

CEO Newsletter June 2019

The summer months traditionally see a lot of outdoor learning as our pupils and staff make the most of the wonderful environment we live in. Already we have had visits to Carn Yorth, Barton Hall, BF Adventure, beach and river studies, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, camping on the Isles of Scilly and much more to come



Over 120 Key Stage 1 children from five Lizard primary schools recently joined the National Trust for learning days in the great outdoors. The pupils from Manaccan, Coverack, St Keverne, Grade Ruan and Landewednack schools joined forces with the Lizard Ranger team for the days, hosted at Poltesco, when they were challenged to hone their survival skills.

Rachel Holder, Lizard Area Ranger for The National Trust said 'We've had great fun hosting these days, building dens, and sailing mini rafts on the pool, plus sharing how to braid leaf fibres into cord.'

Tom Studd, a PE lead within Southerly Point Co-operative Multi Academy Trust, said, 'We think it's important that children get to explore outdoors, and these days are a great way to build confidence and teamwork. We'd like to thank the National Trust rangers and volunteers for hosting these visits.'



Congratulations to the Parc Eglos girls' team who have won the Plymouth Argyle Girls' Football Cup. The girls won all 7 of their group matches before qualifying for the final, where they beat Lanner School 2 - 0. This was an outstanding achievement, as the girls scored 23 goals and didn't concede any. Great teamwork. Well done to them.

Wendron School continue the theme of outdoor learning as they welcome their lovely new playground equipment! They also have a wonderful new marble cross in their reflection garden. Thank you to Christopher and Katie Wearne for this gift.

The school have had a visit from a member of the Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust. He came to speak to the children and to collect a cheque from their fundraising events. They raised £495.19 through a non uniform day, a cake sale and collecting coins in a jar.





Children from Breage C of E school were in fine voice on 20th June as they had a variety of hymns and songs recorded by Recordings 4 Schools. The company is going to produce a CD for them which will go on sale as soon as supplies arrive. Music and singing have always been a huge part of school life at Breage and this was a way of both celebrating and memorialising their achievements. One particularly poignant song on the disk is the gospel hymn, 'O Happy Day'. This was sung at Fr Peter's funeral as it was one of his favourites and they dedicate that performance to him and his memory. Well done to them and to Ellie (winning CD cover design) and Ari (soloist).

Congratulations to Helston Community College who came second in the 2019 SatelliLife Challenge, winning £5,000 for the College. They will now go on to pitch their ideas to a panel of industry experts at the Harwell Space Cluster in Oxfordshire in June in the hope of gaining further support to turn them into reality. In previous years this has led to job offers, extra funding and support to build prototypes.



Max (11), Charlie and Evie, (12) came up with GPS trackers that could either be attached to lifejackets or deployed to passengers alongside oxygen masks in planes, in the event of an emergency. The tracker would be linked to the seat number of the passenger, showing where individuals are in the event of a crash and assisting rescue services.

Evie said: "I felt really excited to win but also really proud of my teammates. We plan to take our winning idea further to benefit other people's lives and make people feel more comfortable using aircrafts as travel, making them feel safer knowing that our device will be able to keep them safe no matter what happens. This opportunity has made me think about having a job in the space industry. Knowing that maybe I could be the one to create more successful ideas like this and can save other people's lives makes me want to have a job in the industry."

Helston Community College Science teacher, James Allen, who starred in the BBC 2 show *Astronauts: Do you have what it takes*, added: "I am incredibly proud of Charlie, Evie and Max. All of their research and development was carried out either during their lunch breaks or after school, and if they continue in the same way throughout school I'd confidently say that all three of them have a bright future in STEM."

Well done to everyone involved – it's great to see such aspirational thinking and a strong appetite for highly skilled careers from Cornish students and their teachers. Thanks once again to our Enterprise partner, Dave Pollard, and his industry partners for really championing this project.



Kind regards

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