

27th May 2022

Well, that was a short but rather exciting half term.

I am so pleased that with the dedication and support of our excellent staff, we have been able to introduce a blended timetable which takes all the great parts of our previous hub-based model and adds in wider opportunities during afternoon sessions. These sessions are delivered by subject specialist teachers and are designed to give pupils a change of face, a change of pace and also experience of subjects that may be new to them. Opportunities include Gardening, Hospitality, PE, Creative Arts and practical Science. In addition, there are excellent sessions to embed Maths, English and PSHE skills which will be essential in next steps for pupils. Change is obviously challenging for pupils and staff, but as the model settles down and everyone gets used to it, I am optimistic that the benefits will outweigh the challenges. As in all matters, I really need your feedback and comments as to how you see this change affecting your child - both positive and negative.

The recovery from Covid has been slower than we all would have liked, but like all good plans, it is about doing it right rather than doing it quickly. Your partnership and patience through this is, as always, much appreciated.

Sadly, we will be shortly saying goodbye to our current Year 11s after 5 enjoyable years - they have changed so much during this time in fact, so have I! On their first day I was a Science teacher, now I have the privilege of being Head teacher. Hopefully they are able to reflect on the progress that they have been able to make during the same time period. I am very proud of them all. We will be having some celebrations for Y11s that will include a Leaver's Ball, which we will hold at school on Wednesday 20th July followed by a Leaver's Assembly in the afternoon of July 22nd, their final day. More details will follow shortly about the exact plans. We have also had to say goodbye to 2 excellent members of staff-Steph Taylor and Bess Revell who are both moving on to new chapters of their lives. A huge thanks for everything, We will miss them

Remember, The school will be closed on Monday 6th June for the delayed Queen's birthday bank holiday - so I look forward to welcoming pupils back on Tuesday 7th June ready for the final half term of the academic year.



Gary Oak

Headteacher

REMINDER:

Inset Days are 3rd May, 6th June, 1st July

HELIGAN CLASS NEWS

As Part of their independence work, Heligan Class organised a trip into Truro. They caught the park and ride bus from outside Waitrose. The whole class enjoyed their trip very much.



EDEN CLASS NEWS

Eden Adventures

This term Eden have been out and about!

We have taken part in sailing and powerboating trip on the Carrick Roads, everyone had a go at driving the powerboat.

Eden and Heligan enjoyed a joint trip to the beach to take part in activities and use their money skills to buy ice-creams.

At school Eden have been studying The Tempest and have taken part in some outside drama activities to investigate and understand the play.

The class has also been able to use the woods in a Forest school session where they made hot chocolate in the woods and studied the insects that they found.



Caerhays Class News

The breaking news is that we have started our new timetable, which gives the pupils opportunities to work with other teachers in the afternoons. I am super proud of all Caerhays' pupils, as they have transitioned onto this extremely well

In English, we have continued with our Travel topic, looking at where we would like to go on holiday and why which also linked in with Truro where pupils did a travel shop. In cooking, we have continued to cook dishes from a variety of different countries, plus some scones for the Jubilee.

We have been doing lots around Independent Living skills such as visits to various shops and cafes, working together, showing respect and taking responsibility for our property, classroom and so on.

The boys have engaged very well in PE where we have been doing some gymnastics, rounders and cricket.

We finally did our first Boot Camp session with team building, bonding, leadership skills which was successful and we hope to continue after half term.

We have done a lot of outdoor Maths relating to our topic on Measures such as measuring woodwork, converting units and building workbenches.

We have had some good sessions in the garden and at Forest School. The pupils have been looking at conservation, re vitalising the forest with woodchips, maintenance and have started building a new worktop.

