



Weekly Newsletter Spring 8 Friday 13th March 2020

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This week's focus: Science Week

Spelling Bee Contest

On Friday 6th March we had our Spelling Bee Final in the Hall. The children participating had been practising their spelling in readiness for the Spelling Bee Contest. The children learnt words from the classic play "Romeo and Juliet" by William Shakespeare.



A voucher was awarded to the Spelling Bee Champion from each year group and the overall winner received the Spelling Bee Trophy. Well done everyone. The overall winner will now go through to the Rainbow MAT Final Spelling Bee where the highest scoring child from three of the schools in the MAT compete against each other for the title of 'Rainbow MAT Spelling Bee Champion'.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 20th March

Carn Brea Class Visit to Trevaskis Farm

Monday 23rd March

Easter Experience Week

Thursday 26th March

Regal Theatre event for Dance/Choir Children

Last Day of Spring Term

Friday 27th March

First Day of Summer Term

Tuesday 14th April

Thursday 16th April

Global Boarders Surf Club starts

Tuesday 21st April

Cornish Pirates After School Club starts

Friday 8th May

May Day Bank Holiday

Monday- Friday

11th - 15th May

SATS week – Year 6

Half-Term Break

25-29th May

Friday 12th and Monday 15th June

INSET DAYS – no school for children



Cornwall Plastic Pollution Workshops

On Monday 9th March volunteers, Delia, Michelle and John came in for the day to talk to the children about plastic pollution. The children also took part in class workshops. Carn Brea class were 'Beach Wildlife Rangers and Performers' exploring the impact of marine plastics on seabirds and marine creatures. All other classes had a 'Beach Detectives' discussion and activities to work out age and origins of beach-cleaned plastics. In addition Tregonning Class had a 'Beach Scientists' discussion and activities to determine variation of plastic types, buoyancy properties and degradability. They also had a 'Beach Artists' activity to reconstruct flotsam characters



Friday 26th June

NEXUS Healthy Hearts workshop
Tregonning Class

Monday 6th - 8th July

Delaware Camp –
Tregonning Class

Monday and Tuesday 13th and 14th July

Year 6 Induction Days at
CSIA

Wednesday and Thursday 24th and 25th June

Global Boarders Surf Days
for Trecrom and
Tregonning Classes

Last Day of Summer Term

Wednesday 22nd July

INSET DAYS 2020

Fri 12th June 2020

Mon 15th June 2020

Thu 23rd July 2020

Attendance and Awards for this week:

Attendance:

Carn Brea: 92.35%

Godolphin:

