

Cornwall's what's-on for families

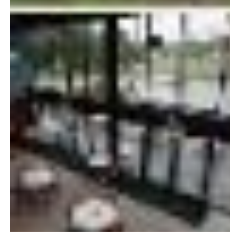


New! THE ENGINE SHED  
Multi-level soft play & Café



CORNWALL'S SECRET WORLD  
*of play & trains*

NOW OPEN  
ALL YEAR  
ROUND!



BOOK ONLINE AT [LAPPAVALLEY.CO.UK](http://LAPPAVALLEY.CO.UK)

Calendar  
February &  
March 2022  
What's on at  
half-term  
Indoor play,  
workshops &  
events  
MHS 171  
Tate St Ives  
Art Challenge  
Rugby Project  
Opera for  
children  
Nature shows  
Science of the  
Sea at RMHC  
Into the Wild  
Honey Museum  
Blackbird  
visits  
Interactive  
family  
adventure ball

Visiting & after  
school clubs  
Term 1 & 2  
Summer term  
Term 3 & 4  
Term 5 & 6  
Term 7  
Term 8  
Term 9  
Term 10  
Term 11  
Term 12



# WINTER AWAKES half term challenge

18.02.22 - 28.02.22

## 1. SEARCH

for 10 Wild Wonders  
in your local patch!



## 2. SNAP

photos to help you  
to remember them!



## 3. SKETCH

a Winter Awakes  
t-shirt design idea!



### Wild Wonders list:

1. Ivy



2. Ash



3. Shiny  
woodlouse



4. Snowdrops



5. Ribwort  
plantain



6. Primrose



7. Robin



9. Beech



10. Lesser celandine

8. Daffodils



### WINTER AWAKES MEDALS!

CELEBRATE finding all 10 Wild Wonders with a  
limited edition 'Winter Awakes' challenge medal!

SHOP: [www.protectyourpatch.co.uk](http://www.protectyourpatch.co.uk)



# T-SHIRT DESIGN COMPETITION

WIN YOUR CUSTOM T-SHIRT!

BACK OF T-SHIRT DESIGN:

**Get in touch:**

protectyourpatch@gmail.com

@protectyourpatch



**How to enter:**

Upload completed t-shirt design: [www.protectyourpatch.co.uk](http://www.protectyourpatch.co.uk)

Last entry: Monday 28th February 2022 (midnight)

Winner shared: Wednesday 9th March 2022 (via email)

## T-SHIRT DESIGN Rules (find full Ts and Cs at [www.protectyourpatch.co.uk](http://www.protectyourpatch.co.uk))

- Entrants must 'search' and 'snap' photos of all 10 Wild Wonders in their patch, adult help is fine!
- The winning entrant's photos will need to be shared so keep them safe!
- Entrants must include ALL 10 Wild Wonders in their t-shirt design!
- Including Wild Wonder names or text is optional.
- Designs can be done on this sheet or on a piece of A4 paper (portrait).





Re-skilling  
Cornwall

## Supporting you back into employment.



**Are you a resident of Pool, Redruth or Camborne wanting to return to the workplace? If so, the Re-skilling Cornwall programme could help.**

### **What is Re-skilling Cornwall?**

Re-skilling Cornwall is a European Social Fund programme providing a range of support for local people to enable them to develop their skills and support them towards employment. Our project is designed to first identify and then address the skills gaps that stand in the way of participants accessing the employment opportunities they're looking for.

### **Is this programme right for you?**

The programme is for adults in Pool, Redruth or Camborne who have lost their job because of COVID-19 or are looking to return to work after a period of unemployment. If this sounds like you then we are here to help.

### **What support is available to you?**

Our team will work with you to develop a tailored programme of support designed to address your barriers to finding a job. You will work with one of our Employment Coaches who will provide ongoing 1-2-1 support. This will include access to workshops covering job seeking, CVs, confidence building and use of social media to support your job search as well as opportunities to engage with employers through work experience.



**European Union**  
European  
Social Fund

**Contact us to find out more.**

**Call 07918 550723 or email  
[rscenquiries@educationdevelopmenttrust.com](mailto:rscenquiries@educationdevelopmenttrust.com)**



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