

Key Stage 1 Wildlife Garden



In glorious sunshine on Friday, our beautiful new Key Stage 1 wildlife garden was officially opened by Jim McKenna, our Cornwall Councillor and several helpers. He has, along with our parents, helped raise the necessary money to fund it and the children have worked really hard on it. The sunflowers and cornflowers are gorgeous, the hedge is (almost!) higher than the grass and we've had several types of bees and butterflies visiting already. Many thanks to you all. A huge thank you also to Daisy whose vision, commitment and hard work with the children has brought this to fruition. Please go and have a wander around at the end of the school day if you didn't see it on Friday.



FOAS Summer Fair - Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who helped out, donated and supported the FOAS Summer Fair last Friday. The total takings on the day were an incredible **£2243**.

A huge thank you to our fantastic FOAS team for all their hard work.

The raffle raised **£570**. A big thank you to everyone who donated prizes and especially to:

Tinners Arms

Eden Project

Una Leisure

Trewidden Gardens

Lincoln Kirbybell

Merlin Cinemas

Senara Restaurant

and all the parents who so kindly donated prizes.

With thanks also to RT Inflatables for the bouncy castles (07938 574725).



Online safety

Please see the next page for some excellent advice about Reddit. We will be publishing a different information page each week.

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

Reddit is a rather unique site that blends the idea of a social network with news, discussion forums and various other media. The site is broken down into a huge number of categories covering every topic imaginable. Each category is treated as a community and users can submit content for others to see and comment on. This can take the form of links to existing online content or user-generated text and image-based submissions. Submitted content can not only be commented on by others, but also rated using the upvote/downvote system.

What parents need to know about REDDIT

SUB-REDDITS

Each community (known as a sub-reddit) has its own set of moderators and its own set of rules, opening up the opportunity for your child to see inappropriate content or something they may find upsetting. Almost every sub-reddit is user-run, with practically no involvement from reddit employees. Anyone can submit content to a sub-reddit and it's not filtered.

REDDIT GOLD AND GIFTS

Reddit Gold is a premium membership scheme that gives extra features to improve the reddit experience, such as no adverts, custom themes and avatars, and the ability to create Reddit 'secret societies'. Payment costs \$1.99 a month (around £2), or \$29.99 a year (£22). Users can reward each other for content they post by giving Reddit Gold, a process dubbed 'gilding'. Reddit Gifts is a giant online gift exchange for sending a gift to a randomly assigned user. Reddit recommends that you spend around \$20 on a gift, so there is a concern that your child could rack up expenses if unmonitored.

ADULT AND NSFW CONTENT

While there are moderators in place for sub-reddits, they are not necessarily going to ensure that the sort of content you wouldn't want your child to see is banned. Reddit is concerned with free speech and light-touch moderation, so even the most open-minded of people may find deeply offensive content. Reddit generally provides a lot of leeway in the type of content which is acceptable. Some members choose vulgar usernames, while some communities have controversial or rude titles. Some content or communities are marked with 'NSFW' (Not Safe For Work), which means they may contain nudity, pornography, or profanity. It is easy for users to claim to be aged 18 and over to view this content.

REDDIT LINGO

Children and teenagers often manage to mock what they are talking about by wrapping it up in language their parents do not understand. While Reddit is certainly not used just by children and teenagers, the way online communities use words, phrases and abbreviations that may seem impenetrable to start with, such as TL;DR (Too Long, Didn't Read and IT) is this thread.

CONTENT BIAS AND FAKE NEWS

Subreddits are particularly prone to bias - to the extent that some of them could be seen as propaganda. Reddit has been mentioned as one of the platforms used to promote Russian propaganda, for example. Other news stories can be completely false and not based on any evidence at all - known as fake news - these are written and posted online deliberately to create an impact. Both are nearly impossible to avoid.

TROLLS AND STRANGERS

Globally, millions of people of all ages use the reddit platform to discuss any topic imaginable from just about every possible viewpoint. Although people can find users who have similar interests, some will choose to abuse the platform. Talking with strangers can lead to trolling and abuse, or your child encountering unwanted subjects. Reddit users can also send each other private messages, so there is a danger of your child receiving inappropriate or unwanted communication.