Y1 – 97.89%

Y2 – 93.75%

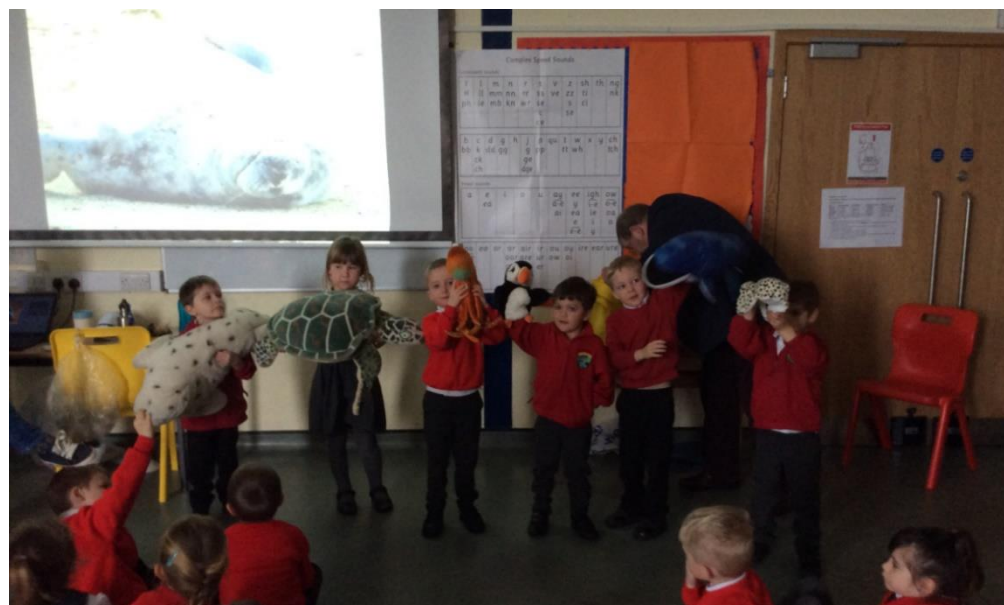
Trecrom – 98.33%

Tregonning - 97.31%

Attendance Trophy

Trecrom Class

from plastic parts. A big thank you to the Cornwall Plastic Pollution Coalition volunteers for coming in!



Celebration Awards:

Lunchtime:

Charlie, Ethan, Kelyn, Keira

Carn Brea:

Bella, Willow, Logan

Godolphin:

Y1 – Elffin, Esmee,
Annabella

Y2 – William, Alfie,
Annabelle

Trencrom:

All of the Class for being
absolutely amazing!

Tregonning:

Maddie, Morley, Jasmine

Maths:

Grace, Ia, Lemmy, Toula

Headteacher:

Lemmy, Laurie, Annabelle,
Emily C, Archie

Quote:





Space Odyssey Dome

On Tuesday 10th March Simon entertained the children from Penponds, Troon and St Meriadoc Juniors with his wonderful Space Dome experience.





Cross-Country Event at CSIA



On Wednesday 11th March some KS2 children from Penponds School took part in a Cross-Country tournament at CSIA.



We raced in our year groups and it was boys and girls. Year 3 and 4 ran half the pitch, Year 5 ran once around the whole field and Year 6 ran the whole field twice. When we finished the race we would get a card with the number we were placed on it. If you were placed in the top 5 you would go into the finals just before the holidays. Four people from our school got medals. We all had an amazing day and we want to thank Camborne School and our teachers, Mrs Stone, Mr Rodda, Mrs Pascoe and Mrs Watts.
By Keira and Lily

Penponds School Results:

Year 3 Boys – 1st Brody, 2nd Charlie, 4th Leon

Year 3 Girls – 1st Issie, 3rd Lily, 7th Freya B, 9th Olivia, 13th Isla B

Year 4 Boys – 1st Jasper, 2nd Jowan, 3rd Daniel, 8th Harry, 9th Griffin, 13th Jayden, 14th Finley, 15th Alfie, 18th Kaiden

Year 4 Girls – 2nd Bella, 8th Jasmine

Year 5 Boys – 2nd Tristan, 3rd Vincent, 4th Harrison, 5th Alex

Year 5 Girls – 1st Kiera, 7th Lily

Year 6 Boys – 7th Piran, 9th Morley, 10th William

Maths Mastermind

On Thursday 12th March children from Penponds School attended St Meriadoc Junior School for a Maths Mastermind competition. Our team of 4 children from Year 4 competed against teams from Troon and St Meriadoc Juniors. The competition involved a Maths Race, a Reasoning Relay and a Maths Mastermind round!

Camborne Library/500 Words Visit



On Thursday 12th March some children from Penponds School who were really interested in creative writing visited Camborne Library to meet award winning children's author Chris Higgins. Chris talked about her writing and shared some tips on the writing process which hopefully will inspire the children in their own writing. Children who attended were then encouraged to participate in the Camborne 500 words competition (inspired by the BBC Radio 2 event.)

Entries for the 500 words competition need to be submitted by the 17th April. The staff at the Library and Chris Higgins will read the stories, the winners will get a prize and their story will be shared online.



RMAT Event for Sports Relief

On Friday 13th March we supported Sports Relief by wearing sports kit to school and taking part in a range of sporty activities through the day including penalty shoot outs, running, throwing etc. We collated our scores and times and then compared year groups across the MAT to find out who was the fittest!! Thank you for sending in donations and continued support. We raised £40.77.





Handwashing in Carn Brea Class



Reminder - Car Park

Please be careful when driving into and out of the car park and try to reverse into car park spaces. Only use the disabled spaces if entitled and do not use the emergency vehicle area (hashed markings). Thank you for your support.