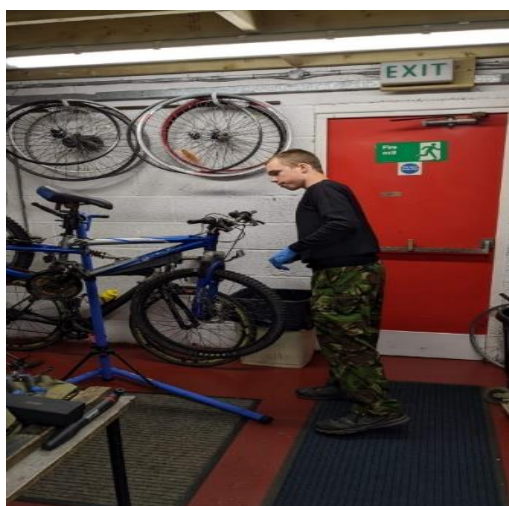
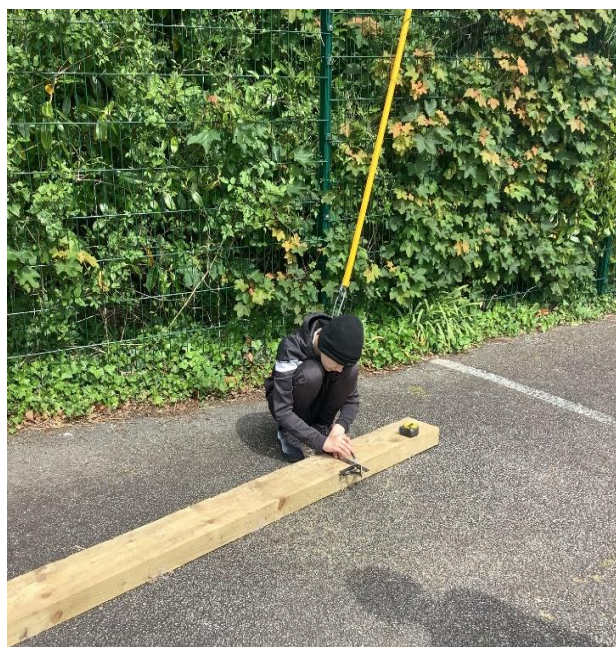
In Science, we have been looking at microbes and diseases including some practical experiments.

We also have lots to look forward to next half term such as sailing and speed boating, hopefully a day at Valley Farm, a beach trip and our Jubilee tea party!

Have a lovely half term break.

Team Caerhays





Pendennis Class News

Spaceport Cornwall

Pendennis Class have been working with the new and exciting 'Spaceport Cornwall'. Spaceport Cornwall is an astonishing project aiming to launch small and sustainable satellites into orbit from the wing of a Virgin aeroplane. The students have been exploring the future career opportunities such innovation can provide in Cornwall and have even built their own flying models of the launch craft 'Cosmic Girl'. You can find out more about this exciting project at www.spaceportcornwall.com





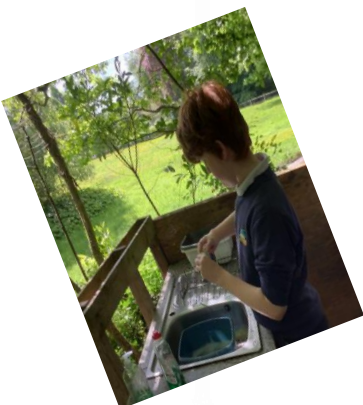
Healthy Snacks

Cookery has been all about making healthy choices, with Pendennis learning to love fruit and use sharp knives safely. A Fruit Salad has proved to be a winner with the smoothie also a firm favourite.



Trebah Class News

Trebah class have been busy this term learning about nature in Forest School, being creative with water and practicing social skills. We even had a visit to Callestick Ice cream farm and met Ms Parkinson's new baby, George.



Botallack Class News

Botallack have had a great half term! We've kept up with our reading and daily walk as well as exploring various topics through numeracy and literacy. We were really fortunate to be invited to see the 'Shackleton' exhibition at the shipwreck museum and spent a day sailing at Mylor.



Lanhydrock Class News

Lanhydrock have had another enjoyable half term. All of the lovely things we planted, such as broad beans, sweet peas, and radishes have grown a huge amount in the poly tunnel and they taste delicious.

