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28th May 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers

I hope you enjoy reading the half termly newsletter. The wet and windy weather has not dampened the pupils' spirits and they have worked hard this half term. In line with the guidance, we have been able to start mixing larger groups of pupils outside and it has been lovely to see pupils re-connecting with wider groups of friends.

You will see from the newsletter that we have put dates in the diary for some parent coffee mornings next half term – and we are delighted that we will be able to gradually re-open our links with the community. The first coffee morning (Tuesday 15th June from 10 am -11am) will be hosted by Miss Lawson and will be about our PSHE curriculum and particularly about the Sex and Relationship Education that pupils receive in school.

Thank you to the parents who attended the online session where I spoke about how Pencalenick will be delivering the curriculum from September. It was good to receive the positive feedback from this session. If any parents who were not able to attend would like to discuss this with me please do not hesitate to contact me. It was clear that we have some parents who would like to have more involvement with wider school life, supporting through volunteering etc. As we come out of the lockdown we will have the opportunity to start to look at how to use this enthusiasm to support us as a school watch this space!

After half term it will be the Year 11s last few weeks at Pencalenick School. We are very pleased to be able to host their leaver's party on site this year and there will also be a leaver's assembly for them and their parents. Over the next half term we will be inviting in our new Year 7's for transition days. Class groups and teachers for the new academic year will be shared with you in July.

I hope you have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing the pupils back in school on Monday 7th June.

Ruth Zimmerman



If your child develops Covid 19 symptoms over the half term break please ensure you inform the school via the designated email address

trackandtrace@pencalenick.org

D A T E S

FOR YOUR DIARY

Term dates for academic year 2021/22

Summer Term	Pupils break for summer holiday 23 rd July 2021
Autumn Term	Pupils return to school 9 th September 2021 Half Term 25 th – 29 th October 2021 Pupils return to school 1 st November 2021 Break for Christmas 17 th December 2021
Spring Term	Pupils return to school 4 th January 2022 Half Term 21 st – 25 th February 2022 Pupils return to school 28 th February 2022 Break for Easter holiday 8 th April 2022
Summer Term	Pupils return to school 25 th April 2022 Bank holiday 2 nd May 2022 Half Term 30 th May – 3 rd June 2022 Pupils return to school 6 th June 2022 Break for summer holiday 26 th July 2022

Staff training days

6th September 2021
7th September 2021
8th September 2021
28th January 2022
3rd May 2022
1st July 2022

There will be a half-day finish at the end of the Autumn Term.

Parent Coffee Mornings:

Tuesday 15th June 10am -11am
PSHE
Tuesday 13th July 10am-11am
TBC



LET'S PARTY!

Thursday 15th July 2021 Year 11 Leavers Disco

Thursday 22nd July 2021 Leavers assembly



THANK YOU!

A big thank you to Proper
shopper
for donating straw bales to
our forest school.



Please ensure your child's meals are booked & paid for in advance via ParentPay.
If your account does fall into arrears please ensure this is settled promptly.
If you have any queries please call Lois on Reception.

£2.30 per Meal

Heligan Class News



Holly
received a
letter from
Prince
Charles

Heligan have been learning about Ramadan.



We learnt about the Mosque, practiced sewing our own prayer mats, designed our own henna designs and made Fanoos lanterns to put in the window. We listened to the call to prayer and found out that Muslims pray 5 times a day and have to wash before they pray!

We had so much fun we decided to have an Eid party.



We made some Eid biscuits, made table decorations and invitations to invite some VIPs.

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We had an Eid party.



We had an Eid biscuits, mango juice, dates, coffee and tea.



Lanhydrock Class News



Lanhydrock class have been busy making Tomato & Basil soup outside in the glorious weather and practicing Midsummer Night's Dream.



Pencarrow Class News

This half term we have enjoyed welcoming Jamie into our class and getting to know him. Together we have all been very- very busy! Becoming independent feels really important to us at the moment. We have all spent time planning a lesson to teach to the rest of our class. So far we have enjoyed Grace's and Maisie's lessons, and we are looking forward to the others.

