




Weekly Newsletter

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This week's focus: Talent in many guises

Cornish Schools Maths Olympiad – Message from NEXUS



I am writing to thank you very much for bringing a team to the Primary Maths Olympiad at Nexus last week. It was a fantastic day, thanks to the brilliant children and staff you brought along. If there are any parents who would like to know more about our programmes, please direct them to our website: www.nexuscsia.co.uk or ask them to call us or email reception@nexuscsia.co.uk and I would be delighted to give them more information.

Dr Jo Foster

Gwari yn an ergh - Play in the snow



Dates for your diary:

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Tuesday 5th February –
Safer Internet Day – E-Safety Competition opens

Monday 11th February–
NEXUS Maths Masterclass
8.55am

Tuesday 12th February –
Mousehole Trip for Carn Brea and Trecrom classes

Friday 15th February
5.30pm to 7pm – Valentine Disco

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18th-22nd February – half-term break

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Tuesday 26th February –
King Edward Mine Trip for Tregonning Class

Thursday 28th February –
Breadmaking in Class 3

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Monday 4th March
NEXUS Maths Masterclass
8.55am

Wednesday 6th March –
Taste the World/Rainbow Choices for Class 3 in the Hall

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11th-15th March – British STEM week

Monday 11th March –
Shoobox Racer Competition

Tuesday 12th March –
Cornwall Records Office Trip – Trecrom and Tregonning Classes

Thursday 14th March –
Science Adventures Show – in the Hall



Thank you to everyone for your consideration in yesterday's snow. As soon as the children spotted that it was snowing through the classroom windows there were squeals of excitement. As well as the snow, we also had Mr Mark Lees, Ofsted Inspector, conducting our termly standards check yesterday afternoon which made for some interesting lesson observations once the classes had realised the snow was settling!



Missing Chameleon

We are missing our Creative Chameleon. We think he has gone home with someone after celebration assembly. If you have Creative Chameleon please can you bring him into school by next Monday. Thank you very much. By Thomas Yr 6 prefect.

Carn Brea Class (EYFS) Open Afternoon

Parents are invited into Carn Brea class to celebrate their child's learning on Thursday 14th February from 2pm – 3.30pm. They will be treated to a story time from the children, a tour of our learning environment and a look at their child's work this term. This will also be an important opportunity for you to speak to your child's teacher and input your ideas for future teaching and learning in Carn Brea class. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend.

Pasty day in Tregonning class

A massive thank you to Mrs Floyd for giving up her morning to help the Year 5/6 children make pasties. By 12.15, the children had learnt to compare and order fractions, decimals and percentages, written a pasty recipe and completed Third Space Learning. All this before they organised the Talent Show!

Monday 18th March

NEXUS Maths Masterclass
8.55am

Tuesday 19th March –

Parent meetings

Wednesday 20th March –

Parent meetings

Tuesday 26th March – RMAT

Gala Performance at The Regal Theatre, Redruth

Monday 1st April

NEXUS Maths Masterclass
8.55am

Thursday 4th April – Last Day for children

Friday 5th April – INSET day – no children in school

Tuesday 23rd April – First day back for children

Thursday 25th April – Beach Safety talk in the Hall

Friday 26th April – Pasty Day – pasties for lunch to celebrate Trevithick Day

Saturday 27th April – Trevithick Day, Camborne

Monday 29th April

NEXUS Maths Masterclass
8.55am

Tuesday 30th April – Class 3 swimming (morning session) replacing lesson on 21st January.

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday

Monday 13th May

NEXUS Maths Masterclass
8.55am

13th-17th May – SATs week for Year 6

Monday 27th May – Friday

31st May – Half-term holiday

3rd-5th June – Trencrom Class - Camp at Eden



2nd-4th July – RMA London Trip – Tregonning Class

Friday 12th July – Penponds Family Festival

15th-19th July – Work Experience Students in school

15th and 16th July – Transition Days for Year 6 at CSIA

Wednesday 24th July – last day for children

Thursday 25th July – INSET Day

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 5th February – Competition

This year's theme is: Together for a better internet.

To celebrate Safer Internet Day Penponds School would like to launch a new E-Safety competition following on from our previous competition in the Autumn term. We are looking to build pupil's knowledge and share safer internet messages throughout school and the wider community. This term's competition involves making a resource on one of the following topics:



- Self-Esteem
- Fake news and critical thinking
- Cyberbullying
- Online reputation

Children are welcome to display their resource in any format they choose, eg DT/Art, song or rap, use a programme on the computer eg animation, ppt or even make an online safety quiz. Closing date for entries is Thursday 28th February – prizes will be given out in celebration assembly on Friday 1st March. Good luck. We look forward to seeing your entries.

Internet Guides link:

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wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/NOS-Engaging-Parents-January-2019-1.pdf

The talent show report and Youth Speaks report will follow in next week's newsletter.

Valentine's Disco

We are holding a Valentine's Disco on Friday 15th February for the children. Adults can drop off their child at 5.30pm and collect them at 7pm. Cost is £2 per child which includes a hot dog and a drink. Pay on the door please.



Parent Pay goes live at Penponds School – Monday 4th February

All parents and carers will receive a letter today with a unique username and password to log in to Parent Pay – www.parentpay.com where you will be able to make payments to school direct for your child's lunches, trips, swimming etc.



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Dear Parent or Carer,

Friday 1st February 2019

In an attempt to remove all cash and cheques from school we are asking all parents to only use our e-payment method to pay for lunch money, trips, swimming lessons, uniform, wrap around care etc. This can be done online using a very secure website called ParentPay or in cash at local stores where you see the PayPoint logo.

Already have a ParentPay account?

If you already have a ParentPay account, at another ParentPay school, you can simply login to that account and add your other children via the Add a child tab on your home page. You will need the below activation username and password to do this.

New to ParentPay?

You have a secure online account, activated using a unique activation username and password; you will be prompted to change these and to keep them safe and secure as your Username and Password for future logins.

If you have two or more children at a ParentPay school, you only need to activate one account to create your 'main account' and then add your other children via the Add a child tab on your home page.

Please visit www.parentpay.com and activate your account via the Account login area on the home page of the site.

Username:

Password:|

ParentPay holds an electronic record of your payments to view at a later date. Once you have activated your account you can make online payments straight away.

Those parents wishing to pay cash should contact the school office to request the option of paying via PayPoint.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you need assistance. Your support in using ParentPay will help the school enormously. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Mr Adam Richards
Headteacher

Awards for this week will be announced in next Friday's Celebration Assembly

Cornish Phrase for this week:

Gwari yn an ergh -
Play in the snow

Quote of the week:

Building resilience in children is not about being tough. Resilience is the ability to recover from difficulties and manage how you feel.



A screenshot of a Facebook post from a user named 'Allan Williams'. The post features a poll titled 'Anyone who wants to tag along to more than just one'. The poll options are 'Yes' and 'No'. The 'Yes' option has 11 votes, and the 'No' option has 0 votes. The post also includes a photo of a group of people and a video thumbnail.

AGE RESTRICTION
16+



What parents need to know about

WhatsApp



Since May 2018, the minimum age for using WhatsApp is 16 years old if you live in the European Union, including the UK. Prior to this, the minimum age was 13, which still applies for the rest of the world. WhatsApp has not yet stated whether it will take action against anyone aged between 13 and 16 who already hold accounts under the old terms and conditions, such as closing their account or seeking parental permission.

Occasionally on WhatsApp, people receive scam messages from unauthorised third parties or from fraudsters pretending to offer prizes to lucky people, encouraging recipients to click on a link to win a prize. A common scam involves messages warning recipients that their WhatsApp subscription has run out with the hope that people are duped into providing their payment details. Other scam messages include instructions to forward the message in return for a reward or gift from WhatsApp or another person.

WhatsApp has been linked to enabling the spread of dangerous viral rumours. In India, for example, a number of attacks appear to have been sparked by false rumours shared on WhatsApp.

Cyberbullying is the act of sending threatening or taunting text messages, voice messages, pictures and videos, with the aim to hurt and humiliate the receiver. The group chat and group video call features are great for multiple people to chat simultaneously, but there is the potential for people to hurt others with their comments or jokes. The only admin feature gives the admin of a group chat greater control over who can send messages. Whilst this can be good for one-way announcements, the group admin has the power to block somebody from responding to an offensive message in a chat, which could result in a child being upset and unable to reply.

To start a chat in WhatsApp, you need to know the mobile number of the contact you want to speak to and they also need to have the app downloaded. WhatsApp can find contacts by accessing the address book of a device and recognising which of those contacts are using WhatsApp. If your child has shared their mobile number with someone they don't know, they can use it to get in touch via WhatsApp.

WhatsApp's 'Live Location' feature enables users to share their current location in real time to their contacts in a chat, allowing friends to show their movements. The feature, which can be found by pressing the 'attach' button, is described by WhatsApp as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." Location-sharing is already a common feature on other social apps, including Snapchat's Snap Map and Facebook Messenger and can be a useful way for a child to let loved ones know they are safe. However, if your child is in a group chat with people they do not know, they will be exposing their location.



**National
Online
Safety**

Top Tips for Parents



Even though somebody would need your child's phone number to add them as a contact, as an extra security measure we suggest altering their profile settings to control who can see their profile photo and status. The options to choose from are 'Everyone', 'My Contacts' and 'Nobody'. We suggest selecting 'My Contacts' or 'Nobody' to ensure their profile is protected.

