



'Academy Trust School specialising in Complex Learning Difficulties and Disabilities.'

27th May 2022

What an exciting year it has been! I think we are all really happy that many of the restrictions imposed by COVID have started to lift and although we have had some challenges with staffing levels, I am pleased that the school is returning to more normal ways of working. The year 11's left us on Friday 22nd and I must pass on my thanks to all parents and careers for the unconditional support you have shown myself and our school over the last 5 years. Although it's the beginning of a new chapter away from Pencalenick for most, you will never be forgotten. Your partnership, honesty and cooperation has helped to shape the school we have today and will continue to do so in the future.

We have had a lot of changes in staffing recently meaning we are actively recruiting Learning Mentors for September - so if you know anyone with the skills, patience, enthusiasm and passion for teaching our pupils - point them in my direction. More information will be on the website soon.

I want to wish you all a fantastic and peaceful summer holidays where I hope we will get to enjoy our lovely county at its best (i.e. not raining!) and I look forward to seeing you in the autumn.

On a personal note, it has been a really interesting year for me in my new role and I want to thank you all for your support and kindness as we continue to strive to make this a school that everyone is proud of. Our school is all about the children and I feel very privileged to have the trust of parents, staff and pupils to lead the school forward as your Head teacher. Thank you and happy holidays!

Gary Oak

Headteacher

Trebah

Trebah have had a lovely half term particularly focusing on 'The Lost Gardens of Heligan' and its historical links with Pencalenick School. We enjoyed using the Pencalenick book to prepare for our visit, identifying many of the ways things have changed over the years.

Everyone had a great time on the visit enjoying the climbing activities, animals, rope bridge, 'wild life hide', alongside the café experience and ice creams! Each student ordered their own treat giving them the opportunity to practically apply the money skills they had been practising in maths.



We unexpectedly ended up rescuing a poorly hedgehog this term which we took to the local rescue centre, and this fitted in well with our RE work all about the Islamic faith which had led us to the activity of creating our own rules to improve the world.

We have had lots of fun times in the gym this term, but particularly enjoyed our sensory circuit on sports day, where everyone managed to succeed in the challenge that had been set to beat their own time. Well done Trebah on a fantastic year and all the best for a lovely summer holiday with your families!

HELIGAN NEWS



Heligan have had lots of fun this term both in and outside of the classroom.

We found out that we have been chosen to have our work exhibited at The National Gallery, London as part of the Take One Picture project looking at 'The finding of Moses' by Orazio Gentileschi. We made our own jewellery and two of our pupils were chosen to take part in a video talking about our project.

[Take One Picture 2022: Explore the exhibition](#) | [Take One Picture 2022](#) | [National Gallery, London](#)





We had an exciting day on the waves with Mylor Sailing School. We enjoyed raising the sails and having a turn at steering the sailing boat 'Claire', as well as racing along in the powerboat 'Odyssey' and having a look at all the different boats in Falmouth harbour. Both groups were fortunate to see a seal taking advantage of the beautiful weather as well as lots of seabirds. Lots of laughter and fun had by all.

In June we learnt about Pride, we practiced our colour signs and became scientists doing lots of rainbow themed experiments. We found out about different families and how all families are special. We also looked at similarities and differences between us and our friends and about celebrating what makes us unique, and about how important it is to be proud of ourselves.

Heligan pupils have been learning about the emergency services this term and had a fantastic day out at Kernow Blue Light Day. The day provides opportunities for people with learning disabilities and autism to engage with the emergency services and hosts a variety of providers who support people with additional needs showcasing college opportunities or alternative post 16 options, advocacy services, support groups and disability friendly employers.

EDEN CLASS NEWS

This term we have been studying calculations and practicing our addition & subtraction skills. In English we have focused on writing short sentences independently, we have been working hard at improving our handwriting as well. In art we have studied Aboriginal art and looked at the history of Australia.

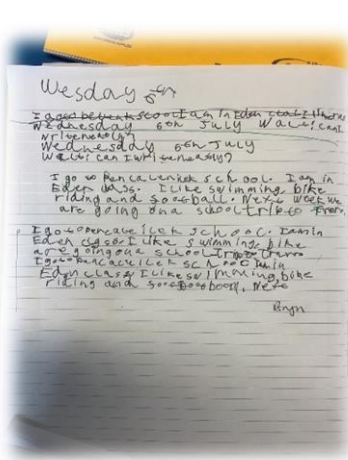
On the playground Eden have enjoyed playing shooting hoops at break, everyone is getting quite good at this.

Pupils who take music lessons have been studying hard and working towards playing tunes - well done.

This term the class have really enjoyed putting their efforts into the Buggy production, we have been on a great trip using the public bus into Truro and visited the museum, with an ice-cream stop on the way! Everyone managed really well on the bus and were a pleasure to take out. Last week the children took part in transition day and met their new classmates who they will be working with in September.

