

Weekly Newsletter Summer 2022 - 4 Friday 20th May 2022



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Minack Theatre Trip

This week Tregonning class headed west to the Minack theatre to watch a new show Calvino Nights. The rain arrived but the show was wonderful. Despite being soaked, everyone seemed to have enjoyed the experience; the fire alone was quite spectacular. Story telling at the highest level!





Dates for your diary:

Sports 4 Tots

Tuesdays after school

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Last week of clubs week beginning 11th July

DDMIX Club

Fridays after school – now open to all children – Reception to Year 6

Skateboarding Club – NEW!

Fridays after school, starting 20th May

Rock Steady Music

Fridays - Lessons In school time

School Class Photos
Whole Class Photos and Year
6 Photos

Friday 27th May

Half-Term week

30th May – 3rd June

First Day back after half-term Monday 6th June

Big Breaktime NSPCC event

Friday 10th June





Norway's National Day

The 17th May was Norway's National Day. Thank you so much to Elijah and his mum for teaching us all about it. We learnt a lot about the country and how the day is celebrated. We joined in the celebration with some delicious cake too!





Marine Pollution Workshops – in school for all classes

Tuesday 14th June

Science Workshops – Energy Live Show in school for all classes

Tuesday 21st June

Global Boarders Surf Days

Monday 27th June – Y3/4 Tuesday 28th June – Y5/6

Bikeability for Year 6

Wednesday 22nd June – Friday 24th June

Rocksteady End of Year Concert

Friday 15th July

Residential Trip to Woodland Valley Farm – Y5/6

Tuesday 19th July – Thursday 21st July

Last Day of Term

Friday 22nd July

Inset Days:

Monday 25th July 2022 Tuesday 26th July 2022

Attendance:

Carn Brea: 95%

Godolphin: 90%

Trencrom: 93%

Tregonning: 93%



Class Awards



Carn Brea:

Zaci, Robyn G, Loccy

Godolphin:

Keegan, Caleb, Joseph

Trencrom:

Mack, Ethan, Ia

Tregonning:

Leon, Laurie, Jowan



Headteacher Awards



Reception - Zaci

Year 1 - Caja

Year 2 - Henry

Year 3 - Mack

Year 4 - Jasper

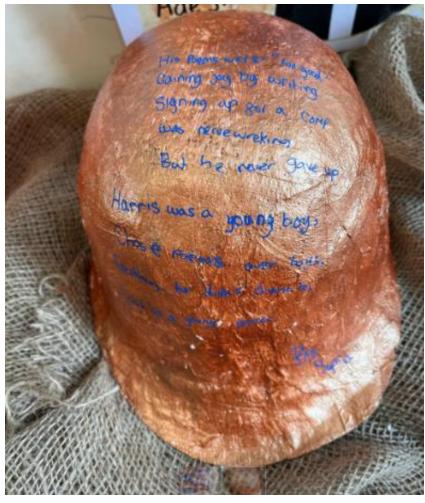
Year 5 - Laurie

Year 6 - Sophia

Camborne Trevithick Day Display

Penponds School entered the Trevithick Day School's Display competiton this year and received a 'Highly Commended' award for their fantastic display. Well done to everyone involved!

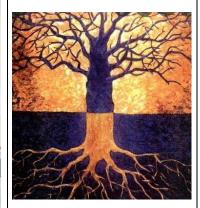




Quote:

When the root is deep there is no need to fear the wind.

African proverb



Poem: The First Tree By Lenore Hetrick



Nature looked across the seas She had newly made. "Now," said Nature, "Life must have A place of cooling shade.

"All my creatures shall have rest From the sun's high tide. Underneath a leafy bough Shall my creatures hide."

So out from the deep black earth Rose a mighty tree. The hill wind sang a song of welcome. "Greetings!" roared the sea.

When the sun had reached its zenith

Trencrom Class

In RE this week, the children in Trencrom class enjoyed getting creative with different art materials to depict the key ideas and symbols of Pentecost.



In the tree's cool shade All the creatures lay them down,

And they were not afraid.