If your child has received spam or offensive messages, calls or attachments from a contact they should block them. Messages and status updates sent by a blocked contact will not show up on the phone and will stay undelivered. Blocking someone will not remove this contact from the contact list – they will need to be removed from the phone's address book. To block a contact, your child needs to open the person's chat stream and tap on the settings.



Advise your child not to tap, share or forward any message that looks suspicious or sounds too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they will be given the option to report the number as spam directly inside the chat. They can also report a contact or a group as spam using the following steps: 1) Open the chat. 2) Tap on the contact or group name to open their profile information. 3) Scroll to the bottom and tap 'Report Spam'.

If your child is part of a group that makes them feel uncomfortable or has been added to a group they don't want to be part of, use the group's settings to show them how to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once. If they leave again, they cannot be added again.

If your child needs to use the 'Live Location' feature to share with you or a friend, advise them to only share it for the amount of time they need to. WhatsApp gives the options of either 15 minutes, one hour or stop sharing. However, your child can choose to stop sharing at any time.

If your child has sent a message to the wrong chat or if a message they sent has contained a mistake, they can delete it. To do this, simply tap and hold on the message, choose 'Delete' and then 'Delete for everyone'. The app allows seven minutes to delete the message after it has been sent, but it is important to remember that recipients may have seen and screenshot a message before it was deleted.

A 2017 study found that by the age of 14 the average child will have sent more than 25,000 texts, 30,000 WhatsApp messages and racked up more than three solid weeks of video chat. Although it is inevitable that your child will use technology, you can still set boundaries. This is not easy, especially since teens use their devices for both schoolwork and free time, often simultaneously.



School emergency closures

A guide for parents / carers

We recognise that the decision to close a school in the event of an emergency (e.g. snow, flooding, no water or heating) significantly impacts upon you, as parents / carers. This guide outlines the agreed procedure which all schools are asked to follow and offers advice to parents / carers on the key things to consider, both before and after the decision to close has been made.

Guidance given to schools

Guidance and procedures are sent to all schools on an annual basis, usually at the start of the autumn term. To prevent the possibility of fraudulent school closures, schools are required to follow a verification process before providing school closure information. Schools are then asked to:

Undertake a risk assessment, using common sense to determine whether it is feasible for children and staff to remain in the school; and if not, what subsequent risks could arise by sending them home. Before school hours start, schools are also asked to assess if the roads are safe for children to travel to school.

Seek approval from the Governing Board (usually the decision of the Chair of Governors will suffice) to authorise the decision to close.

Notify Cornwall Council and the three local radio stations (BBC Radio Cornwall, Heart FM and Pirate FM). Providing the school follow the agreed procedure, each of the radio stations have all agreed to broadcast details of all school closures.

We will publish a list of current school closures on the Cornwall Council website at www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolclosures and on our social media channels.

Know your school's procedure

Although schools are asked to follow this procedure, schools should have their own plan of action to be followed in the event of a closure. This should include details of how parents will be notified (e.g. via radio, text message, social media, etc). It is essential that schools communicate their plan to all parents as early as possible, and equally that all parents familiarise themselves with the agreed plan.

Who to contact

If the decision is made to close, you will be notified by the school's agreed notification procedure. Should you need to contact the school directly, please be aware that the line(s) may be busy or unavailable when a large number of parents are calling at the same time.

Useful websites

Cornwall Snow Advice
www.cornwall.gov.uk/snow

Met Office
www.metoffice.gov.uk

Environment Agency
www.environment-agency.gov.uk

Devon & Cornwall Police
www.devon-cornwall.police.uk

If you would like this information in another format please contact:

Cornwall Council, County Hall, Treyew Road, Truro TR1 3AY

Email: equality@cornwall.gov.uk Telephone: 0300 1234 100



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Unless your child is entitled to free school meals, Years 3, 4, 5 or 6 hot cooked lunches cost is £2.40 each day or you can book for the whole week and get the **5 for 4 offer for £9.60 for the week**. Please pay for any lunches in advance. **Parent Pay coming soon!**

The average packed lunch contains...

OVER
4x 
the saturated fat;

OVER
3x 
the salt;

NEARLY
3x 
the sugar;

NEARLY
DOUBLE 
the calories

When compared to a Chartwells school meal

How to pay and further information

School meals currently cost **£2.40** per day in your school. Pupils can choose to eat every day or pick their favourite days to eat with us.