Reminder - Application for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium relevant to all children

All Key Stage 1 children (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) are eligible to receive a free school lunch regardless of household income or benefits. However, if you are in receipt of one or more of the qualifying benefits (listed below) and you are not in receipt of Working Tax Credit, **your child's school could also benefit from additional Pupil Premium funding to support your child** when you complete this application form. Forms are available from the school or apply online:

www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolmeals or phone 0300 1234 101 for advice

Qualifying Benefits are:

Universal Credit with net take home income not exceeding £7,400 (616.67 per month), Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, The guarantee element of Pension Credit, Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC, Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

Are You Camborne's Next Great Writer?

Inspired by Radio 2's "500 Words Competition", Camborne Library is hosting its own exclusive local Competition! All you need to do is write a story in 500 words or less and hand it to Camborne Library by April 17th. Open to all Primary School Children in the Camborne area. Stories will be judged in age categories: 4-8 and 9-11.

After a team of judges have read through all entries, the final 10 will be passed to local award winning children's author Chris Higgins to chose the ultimate winner! There will be a prize for the winner and their story will be shared on our Facebook page for all to enjoy.



Coronavirus Update – 13th March 2020

National Update:

Government coronavirus action plan

The government coronavirus action plan sets out what the UK has done to tackle coronavirus (COVID-19), and what we plan to do next.

The situation is constantly reviewed and action informed by expert science and advice, guided by the Chief Medical Officer and the Chief Scientific Adviser.

The action plan can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan>

Action plan recap

The action plan sets out a four-phased approach in response to coronavirus – Contain, Delay, Mitigate, and Research, based on the latest scientific evidence.

The current emphasis is on the Contain and Research phases, however planning for Delay and Mitigation is already in train.

As part of the Contain phase, we have been providing advice to educational settings in England. We also launched a DfE helpline to manage the flow of increasing queries, from providers, parents and young people.

How to wash your hands properly

Wash your hands more often for 20 seconds with soap and hot water.

Watch this short NHS film for guidance:

<https://youtu.be/bQCP7waTRWU>

Teach young children how to wash their hands with the NHS handwashing song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjeiWLnEg>

Public Health England recommends that in addition to handwashing before eating, and after coughing and sneezing, everyone should also wash hands after using toilets and travelling on public transport.

Where to find the latest information

Updates on COVID-19:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Guidance for educational settings:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Guidance for social or community care and residential settings:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-social-or-community-care-and-residential-settings-on-covid-19>

Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

Educational resources:

<https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/resources/campaigns/101-coronavirus-/resources>

<https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools>

Latest Department for Education information:

<https://twitter.com/educationgovuk>

<https://www.facebook.com/educationgovuk/>

Penponds School Update

Prevention/ Containment: We are regularly reminding children about handwashing and all children have been spoken to about washing hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds.

- We have upgraded our soap dispensers improving hygiene
- Door handles are being regularly cleaned with antibacterial sprays
- Toilet areas are receiving extra daily cleaning
- Children have participated in lessons from <https://e-bug.eu/>

Planning:

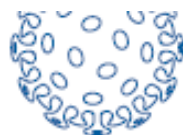
In the event of a school closure the following will happen:

- Parents will be informed by email or schoolcomms and we will inform the local authority.
- Staff will upload lesson plans/ activities on to the school website or send home a learning pack with the children
- The school will receive a deep clean in line with Public Health Guidelines
- Staff will work from home – they will be able to plan lessons, complete online training modules and start preparing annual reports.

NB The school is not closing at the moment and we will inform parents if a decision is made to close our school



Public Health
England



Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it
with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it
by washing
your hands with
soap & water or
hand sanitiser

You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks
& sport
activities



Before
cooking
& eating



SCHOOL
ETC.
On arrival at
any childcare
or educational
setting



After using
the toilet



Before
leaving
home



Try not to touch your
eyes, nose, and mouth
with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come
into contact with your mouth
such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share
items such as bedding,
dishes, pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans
for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19. Parents can visit **NHS.UK** to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Wuhan and Hubei Province in China should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days. See **NHS.UK** for advice on coronavirus.

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately