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TURN SAFE BROWSING MODE ON AND ADULT CONTENT OFF

Some sub-reddits are marked as 'adult-only' and in order to access these users must be (or at least say they are) 18 or over. Within your child's user profile, it is possible to indicate that they are not 18 and this will block access to some sub-reddits, but certainly not everything you might consider to be unsuitable. Firstly, to protect them from unsuitable content, check that they have used their correct age when signing up. Secondly, turn off 'adult content' which will disable adult and NSFW (not safe for work) content from showing in the feed and search results. If you are happy to leave 'adult content' turned on, we highly recommend turning on 'safe browsing mode' this blocks thumbnails and media preview for anything labelled NSFW (not safe for work).

REPORTING CONTENT

To a certain extent it can be useful to learn to just walk away from conversations that take a turn for the worse, but this is not always possible. Learn how to use the blocking feature and teach your child how to use it if someone becomes a problem. Beneath all content and comments that have been submitted by other users, there is an option to report it. Advise your child to report any form of abuse or harassment that they encounter on the platform. It is a good way to alert moderators to the user and hopefully, action will be taken against them.

SPOT FAKE NEWS

Encourage your child to read around topics and not to take something at face value. Just because something is said by someone on Reddit, in no way does this mean that it is true. Remember that the likes people post and the comments they leave will cover the full range of political views, intelligence levels and opinions.

LEARN THE LINGO

It is impossible to provide a guide to all the vocabulary and language used on Reddit - it is something that is constantly evolving. There are some words and abbreviations that have become common internet parlance (such as NSFW). If you want to check anything which your child has accessed (which can be seen in the 'Recently viewed links' panel on the front page of the site), be prepared to do a little searching if you encounter things you are unable to make sense of. There's probably a sub-reddit all about acronyms!

BLOCKING STRANGERS

Short of blocking access to reddit completely, or blocking individual sub-reddits, it's difficult to police your child's use of the site without physically monitoring what they are doing. It is important to let your child know that there are unpleasant people out there and they need to take care about sharing personal information. Should someone start to be a harassment, you can control who can send you private messages and add users to a blocked list by simply clicking on the 'Block User' button.

SOURCES: https://www.reddit.com/r/news/comments/5k27ap/for_parents_to_report_about_the_site/, <https://www.reddit.com>, <https://www.reddit.com/gold/about>

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This is not a blocking guide. Please check with the app's support information to see if your account and settings comply with a safe mode.

www.nationalonlinesafety.com

Award winner!

Our inspirational sports leader, Mrs Dennison has been speaking to Cornwall Council about our programme getting more girls involved in sport and you can see her doing this by following the link below or following our link from the Alverton School Twitter feed.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/council-news-room/media-releases/news-from-2019/news-from-july-2019/getting-girls-back-into-sport/>



Our school has also won an award for her initiative and commitment to our Girls Active Leaders programme. This is awarded by the



Cornwall Association of Primary Heads (CAPH) and the Cornwall Sports Partnership who have teamed up to celebrate primary schools who are delivering excellent practice in PE and School Sport. We have won the Time 2 Move Award for Leadership, Coaching and Volunteering and will be put

forward as one of six schools to win the Overall Primary School of the Year. Many congratulations to Mrs Dennison and our GALs.



Truro and Penwith
Academy Trust

We have welcomed Claire Fortey, TPAT's Director of Education for our termly review. As always, she was very impressed by everything that she saw and heard about our school. Her visit focused particularly on our Nursery provision and the developments which have taken place this year that have enabled a much closer working relationship between ourselves and the Day Nursery next door. We are all incredibly positive about the provision for our youngest children which will continue to go from strength to strength next year.

Mr Higgs is now the Chair of TPAT's Curriculum Panel which co-ordinates TPAT's work in ensuring its schools meet the new Ofsted requirements for the curriculum and Mrs Wicks and Mrs Hall have recently attended training about the new Ofsted framework.

Extreme reading winners

Thanks to everyone who entered the Extreme Reading competition and many congratulations to our winners:

Infants - Sophia and Jack S

Juniors - Lily B and Isabella N

Lunchtime matters

Price increase

Caterlink have informed us this week that they have increased the cost of a lunch to **£2.32** from September. They have also said that from September they will **no longer be offering juice** but water will always be available.

The current menu runs until the end of October so a new one will not be coming home at the start of next term. Spare copies are available at the office.

