



Weekly Newsletter

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This week's focus: Tregonning's Day at NEXUS!



On Monday 4th December Class 4 went to NEXUS for a workshop to learn about electricity. We were very excited when we found out we were going to NEXUS. We got onto the bus to travel to NEXUS – it didn't take long! We got off the bus and walked to reception. In reception there was a French bulldog called Lola and everyone crowded around her. Then we walked to the building next door to reception and took our coats off. We went into a science room and sat down and started to learn about electricity.

Then we connected circuits together and we used a Van Der Graph energy ball. We touched each others fingers and it started to buzz. We did energy transfer like transferring a hair dryer, dynamo, solar fan and bell. After that we made fairground rides out of straws, cardboard, aliens, horses and rockets. We made up names for the fairground. They were called galaxy, spinner, death horses, space gladiators and sea accelerator. Then we got back onto the Camborne School bus and travelled back to Penponds School. After we got off the bus we went back into school. It was a great morning of fun learning! **Written by Ryan Roskrow-Lawrence and Sophie Lomas**

Carols at Barripper Chapel



On Monday night the choir, fresh from their success at Camborne Musical festival, sang their hearts out at Barripper chapel. The school has been attending the carols at

Barripper for a long time and a particular highlight of Monday evening was the number of Year 1 and Year 2 children singing right at the front. Thanks to Mrs Holmes for playing the piano.

George Eustice MP Christmas Card competition

Well done to Lloyd Bennett who was awarded second position in the annual Christmas Card competition. The prize was presented by Mrs Lane, part of his team in the constituency office. Lloyd's



Dates for your diary:

- Fri 8th Dec** – Carol Concert at Wesley Chapel 6pm for 6.30pm start
- Sun 10th Dec - am** Penponds Village Christmas tree being decorated in the square
- Sun 10th Dec** Penponds Village Nativity, start time 4pm
- Mon 11th Dec** – VIP visitor to Penponds School
- Tue 12th Dec and Wed 13th Dec** – Carn Brea and Godolphin Class Christmas Nativity – 6pm start
- Wed 13th Dec** – School Christmas Lunch
- Thu 14th Dec** – Family Lantern making morning
- Fri 15th Dec** – Christmassy Christmas Show with Squashbox theatre – 9.30am start
- Fri 15th Dec** Penponds village official Christmas tree light switch on: 1830
- Tue 19th Dec** – Christingle assembly – 14.50pm start
- Tues 19th Dec** Camborne Lantern Parade
- Wed 20th Dec** – Last day of term. School finishes at 3.30pm
- Thu 4th Jan** – First day of term

design is printed on the back of a card that will find itself on the mantelpiece of all the MP's, the Prime Minister and the Queen.

Christmas Craft in Carn Brea class



On Monday Carn Brea class hosted a Christmas craft day for their parents. There were many sparkly decorations made and lots of different materials used. Thanks to all the parents who supported their learning.

Tregonning's Victorian Workshop



On Monday afternoon Tregonning class had a visit from Ian who worked in the Cornwall Records Office in Redruth. We wrote with quills (which were really hard to write with) and slates. The Cornwall records office has over 1 million ancient documents and some were about Penponds school. There was a record saying that the school shut once because of farm animals! **By Evie Langley Wright and Gina Eastman.**



We decided to do a Santa fun run because all the schools in the Rainbow Multi academy trust were doing it. The Santa fun run took place on Wednesday 6th of December we ran forty laps around the playground to raise money for the Carn Brea leisure centre (it's the one near the big Tesco)

for their new swimming pool. The whole school worked really hard so I think they all need a massive clap. Some people actually did forty laps; I know, pretty impressive! Some people were so close and the whole time it was freezing cold (I don't know if it helps or it makes it worse) I'll leave that up to you. All in all, it was fun... mostly.