Ever since the tree has flourished,
Mighty – and yet kind!
Nowhere else can beast or man
Sweeter solace find.

Carn Brea Class

As part of computing this term, Carn Brea have been learning all about algorithms. We know that they are a set of instructions used by computers and the 'sequence' of them is very important. We have enjoyed exploring algorithms by completing mini mazes both ourselves and by using small world characters and by programming Bee-Bots! We have been working hard to programme Bee-Bots to move to different places on a map.









Rock Steady Music Lessons

Rock Steady Music School lessons have started on Friday afternoons, and all bookings and payments can be made directly with Rocksteady. There are bursary and funded placements available too - so please ask us about it.

Newspaper Reporters Recruited at Penponds

Roll up, roll up – get your Penponds newspaper here! Trencrom and Tregonning Classes are starting their very own newspaper this term. Some children have been selected to help report on an array of matters, both globally and locally to help create a school newspaper. We are very excited to get this underway!





Reporting Journalists:

Maddie, Joel, Orla, Ia, Mia, Annabelle, Kaira, Laurie, Freya B, Ava, Bella, Jasper, Gwyddion, Sophia

Editing team:

Griffin, Zabe, Chloe, Jowan, Jayden, Kaiden, Freya D, Isla B, Eadie

Library/Rainbow Room

We have some new jungle friends to keep us company in our reading area in the library/rainbow room which has been decorated with a new jungle theme. We are just wild about reading!









Reminder – Disabled Bay Parking

Please do not park in the disabled bay parking space in the main car park if you do not need to use it officially.



Big Breaktime for NSPCC

On Friday 10th June we will be raising money for NSPCC during an hour of play for staff and children to enjoy together – the Big Breaktime.



Invite to Penponds Church Event – Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Saturday June 4th is our celebration of the Queen's Jubilee. Lots to eat, but also a crown competition for children, as well as the best dressed prince and princess. We will also have handbell ringers and a chance to have a go at ringing.

Invite to Barripper Village Association Event – Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Big lunch on Sunday 5th June

The Barripper Village Association are planning a community lunch on the playing field (Barripper Park) to celebrate this wonderful occasion. Their theme is the 1950's and will encourage participants to dress for the occasion – be it costume, a hat or a hairdo.

They will have a mini bus running from the village to carry personnel to the playing field if they are unable to access their own transport and / or unable to walk the distance.

They invite all to bring their own picnic with a 'sharing table' for anyone to contribute and take from.

Barripper Harbour Day – Sunday 7th August

The Barripper Village Association are in the early planning stages of this event where they will have a dog show, craft stalls, car boot, fun football and much more.

Race for Life Event

Kaira from Trencrom Class and her Mum will be partaking in the race for life on Saturday 21st May at Stithians Show



ground. They are hoping to raise as much as they can. If you would like to sponsor them please follow the link below. Thank you.

https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/claires-race-for-life-15125582

Posters:

- Peter Pan at Regal Theatre, Redruth
- Rainbow Run Children's Hospice South West
- Skateboarding Lessons at Penponds School
- National Online Safety Discord
- Next Academic Year Calendar with Inset Days marked in yellow







What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

DISCORD

Discord is a free app which allows users to communicate in real time via text, video or voice chat. Available on desktop and mobile devices, it was originally designed to help gamers cooperate – but has evolved into a more general networking platform for a range of online communities, discussing topics like TV series, music, Web3 and more. Discord is organised around closed groups, referred to as 'servers'. To join a server, users must be invited or provided with a unique link. It's a space for users to interact with friends, meet others with shared interests and collaborate privately online – but it's also a place where young people can be exposed to risks if the right precautions aren't taken.



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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CYBERBULLYING

Discord's easy accessibility and connectivity, unfortunately, makes it an ideal place for cyberbullying to occur – especially as audio and video streams disappear once they've ended, meaning that bullying could take place without leaving any evidence. Closed groups can also be created, giving young people the opportunity to exclude their peers or send cruel messages without adult oversight.