We are also delighted that Forest School is up and running again! This has given us a chance to make sparks with flint and steel and to cook some pancakes and bacon sandwiches.

We have enjoyed learning about Africa in our Humanities lessons and have made the most of doing practical Science experiments with Mrs Barry- did someone say 'vinegar and baking soda grenades'? Have a restful half term everyone! From Lanhydrock.



Crantock Class News



Art: this half term we have explored press printing, we used rollers and paint to make our designs

History/ Science: We have looked at X-rays. We have used our interactive IPad app and t-shirt to explore our skeleton.



At the beginning of this half term, we as a class went to the park and enjoyed our break at the picnic table. We explored the climbing frame, swings and roundabout



Trelissick News

Fabulous start to the Summer Term.

How fast has the first half of the Summer Term gone? We have been working hard in Trelissick and everyone is looking forward to a nice restful half term break. When we come back in June, the end of the first year of secondary school is in sight!



Students take part in a paper aeroplane flying challenge



Making a healthy snack.

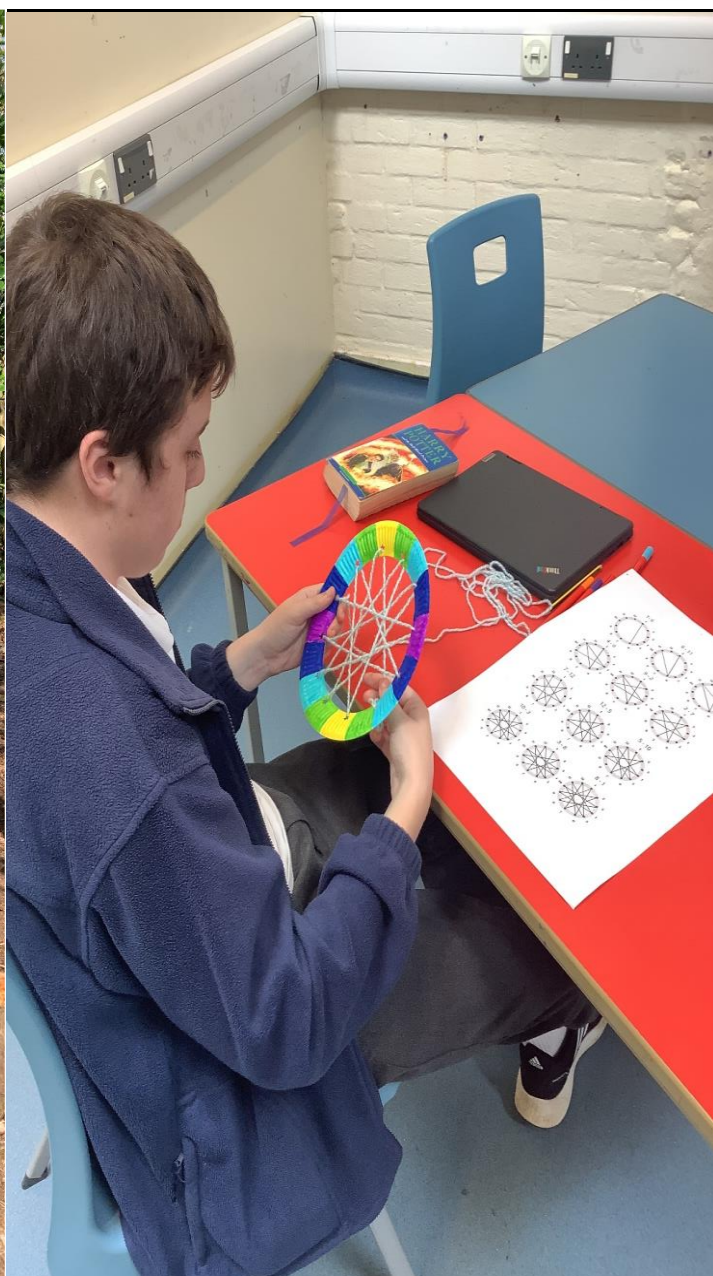
Trerice News

Exam time is upon us and the pupils of Trerice continue to give nothing less than their best. With the Maths and English exams done, dusted and out of the way, only GCSE Science remains. One Science paper down and three more to go...but don't worry Trerice...you've got this!