By Roisin Bermingham

This week's awards:

Top Table: Jacob N, Jessica, Jasmine, Alfie M

Class Awards:

Carn Brea – William, Kaira, Elijah J-D, Piran C

Godolphin –

YR1 – Freya B, Leon, Charlie

YR2 – Gwyddion, Arabella, Kaiden

Trencrom – Emelia, Morley, Mylo

Tregonning – Fleur, Jack V, Evie

Headteacher Award –

Harvey, Arabella G, Laurie, Toby, Faith

Prefect Award:

Piran C, Emily Q

Maths Awards

Jayden H, Hollie S, Brody

Y5/6 Athletics Awards

Thomas, Gina, James, Eddy, Evan, Henry, Heidi, Megan, Ruby, Alice, Fleur, Evie, Sophie L, Ben G, Jake J-P, Jacob

Attendance:

Carn Brea: 89.41%

Godolphin:

Y1 – 95.79%

YR2 – 96.25%

Trencrom: 93.7%

Tregonning: 94.07%

Attendance Trophy:

Year 2 Godolphin Class

Quote of the week:

There is nothing in the world so irresistibly contagious as laughter and good humour.

Charles Dickens



Headteachers' Reading Tea Party

Our first reading tea party took place this week with Jacob, Megan, Alex, Bella, Eloise and Harry Partridge. The group discussed the books they were reading and why they liked to read so much.

Carn Brea and Godolphin Christmas Nativity – Tue/Wed 12th and 13th December

On Tuesday and Wednesday evening before the production there will be an opportunity to buy locally produced pesto and chutney, an ideal accompaniment to a Christmas dish! Also on Wednesday evening a light refreshment of fresh warm apple wine and biscuits will be available to purchase before the production.

The Penponds village Christmas tree will be put up in the square in the morning of Sunday 10th December. If anyone has access to a cherry picker or something similar to help put the lights on the tree that would be greatly appreciated. Please email Mrs Wood at secretary@penponds.cornwall.sch.uk if you are able to help. **Save the date!** The official switch on of the Penponds lights will be on **Friday 15th December at 1830**. Please come along and support this local event.



Sports Athletics CSIA – Wednesday 6th December

Years 3 and 4 left in the morning for Camborne Science and International Academy's sAthletics event. This was held in the sports hall with the track events being around the outside and the field events being in the centre. These included chest pass, vertical jump, long jump, triple jump and speed bounce. The track events were relays, obstacle race and an up and over race. The children who attended were Hollie, Keira, Eloise, Emelia, Lily, Sophie, Ellie, Harvey, Alex C, Alex K, Morley, Trystan, Tristan, Jessica, Maisy and Piran and they took part in 2 events from the track and 2 events from the field. The points were then collated and added together to get a grand total which was 154.



Year 5 and 6 left at 12pm to attend the same event. The children who attended were Ruby, Fleur, Gina, Alice, Jacob, Jake, Ben, Eddy, James, Sophie, Evie, Megan, Heidi, Thomas, Henry and Evan. They

participated in the same events and the points were added together to get a grand score. They finished in 3rd place.



**Bella the Reading Dog – Friday 8th
December**

This is Bella our very own Reading Dog!
Bella has been visiting classes today and
listening to the children read aloud their
reading books and Christmas stories.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS/PUPIL PREMIUM

If you think you may qualify to claim for Free School Meals for your child and have not already done so please apply as soon as possible for the school to claim the relevant funding even if your child is currently in Reception, Years 1 or 2 and is entitled to Universal Free School Meals at present.

Here is the link to the latest Free School Meals/Pupil Premium application form. Any queries you can also call the Council's Free School Meal team on 01872 323 298 or visit the

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/>

Or through the Penponds School website link:

http://www.penponds.cornwall.sch.uk/web/does_my_child_qualify_for_the_pupil_premium/320914



Christmas Lunch 13th

December

Roast Turkey

With trimmings

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Quorn Roast

Served with

Roasted Potatoes

Peas and Carrots

Gravy

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Christmas Shortbread Biscuit

There will only be the above options for Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 13th December. Please be aware that the menu will be gluten-free and dairy-free except for the Quorn Roast. If your child needs a lunch that is vegetarian and gluten and dairy-free please let me know so I can order something suitable. If your child does not normally have a school dinner but would like Christmas Lunch please contact Mrs Wood on secretary@penponds.cornwall.sch.uk to pre-book. The cost of lunch is £2.40 per child which should be sent into school prior to 13th December. Reception, Y1+Y2 children do not need to pay.