We are feeling so happy that we can do PE again! Three times a week we get to enjoy learning new sports with our friends. When it is dry we can do this outside, which is great. Miss Lawson is teaching us how to play rounders, tennis and discus. It is so nice to all be outside together and to be learning new sports! In rounders we have won two games against the staff – even though Tom sometimes gets in the way which gives the staff half rounders! In discus we are also practicing measuring, which sometimes feels hard but it is getting easier. We are still enjoying our daily mile walk and sometimes we get to see cows in the field.

In geography we are learning about the Great Wall of China, and the history surrounding it is so interesting. We were allowed to get the big box of Lego out and build our own colourful walls with a friend.

We are still working really hard in English, Maths and Science; we even got to make test tube babies two weeks ago!

Every day we spend time on team building. This can sometimes be tricky for us, but playing games together and working together can be really fun. Miss Lawson lets us play lots of different games, and Grace even made us a 'Class Bingo', which is so funny to play together! We get sweets as prizes sometimes. Earlier this week Louie helped us to learn the rules of Cluedo, and it was nice to learn a new game together.

We all really like ending each week with cooking! Today it is Miss Richard's birthday, and Grace and Maisie have baked her a birthday sponge cake with Miss Marler! We are having an afternoon party with music, musical chairs and musical statues. It is so fun to have a party with all of our friends!

By Maisie and Charlie.



Caerhays Class News



This half term in English, pupils in Caerhays have been writing about their hobbies, how to write a formal letter which followed on with writing a persuasive letter, and different types of newspapers and writing a newspaper report. In Maths we have looked at compass directions and how to follow them, weight, volume and capacity and multiplication. In Science we have been completing online learning using BBC Bite size and a range of sensory practical activities from The Sensory Nature Hub.

In Humanities and Food Technology we have been looking at other cultures – each week studying a different country and cooking their traditional food. We have studied Italy, France, Spain, Japan, Thailand, Greece, America and Germany. The pupils have enjoyed tasting new foods and learning about the specific cultures.

Our afternoons have included lots of practical activities such as Geocaching, walks by the river, biking and enjoying being outside in the fresh air.

We have started doing a lot of gardening this term and pupils have planted lots of different plants, fruits and vegetables and built raised planters for when the plants are ready to be planted outside. Some of these we have sold to members of staff and then some pupils visited a garden centre to buy more seeds to plant. We have planted garden peas, spinach, beetroot, courgettes, sweet peas, strawberries, basil, spring onions and a whole host of other vegetables and we still have lots more to plant after spending our proceeds at the garden centre.

In Forest School we have been looking at fire safety and cooking around the fire, foraging for what we cook, natural den building – a robin has actually made a nest in the den and we have been able to watch them come and go whilst feeding their babies. We have made garlic dough balls having foraged for the garlic, s'mores and cooked sausages.

Finally, in PE we have been using the fitness equipment and each morning we do a session in the gym.





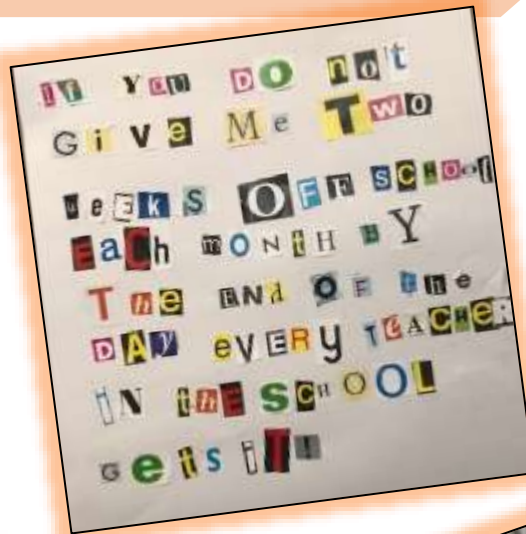
TRERICE CLASS NEWS

Where did this half term go? How can it be nearly June already? And when are we ever going to see some lovely, warm sunshine? Whilst the weeks have flown and the weather has been doom and gloom, the pupils of Trerice have had another period of successful learning. Here are some of the things that we have been up to...