DIFFICULT TO MODERATE

Like many private communication apps, Discord's real-time messaging can be difficult to control. The system enables content moderation through each individual server – so different groups can set their own rules for what's acceptable, and some groups may not menitor for unsuitable content. Anything that happens in an audio or video stream is also virtually untraceable once the stream has concluded.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Discord mainly hosts private groups, making it easier for unsuitable or explicit content to be shared on channels. Pornography, racism and inappropriate language can be found in some groups. Server owners are required to add an age-restriction gate to channels where 18+ content is being shared – but this solution isn't foolproof, as the platform doesn't always verify users' ages when they sign up.



ACCESSIBLE TO PREDATORS

their agé or true identity – and Discord is no exception. Predators have attempted to abuse the platform by using it to contact and communicate with underage users – by initially chatting with a child on an age-appropriate channel, for example. While Discord has improved its safety settings, some users will still try to

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

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Outdellines to protect its users —
but, sadly, not everyone adheres to
them. Criminal activity including
grooming, hate speech, harvesment,
exploitative content, doxxing and
extremist or violent material have all
been found on Discord servers over the last
two years. In 2020, Discord received almost
27,000 reports of illegal activity on the
platform.



REVIEW SAFETY SETTINGS

Discord has a series of safety settings, enabling users to choose who can alfrect message them or send them friend requests. Your child's experience on Discord will be much safer if the app's privacy and safety settings are configured to only allow messages or friend requests from server members. This will minimise the chances of potential predators from outside the group contacting them.

MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITY

It's wise to regularly review your child's activity on Discord. This can include checking their safety settings to ensure they're correctly enabled, talking about which servers they've joined and reviewing some of their friends and direct messages. Ask if anything has made them feel uncomfortable or unsafe. Things can change quickly online, so plan routine check-ins and follow up frequently.

EXPLAIN AGE FILTERING

While Discord requires users to be at least 13 to sign up, many servers geared towards older users are flagged as NSFW (not safe for work), which indicates they probably contain material that's inappropriate for children. It can be easy to click through settings without properly reviewing them, so ensure your child understands why age filtering is important and that it's there to protect them.

DISCUSS GOOD ONLINE BEHAVIOUR

The anonymity offered by the internet often leads people to communicate more openly online and behave differently than they would at school or home. It's crucial to bear in mind, though, that every internet user is still a real person. Talk to your child about the severe and lasting consequences that cyberbullying or exchanging inappropriate material online can have in the real world.

SCREEN OUT EXPLICIT CONTENT

In the privacy and safety settings.
Discord users are offered the ability to
filter direct messages for inappropriate
content: a setting that should be enabled
if your child uses the platform. Discord
automatically tries to flag fmages that are
explicit, but the setting must be manually
enabled for text. If a young user is sent explicit
content in a direct message, Discord will scan
and (If necessary) delete it.

HAVE CANDID CONVERSATIONS

It can sometimes be awkward to discuss topics like grooming, pernography, racism or explicit content with your child – but it's important to ensure they're aware of the harms these things can pose. Talking openly about these subjects is a great way to help your child feel more comfortable about coming to you if they experience an unwanted encounter on Discord (or anywhere else online).

Meet Our Expert

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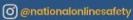


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Bank Holidays

25 December 2022: Christmas Day

26 December 2022: Boxing Day

27 December 2022: Bank Holiday (in lieu of 25

December)

01 January 2023: New Year's Day

02 January 2023: Bank Holiday (in lieu of 01 Jan)

07 April 2023: Good Friday

10 April 2023: Easter Monday

01 May 2023: May Bank Holiday

29 May 2023: Spring Bank Holiday

28 August 2023: Summer Bank Holiday

Autumn Term

5 September - 16 December 2022 (Half Term 24-28 October 2022)

Spring Term

3 January – 31 March 2023 (Half Term 13-17 February 2023)

Summer Term

17 April – 25 July 2023 (Half Term 29 May-2 June 2023)

St Meriadoc Infant Academy, St Meriadoc Junior Academy, Penponds School and Troon School

Term Dates 2022-2023

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