You can pay for your school meals daily or weekly;

- Bring cash on the day, correct change if possible, in a named purse, wallet or small container

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Stay up to date with all the important news on your school meals service by visiting www.loveschoolmeals.co.uk



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Compass Group UK & Ireland
Guildford Street
Chertsey
KT16 9BQ


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SUNDAY 24
FEBRUARY

11AM
TO 3PM

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TREVITHICK DOWNS
NEWQUAY TR8 4DY

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CORNWALL AIR AMBULANCE
SEE THE HELICOPTER | MEET THE CREW | PARAMEDIC DEMOS

EXCITING DISPLAYS FROM OTHER LOCAL EMERGENCY SERVICES

Firearms & Dogs team • RNLI • Blood Bikes • Extrication team • HM Coastguard • Devon & Cornwall Police • Cornwall Fire & Rescue

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Cornwall Air Ambulance
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Saving more lives



SPECIAL HALF-TERM FAMILY COOKERY WORKSHOP

for

Primary School Families

Create a delicious HOT MEAL and receive a FREE SLOW COOKER!

Join us for a FREE cookery workshop. Plus, FREE breakfast (toast/fruit/drink) and late morning snacks are available too.

Children can enjoy arts & crafts as well.

Everything is provided!

It's essential to pre-book!

<u>RECIPE:</u> Golden Shephard's Pie or Vegetable Shepard's Pie (served with fruit for pudding)	Monday, 18 th February (10am-1pm)	<u>LOCATION:</u> CAMBORNE CENTENARY METHODISH CHURCH (TR14 8DP)
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If you or your child(ren) have any food allergies or dietary requirements, please tell us! We always do our best to offer alternative ingredients, where possible.
The cookery workshops are for families whose children receive FREE SCHOOL MEALS.



BOOK ONLINE VIA:

http://www.littlekitchenmagicians.com/booking_form/

or

For more information contact

Little Kitchen Magicians: 07968 606 580 / lizzie@littlekitchenmagicians.com

or

Transformation CPR: 01209 714 592 / TransformationCPR@hotmail.co.uk



Teaching Vacancy

Penponds School are looking to appoint a competent **key stage 2 teacher** to work as part of their dedicated team.

We are looking for a committed, enthusiastic and approachable team member who can help continue to raise standards and improve our school. The successful candidate will be an excellent teacher who is passionate about developing lifelong learning skills for all children within the class.

Penponds School is part of The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust, working in partnership with Troon School, St Meriadoc Infant Academy and St Meriadoc Junior Academy where we believe that together, we are building a brighter future for our children. We are looking for a new member of staff to embrace and support our schools in creating an environment where the children have the opportunity to aim high and achieve their best every day.

Job Details:

Location	Penponds School
Post	Key stage 2 teacher
Grade/salary	MPS
Hours per week	Full time
Contract	Permanent
Application closing date	Monday 4 th March 2019 at midnight
Interview date	Tuesday 19 th March 2019
Other information	Start date: September 2019

The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding the safeguarding of our students and the successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.

Visits to our school are welcome by appointment. For an application pack or to make an appointment please contact Mrs Jo Wood by telephone 01209 713929 or email secretary@penponds.cornwall.sch.uk

The Jam opens at 10 o'clock and is free to all. There is plenty of free parking right outside and the best entrance is via Trevenson Road. Children under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult at the Tech Jams.

SAT 9TH FEB
STUDENT
CENTRAL
CORNWALL
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CAMBORNE

10am - 1pm

TECH JAM

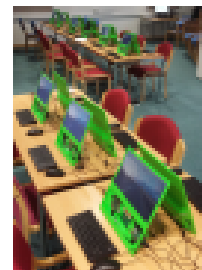
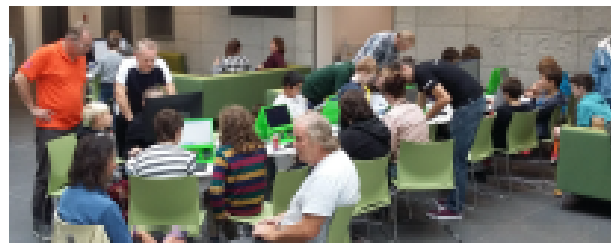
For anyone interested in technology,
for all ages and abilities

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 20 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.



for directions see cornwalltechjam.uk





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Develop your career, learn a new skill, gain a qualification or simply enjoy learning.

Come along to: **Internet Safety Workshop** to help you
keep your family safe online

Being held at: **Roskear Link into Learning** next to
Roskear Primary School, Camborne

On: **Tuesday 5th February 9:15am – 11:45am**
Safer Internet Day

All parents/carers welcome!

Places are limited

For more information and to reserve a place, contact your **Family Learning** tutor
Vicki Salvidge on 07968 992495 or vicki.salvidge@cornwall-acl.ac.uk

It's easy to apply online today!

www.cornwall.gov.uk/adultlearning
Call 0300 1231 117