This half term the focus has shifted from reading comprehension to writing. Trerice has been working hard to develop their skills in language analysis, as well as planning and writing extended pieces of work. As part of our *Detectives* topic, pupils have all imagined their own crime scene and written a detailed police report outlining the events of the crime, witness statements, evidence found and next steps in the investigation. As a welcome break from their writing, they have also completed a number of fun, light-hearted tasks including making a ransom note for Mrs Zimmerman!



Although we were a little naughty last week and gave into our sweet tooth by baking fairy cakes, the focus in cooking this half term has been on independent living skills and preparing for adulthood. From macaroni cheese to tuna and sweetcorn pasta bake, Trerice has been making simple pasta dishes that might one day become part of their meal repertoire.



The theme for the summer term is 'Back to the 60s' and the pupils of Trerice have started their creative journey by looking at genre and how musical theatre styles have changed over time. Having made comparisons between the three film versions of *Oliver Twist*, pupils now bring their focus back to the 1968 film *Oliver*!

I have tasked Trerice with creating their own performance piece using *Oliver* as stimulus, but with the added challenge of switching genres. We therefore introduce to you *The Twisted Tale of Olivia Twist*, a gothic comedy which takes place during a zombie apocalypse. Scene one, the Workhouse, is already complete, boasting a zombie movement sequence to Michael Jackson's *Thriller*, as well as some very interesting zombie-style dialogue! To say that we have laughed is an understatement and I cannot wait to see how the pupils develop the piece further next half term.

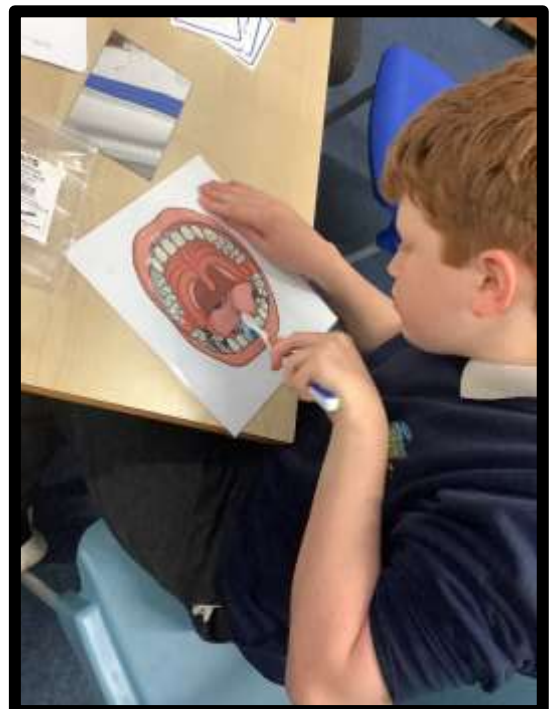
Until then, I and Mrs Knight wish you all a lovely week and we will keep our fingers crossed for some sunshine.

Mrs Plumb



Trebah Class News

Trebah have been doing lots of work on keeping our bodies healthy this half term. We have been practicing brushing teeth and making healthy food choices. We particularly enjoyed drawing food in the big mouth and scrubbing it clean afterwards!



Botallack and Pendennis News

At last things seem to be moving forward! This half term has seen the introduction of bubbles which has enabled two groups to work together. For Pendennis and Botallack, this has been a fantastic opportunity to meet with our friends and learn together in some curriculum areas.

The group had to turn detective when some money went missing! By solving the clues, they soon worked out that Mr Hurley was the thief!



We are so lucky to have such fabulous grounds and have really made the most of them by walking daily. Pupils have particularly enjoyed looking for wild life and dangers around the countryside.



The change in COVID restrictions has also meant that we can begin to introduce visitors into school. With socially distancing firmly in place, some of our pupils have started to enjoy a drumming workshop.

On a Thursday afternoon, we have split the boys and girls. The girls have enjoyed painting nails and doing hair and makeup. They have also been looking at how to look after their skin and nails whilst the boys have been exploring humour and social skills.



Trelissick Class News

This first half of the summer term seems to have gone really quickly for us in Trelissick. Our English topic has been 'newspapers'. The students have worked very hard and have produced some amazing headlines and newspaper articles.