It has not all been Maths, English and Science, however. To give them a break from the pressure of exams, Trerice pupils have been enjoying sunny walks, Forest School fun, and a spot of environmental art. To top it all off we have been lucky enough to enjoy a fab day out sailing and power boating at Mylor.

Keep up the amazing work Trerice!







Towan News

The Towan crew had the opportunity to experience Wet Wheels Southwest, a high speed catamaran birthed at Falmouth Haven. We were skippered by Dave Rogers and his crew who took us out towards St Anthony Lighthouse before checking Dave's crab pots off Lighthouse Beach. The boys were lucky enough to experience pulling up the pots and checking the catch - it was hard work but they worked as a team to complete their objective. They found lobsters and crabs which they were all brave enough to hold, observing the amazing colours and patterns on these creatures.....Now for their favourite bit - driving the boat - I must admit I had to hold tight when Callum took to the wheel! We have another trip booked on the 16th June this time fishing.....wish us luck!







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Pencarrow News

Pencarrow have been having a great time over the past few months. Although we were sad to see Miss Marler head off on maternity leave, we have welcomed Mr Sullivan – who is brilliant, everyone likes him and he has fitted in really well.

It's been great trying out the new timetable. We have enjoyed having our specialist teachers back for different subjects! We have been back in the school garden, and enjoying Forest school – thankyou Mrs Butler!



We held a birthday party for Miss Richards and Mr Hobday on Friday 20th May. We had fun listening to everyone's music choice and deciding if we liked it or not. We would say that Mr Sullivan has a strange taste in music 😊



We are looking forward to our next class trip to Boscowan park on Friday 27th May.



Pencalenick Friends News

Pencalenick Friends today took delivery of this bicycle, a very kind donation from a family with three students in the school. Pencalenick Friends is the school charity, here to provide our students with extra opportunities and resources that go above and beyond what the school can normally offer. In the past, Pencalenick Friends have helped provide outdoor equipment such as the swing and go-karts, along with funding trips and guest visitors. Due to restrictions over the last two years, Pencalenick Friends have not been able to run the normal fundraising events which help fund our charity. As we hope and plan for fundraising events in the near future, we shall also be able to raffle this amazing bicycle thanks to the kind support and generous donation of this family. We have also very kindly been donated a bicycle helmet from Fred Mitchell of Clive Mitchell Cycles. Thank you.

The raffle of this amazing donation will take place after the half term, more information will follow.

Our very generous family with the donated bike...East, Valentino and Eden Bennetts.



Gardening News

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We have been busy in the garden this half term planting lots of different vegetables and getting ready for the next half term. Jacob, especially has been busy harvesting leeks from last year to sell to staff and planting tomato plants. The tomato plants have grown really well and he has since sold 22 plants to staff for £1 a plant. So far this term Jacob has made £29 selling vegetables with all monies being put back into the gardening budget to buy more seeds and other gardening items. Well done Jacob!



Volunteer News

Corey carried out his work experience at DISC in Newquay, which helps those who have fallen into the poverty trap and all its attendant problems such as homelessness, debt, mental health, addiction etc.

As I was cooking with Neo on Monday morning, I mentioned that I was going to visit Corey. Neo listened carefully as I told him about the work that DISC do and the fact that Corey now volunteers there. He decided to donate the cakes he was making to the homeless people in Newquay.

We are so proud of Corey and Neo, what thoughtful and kind young men.



Volunteering

Making a **difference** to others, making a
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Gardening

Learning

Confidence Building

Cafe

Fundraising

Driver

Administration

Reception

Oxygen Assistant

New Friendships

Skill Sharing



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Free time after the school run?