Menu change - Friday 19th July

A selection of hot meals will be available which will be chosen at the counter, not pre-booked. This will include sausages, fish and fish fingers. Jacket potatoes and sandwiches will also be available. This is so that the kitchen staff can run down their food stocks before the summer holidays. The menu for Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July will remain as normal.

Outstanding debts

The kitchen staff would appreciate all payments for lunches to be completely up to date by the end of term. Please pay in advance if you can.

Please can you ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school with them each day. It is very hot and it is important that the children drink plenty of water. Thank you.



Minibus drivers wanted

Are you available and willing to drive our school minibuses for trips and outings? If you have a D1 on your driving licence and would be willing to take a Cornwall Council minibus test and a DBS (Disclosure Barring Service) check, please let the office know. Thank you very much.



Goodbye

Over the last few weeks, we have said goodbye to Mr Watson and Miss Mars who have been working in Owls and Kerris classes respectively this year as part of their teaching practice for their PGCE or SCITT. They have been a fantastic addition and help to Mrs Clive and Mrs Knowles and we have really enjoyed having them. We would like to wish them every success with their future teaching careers. Miss Rudge has been also been with us as part of her teaching practice with Bodrifty Class and Mrs O'Rourke and we are delighted that she will be teaching in Trencrom Class next year.

Medicine and asthma pumps

In line with guidelines set out by the school nursing team, before every summer holiday we will be returning all medicines and asthma pumps to parents. If there is anything in school that we hold for your child it will be sent home with your child before the end of term. If they need it again in September, please ensure that it is returned, clearly labelled, once term begins.

COMING SOON!

Look out for information about the Alverton School Summer Reading Bingo!

Lost property

Once again the lost property box is overflowing with lots of clothing including coats and footwear. All un-named items will be sent to the charity shop on the last day of term. If you are missing anything please check the box in the hall any day before then **after school**. This year we have sent 18 bin bags of clothing to charity including brand new items. Please help us by clearly naming ALL your child's clothing. If it is named it is always returned to them. Only un-named items are given away.

Alverton sports kit amnesty

If your child has taken part in any school sport activity and has worn school kit, please can you check at home to see if it is still there. We are missing lots of tops, shorts and socks which will be very expensive to replace and we cannot play matches without kit. **This is particularly important if your child is in Year 6 and leaving us. Please ensure everything is washed and handed back in by next Friday.**

Reminder - early arrivals

Please can we remind you that children should not be dropped at school for Breakfast Club before 8am unless they are accompanied by an adult. We cannot be responsible for their safety and wellbeing. This also applies to children who are being dropped at school before the doors open at 8.45am. Please either wait with them or bring them into Breakfast Club. We have a number of children who are playing on the school field and play equipment without any adult supervision.

Outstanding debts

With only one full week of term remaining, please ensure that all money owing is paid by **Friday 19th July** at the latest so that our finance systems can be closed down for this school year. This includes outstanding debts for swimming, breakfast club, trips, and nursery sessions. **Please check your school money account which will tell you if anything remains to be paid.** If you cannot get onto your account, please contact the office who will help you or let you know if anything is owing. The kitchen staff would also appreciate payments for all lunches to be completely up to date by the end of term.

Woodlands Pre-school

A reminder that the Pre-school closes for the summer next **Friday 19th July** so that we can pack away in time for the building work to begin.

End of term

We finish for the summer holidays on **Tuesday 23rd July** at 3.15pm and the Autumn term begins on **Thursday 5th September** at 9am.

Need a chat?

Come and have a cup of tea with Mrs Daylak if you have any questions or concerns about anything which might be affecting your child in school. You can find her any Monday to Thursday after school until 4pm. If you would rather make an appointment, please ask the office. She might even find you a biscuit to go with your tea!



STARS OF THE WEEK

Robins	Thomas	for always smiling no matter what
& Choughs	Lillie	for sheer enthusiasm & drive in all areas of school
	Piper	for non-stop litter picking! Marvellous!
Puffins	Emilis	for his effort & concentration in Maths
	Zachary	for his love of reading & writing
Owls	Mia	for being a sunshine star in our classroom
	Angus	for a super story about Bob the octopus
Kingfishers	Alfie	for fantastic effort with his writing
	Lilly	for great handwriting
	March	for a super turtle story
Trencrom	Summer	for fantastic gymnastic skills. Well done
	Emma	for always working hard in Maths. You are a superstar
Lanyon	Bailey	for being helpful around the classroom without being asked
Kerris	Isla	for her enthusiasm for all things drumming at the Hubbub festival
	Alfie	for his enthusiasm for all things drumming at the Hubbub festival
	Ned	for his perseverance whilst at the Hubbub festival despite being hindered by his crutches
Bodriftly	Scarlet	for always being helpful & super friendly
	Amy	for her enthusiasm & hard work
Bosigran	Alex	for always working hard & being an iPad wizard
Dinnertime	Logan F	for always having lovely manners
PE Star	Logan U	for showing a natural talent & ability in fencing. Well done



CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Choughs	87.1%	10
Robins	96.5%	4
Puffins	99.3%	2
Owls	90.3%	9
Kingfishers	84.5%	11
Trencrom	93.9%	5
Lanyon	99.4%	1
Kerris	92.9%	6
Bodriftly	92.6%	7
Bosigran	98.0%	3
Kenidjack	92.6%	7
Overall school attendance	93.5%	

Our collective target is 96.5%

Twitter

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter @alvertonschool to keep up-to-date with all the exciting things that are going on.



DIARY DATES

July

- 15th Keyboard recital at 2pm
- 16th Guitar recital at 2pm
- 18th Parent Helpers lunch at 12.15pm
- 23rd Y6 Leavers assembly at 2.15pm

SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3.15pm TODAY

24th & 25th Staff training days

SCHOOL REOPENS FOR THE AUTUMN TERM ON THURSDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER.



**Penzance Summer
get together!**

1st August - Penlee Park
- 11.30am - 3.30pm

8th August - Skate park
- 11.30am - 3.30pm

15th August - Penlee park
- 11.30am - 3.30pm

22nd August - skate park
- 11.30am - 3.30pm

Free BBQ
at each
event!

See you soon!!

Email: youthworker@pcdt.org.uk

Facebook: [Facebook.com/PCDTYouthworkers](https://www.facebook.com/PCDTYouthworkers)

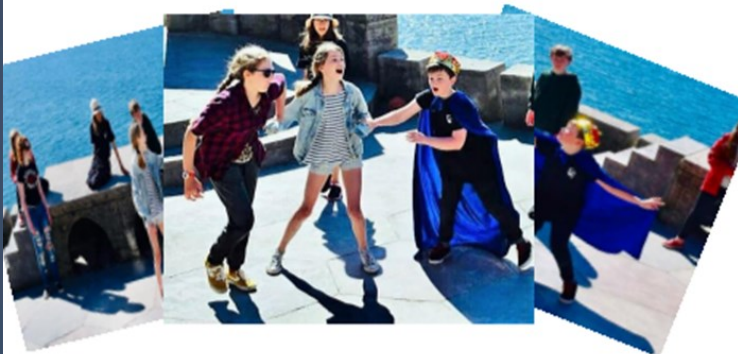
Instagram: [PCDTYouthworkers](https://www.instagram.com/PCDTYouthworkers)

PCDT

Developing & performing
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Acting Academy Open Auditions

Sunday 14th July
From 4pm onwards



The Minack Theatre Acting Academy meets once a month at The Minack Theatre and is free of charge to all successful auditionees. The sessions are led by The Minack Theatre's Associate Director, John Brolly. Local actor, director, teacher and storyteller.

For More information email education@minack.com

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TRURO SCHOOL MUSIC

SUMMER SOCCER CAMPS

Mounts Bay Football Development Centre



Dates

Wednesday 7th August 2019 - The Striker Camp (master scoring goals!)
Thursday 15th & Friday 16th August 2019 - Main Event: The Crossbar Challenge
Wednesday 21st August 2019 - Main Event: The Curling Corner Challenge
Thursday 29th & Friday 30th August 2019 - Main Event: The Speed Challenge

Soccer Tots (4-6yrs)

10am - 12pm
£6 per day | £10 for 2 days | £13 for 3 days

Soccer Pros (7-13yrs)

10am - 3:30pm
£15 per day | £25 for 2 days | £35 for 3 days

SUPER SAVER DEALS

Soccer Tots - All 6 camps for £25.00
Soccer Pros - All 6 camps for £65.00

Venue - Mounts Bay Academy Sports Centre, Penzance, TR18 3JT

Come and have some fun with the MBFDC coaches during the 2019 school summer holidays, all players welcome from any school or club

Register & pay online or turn up on the day

www.mbfdc.co.uk

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