Most of the group have enjoyed the singing and drumming workshops that have taken place at school during this half term. In drumming the group are working towards a performance and recording a song in the singing group.

We hope you all have a restful half term break and are ready to start back for the last half term of the school year!



Crantock Class News



This half term in Crantock we have been looking at healthy living. We have looked at what are healthy and unhealthy foods. We have also been looking at how to keep ourselves healthy from exercise to cleaning our teeth.

We have been making a range of fun healthy snacks to eat, using lots of healthy ingredients.



Yoga

As a daily activity Crantock class takes part in class yoga, we are focusing on mindfulness and have all been enjoying a daily yoga routine



Pencalenick Residential News



With the restrictions slowly lifting Boarding has started to branch out with activities off site. We have started to increase our numbers and it's been amazing watching the children be able to socialise with their friends.

The activities and adventures we have been on so far have included:

Pitch'n'Putt

The Driving Range

WetWheels South West in Falmouth

Walking up Rough Tor

Eating Fish and Chips by Tintagel Castle

Packed teas on the Beach

Feeding the squirrels down at Tehidy



Zoe and Charlie are off doing their Level 2 National Water Safety Management Programme so in the very near future the Boarders can go for a paddle in the sea and spend a whole evening on the beach.

A couple of our Boarders have managed to gain themselves and ASDAN Award by working hard and showing off their Independent Living skills or working towards their Horticulture Award. We are looking forward to signing off a couple of the other Boarders before the Summer Holidays.

Towan Class News

We've had a busy half Term learning about lots of interesting things. Our main focus has been on the environment and recycling. The work has been based around the story of a very Messy Magpie called Morris. He got a little bit enthusiastic about collecting shiny rubbish which of course magpies do! Highlighting the problem of pollution and rubbish everywhere. However he got together with his friends, collected the rubbish and took it to the Recycling Centre. We have sorted our own recycling and done lots of work on what materials can and cannot be recycled.

During our choosing time Jaspar has been working on stop motion animation with Lego figurers and the results have been fantastic. David has really improved his bike riding, Milley has shown a real interest in nature, Jess and Dave have been making bug hotels, Ali has made some new friends with our double bubble Trelissick. Jacob has enjoyed playing football with his friend David.



BEDRUTHAN

Exams

This month in Bedruthan we have been putting all our efforts into revision. All our Year 11s have now completed their Mock Science Exams where they had 4 papers to do! Most of the pupils have also been focussing on their Maths revision in preparation for their Math Exams on 7th June. Some of the tutor group also have English Exams week commencing 7th June.

MyMaths

All pupils have been using MyMaths to do their Math revision on, this website can be accessed from home if needed, and they have all achieved brilliant results.

College Visit

We had a very successful college visit with our tutor group who are going to Truro College in September. All our pupils left very happily and are feeling more at ease about next year as they met many of their old school friends from Pencalenick.

Port Quin In Pictures



THE UNEXPECTED UNIMAGINABLE PURGE NIGHT

Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of the school's Personal, Social & Health Education programme your child will soon receive lessons on Relationships & Sex Education (RSE) which will include study on the following:

The statutory guidance requires schools to define & deliver: Relationships & Sex Education – Secondary provision Physical health & mental wellbeing – Secondary provision	
The breadth of study delivered at Pencalenick School will include:	
Secondary provision: COMPULSORY from Sept 2020	Secondary provision:
Families Respectful relationships, including friendships Online & media Being safe Intimate & sexual relationships, including sexual health	Physical health & mental wellbeing: Mental wellbeing Internet safety & harms Physical health & fitness Healthy eating Drugs, alcohol & tobacco Health & prevention Basic first aid Changing adolescent body

All of the teaching materials we plan to use are appropriate to the age and emotional maturity of the pupils. The teachers will aim to present the programme in an objective, balanced and sensitive manner. Progress over time will be reported in the Annual report to parents in the summer term.

We will be holding an information coffee morning on Tuesday 15th June 2021 from 10:00 – 11:00am to support and answer any questions that you may have on this PSHE topic.

If you do not want your child to attend these highly structured SRE sessions can you please contact me as soon as possible.

Miss Lawson

Leader of the My Independence Faculty