Volunteering is a great way to meet people, gain experience, confidence and skills, all while helping a local charity like ours. Once a week, once a month or just a couple of hours. We have lots of volunteering roles both in the community and at our Centre at Hewas Water. If you would like to find out more call our Volunteer Coordinator Caroline 01726 885530

or

e-mail caroline@merlinmscentre.org.uk

Events

Coffee Morning with Truro, St Austell and Camborne Colleges for parents of pupils in **Years 9 and 10**.

Come along and meet with staff from the colleges and hear about the opportunities they offer post 16.

Monday 13th June from 10.30am to 12pm in the Dining Room

Please let Reception know if you wish to attend.



Pencalenick Pride

June is Pride month and we want to celebrate it at Pencalenick by thinking about our own identities and what we are proud of. We have decided to have a non-school uniform day on Friday 17th June and the theme is 'my favourite outfit.' A small, voluntary donation for a charity yet to be decided would be appreciated if your child chooses to partake. We look forward to seeing everyone's amazing outfits!



Thanks!

And in other news...

We made the paper!

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Museum lays on new quiet sessions



»Children from Pencalenick School were invited to try the new sessions at the Shipwreck Treasure Museum Steven Mitchell

QUIET sessions have been introduced at Charlestown's Shipwreck Treasure Museum to enable people with sensory processing disorders to be able to enjoy the attraction.

The multi-award-winning attraction is holding monthly sessions with reduced visual and audio stimuli to provide a more comfortable and welcoming environment for visitors affected by a range of sensory issues.

The background sounds and projector screens within the new immersive experience that tells the tale of legendary explorer, Sir Ernest Shackleton, will be turned off during

these sessions. Lighting will also be adjusted.

A group of pupils from Pencalenick School, a special school located near Truro, were invited to test out the new quiet session concept which their teacher, Sharon Adams, felt was a success.

She said: "Some of the pupils in our group have a range of sensory needs and they all thoroughly enjoyed their visit. The adjustments that have been made reduced and removed any potential issues which allowed the children to focus on learning in a relaxed setting."

Lynné Raubenheimer, visitor

experience manager at the museum, added: "We're very proud of our new immersive experience and exhibitions that our visitors so far this year have thoroughly enjoyed. It's very important to us to ensure we are as inclusive as possible and are proud to hold these special times and adjust our content to make visiting possible."

The new quiet sessions take place until the end of October and run from 4.30-6pm on the first Wednesday of each month with advance booking essential. For more information visit shipwreckcharlestown.co.uk

Injured woman is airlifted to hospital

»A WOMAN sustained life-threatening injuries in a serious crash between two cars on the A390 near Lostwithiel.

A green Ford Fiesta and white Citroen DS collided at West Taphouse, near Braddock Church, at 3pm on Friday.

An air ambulance had to be called after the Citroen driver, a woman in her 50s from Liskeard, was badly hurt. She was airlifted to Derriford Hospital in Plymouth.

Meanwhile, a woman in her 30s from Looe, who was driving the Ford, was also hurt and taken to Royal Cornwall Hospital. The road remained closed until about 11.30pm, as police investigated the crash site.

Now, Devon and Cornwall Police have issued a plea for anyone who might have information about the crash. A spokesperson said:

"Police investigating a serious road traffic collision on the A390 at Lostwithiel are appealing for any witnesses to come forward. The police would like to hear from anyone who witnessed the incident or has any information or dashcam footage that could help them with their enquiries."

"Officers would also like to speak to a retired/off duty fireman, who stopped to assist and may be a witness but left before police could thank them. They are asked to call 101, quoting the log number."

"Please email 101@dc.police.uk or call 101, quoting log number 486 of May 20."

Superstar Athlete in the making

A huge congratulations to Logan Murray who took part in the Cornwall County Athletics Championships. Well done Logan, it looks like you had a great time and put a lot of hard work into your events, Keep it up! 😊