Have a great summer

Eden



Trelissick News

Trelissick – Summer term 2022

The end has come so very quick-it's time to move along
The final days of this school year have been and now are gone.

This year has been so wonderful; the time has gone so fast,
We have learned so much, had so much fun, the time has just whizzed right past.

Enjoy your summer holidays and get some well-earned rest
To start the New Year full of beans, prepared to try your best.

Your next teacher is the lucky one, I am certain this is true
Because they get to teach and spend next year with you.

-Author unknown-

Sports Day 2022



Basketballing away a summers afternoon





Test driving the new Go Karts



Out on the boat with Wet Wheels-
What a discovery!

A windy day sailing @Mylor



Taiko drumming was loud but totally awesome!



Wave your hands in the air like you just don't care! 😊



Throwback to winter
ventilation during the
pandemic



A student's
first independent solo bike ride...ever!
Amazing!

TOWAN CLASS

Pencalenick's Wildlife tours

Flood Defence

Monday 18th July 19, 2022

On one of the hottest days in Cornwall ever recorded, Pencalenick School allowed two Classes to cool off in the new flood plains of Ladock. These new flood plains are to help against localized flooding thanks to the help of local beavers. These beavers have long copper coloured nashers to bring down trees to build dams and move the flood waters to these new flood plains rather than the village of Ladock.



TEAM TOWAN

As the hot summer rays shone down on team Towan, the group arrived at their destination of woodland valley Farm. Here, they were met by three friendly dogs which the group accepted as like their own family pet. Upon entrance the third generation farmer of the family farm, gave everyone a safety brief and an outline of the day's events and what to expect whilst on tour. Walking the dry dusty trails of the 180 acre farm. The team encountered ducks, chickens and geese on the long descent to the lower parts of the farm, where the new Ladock flood defence system is in place. Clearing a path to the new small billabong type water ways is where Ladock is now receiving help from beavers.

Upon the mornings tour not a beaver was on show. As we approuched the mount of sticks and logs, where these fluffy dam builders hide out. It was eveident that they were having a posistive effect on the enviroment as the soil was moist and vegetation green hinting that they were hydrating the landscape.

It was this milputation of water that would help reduce water polution, improve soil qualilty and filter the water entering the river systems.

The postive effect of these natural clever engineers.

The two teams even had a go at building their own wooden den like that of the beavers, in a woodland on the farm.

Well done teams, an amazing job.



Pencalenick test their sea legs.

Wet wheels away

WEDNESDAY 13TH JULY

Towan embarked on their second boat trip this term partnering up with Wet Wheels of Falmouth.

As the wind dropped, into a gentle breeze the waves disappeared and the sea became a mill pond.

As wet wheels left its Falmouth jetty powering around the Roseland peninsula to the head of St Mawes. The Towan crew were met by a group of bottlenosed dolphins becoming excited about seeing Pencalenick students on board ship.

As they swam like darts through the crystal blue waters of the Cornish coast, gaining speed and sling shooting themselves through the air to catch a glimpse of team Towan. These magnificent creatures followed the group for many miles until the Suzuki out board motors fell silent. The reason for the deafening silence was for Towan to gain another string to their bows in open sea angling.

Team Towan did incredibly well at fishing with one lucky angler hooking three whiting fish on one single cast.

The event was enjoyed by all, when asked if they would like to participate again on another wet wheel's sea fairing adventure again. It was a clear yes vote.



PENCARROW NEWS

Pencarrow Newsletter

2021/22

This year has been an exciting and eventful one for Pencarrow!

Every day, come rain or shine, our class walked through the lovely Pencalenick grounds on a daily mile. We got to talk to our friends and helped with our health and fitness goals, something we could later reflect on during our Asdan work.



Our Learning Mentor Miss Marler left to go on maternity leave in March. We are all excited to see her back next year!

We enjoyed our Geography field trip asking ourselves the question: Is Truro City Centre a vibrant place?

After Christmas some of our students were lucky enough to take part in a Lego championship, where they had a chance to win money for the school. They learnt how to create some coding to get their Lego robots to follow movement commands.



As the weather got clearer during the spring, our Pencalenick garden opened and with the help of Lanhydrock's Mr. Leech, Pencarrow started gardening! The first job was to clear the weeds and prepare the soil for planting, then everyone had a chance to plant different seeds and within weeks we had green beans and beetroot ready to harvest!

Not long after Mr. Sullivan joined our class, we took part in drama lessons. Each activity focused on improving our physicality in a drama space, then we created stories together and made freeze-frames/tableaus to represent those stories. Eventually we looked at a speech from *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare and created a performance with tableaus.

Our year ended with a (well-hydrated!) sports day in the Cornish sun. Everyone involved had fun in long and short distance running races, long jump and dart throwing. Luckily two days later we could all cool down while watching the school's performance of *Bugsy Malone*, some of us getting soaked during a massive water fight.



We are all looking forward to another year at Pencarrow, whether that is going into year 9 or year 10.

TRERICE

Now that their exams are all finished, the pupils of Trerice have been keeping their Maths and English skills ticking over in preparation for Year 11 and college. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge well done to the group for coping so well with the anxiety and pressure that sitting GCSE examinations can bring. You have all worked incredibly hard and you should feel very proud of yourselves.

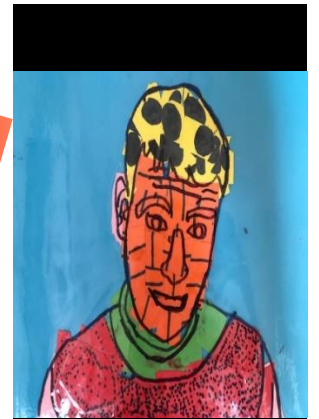
In order to develop their independent living skills in preparation for adulthood, this half term we have also focused heavily on healthy living and making good choices. Pupils have studied the importance of healthy eating, exercise and getting enough sleep, as well as the dangers of smoking, alcohol and substance abuse. I have been so impressed with the level of maturity shown during our discussions.

Another topic covered in the curriculum has been the study of Poverty in 19th Century Britain, with a particular focus on life in the workhouse. Pupils have been horrified to learn of the horrendous living conditions back then, and what schooling looked like for the children. I would like to think that it has made them realise just how lucky they are...but it has not put a stop to their moaning!!!

Finally, to keep the creative juices flowing, Trerice have been learning about Pop Art, experimenting with colour, texture and collage. Have a look at the portraits inspired by Andy Warhol...can you spot your child?

It has been another successful half term and another successful year of learning. To my fabulous Year 11s, I wish you the very best at college and I will miss you terribly. To my amazing Year 10s, well done on a great first year in upper school and I look forward to the next.

Have a lovely summer, Mrs Plumb x



Crantock's Summer Term '22

This term Crantock have been enjoying playing games with friends, practicing communication, turn taking and following rules.



We have learned about recognising and controlling our emotions.



We have also had loads of fun in Forest School, singing songs, making campfires and being creative.



And we have done lots and lots of cooking!



We have made the most of the summer weather by going on nature hunts, photography projects and lots of walks on the grounds.





Pencalenick School Sailing Course 2022

It is ok the future of British sailing is in safe hands!



This gang of legends have completed Level 1 of the RYA Youth Sailing Scheme. They attended the sailing school in Mylor each Wednesday for six weeks and had a variety of conditions to deal with from no-wind to a little too much wind but always gave it their best and most importantly smiled.

None of them had sailed a boat at the beginning of the course and by the end could rig the boats, safely sail a course and right a capsized boat – Olympics next then!



A massive thanks has to go to the Mylor Sailing School and their instructors who were great as always and paced the course really well for our guys. An even bigger thanks has to go to the Roseland Youth Sailing Trust for their continued support in funding these activities it is really appreciated.



Top sailing honours for Piran

Piran completed his level 1 sailing on the previous course and offered to return and help out on this one. Despite having to miss a week to sit an exam Piran was a real asset to the team coaching the newer students at the same time a polishing his own skills.

On our final session Piran was seen racing the Assistant Instructor around the course and may have even overtaken them at one point, although the AI is disputing this....sore loser!

As a result Piran has been awarded his Level 2 in the scheme so a massive well done to him.





Events

Cake Sale

Neo and Jacob worked together to have a cake sale to raise money for The Born Free Foundation. They have been baking and freezing cakes, cookies and brownies for weeks and then spent a morning together decorating them all.

They raised an amazing £60.47, so very well done to you both.



Ms Franks wrote to Virginia Mckenna, the founder of Born Free to let her know of Jacob and Neo's cake sale and she replied ☺ ☺ ☺

Here's what Virginia Wrote...

"Hello Neo and Jacob, I have just been told by your teacher, Sarah Franks, that you have chosen Born Free to receive the money from your cake sale. That is really kind and generous of you and what a wonderful sum you raised! (Although I am not surprised as they looked delicious!)

I expect you will be asked to make some more.

I am going to send you one of our magazines in the post, it is called Roar!

Thank you very much from us all,

Love Virginia"

Summer Holiday Entertainment.

The campaign begins with the launch of a free activity pack, which can be collected from Truro's Visitor Information Centre or Truro Community Library from Monday 25th July.

The pack features a word search, colouring in, spot the difference, and a city centre trail.

The pack also features information on free children's activity sessions, which will be held in the bandstand of Victoria Gardens from Monday 1st - Wednesday 31st August.

There will be a one-hour session every weekday from 14.00 - 15.00.

Activities include storytelling, arts and crafts, treasure hunts, and much more.

I have attached a poster, as both a PNG and a PDF, and I would be grateful if you could share this amongst staff, parents, and pupils.

For further information, please contact Visit Truro via email at visittruro@truro.gov.uk, by phone on 01872 274555, or in the shop on Boscawen Street, Truro.

Please also see the Visit Truro website for more details - www.visittruro.org.uk



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