



## Truro Museum Trip

This week, children from KS2 visited the Royal Cornwall Museum in Truro to learn more about the Romans. They were able to find out more about the Romans by looking at Roman artefacts in the museum and discussing their uses. Children also learnt about Roman lamps and were able to create their own version of a Roman lamp. Thank you to Kea School Friends who kindly paid for the coach hire, therefore reducing the cost of the trip to parents.

## SATS Tests

Last week, parents of children in Y2 and 6 were issued with information published by the government about end of Key Stage tests. Year 6 tests need to be carried out under strict test conditions and on a specific day. These are sent off to be externally marked and results are not published until July. We work hard to minimise stress for the children.

The year 2 tests however, only form part of the overall judgement of a child's attainment. Teacher assessment, based on ongoing work in class and regular informal assessments which are carried out in class are far more important than the results of any test.

Although we are expected to administer the tests, they are delivered on a much less formal basis than Y6 tests, and can be carried out as a whole class, in small groups or on an individual one to one basis. We keep them low profile and, where possible, part of a normal maths or english lesson. The majority of children do not realise they are doing a test.

## Congratulations Joel

On Tuesday Joel in year 6 was awarded a trophy for the TS Pellew Best Junior Cadet of 2015. He has been promoted to Leading Junior Cadet within the unit.

He has worked hard learning and assisting in four disciplines: unit based education, boat craft, field craft and community and citizenship.

He has even passed the first stages of his RYA Power Boat license. Well done Joel!



## Marathon Successes

Congratulations to all the parents who took part in the London marathon on Sunday. What an amazing achievement!

Sharon in the office also completed the Stratford marathon on the same day.



You all deserve a well earned rest!!

## X-Box, Play Station and Computer Games

We are writing with regard to various computer games such as 'Clash of Clans' and 'Call of Duty' that children play at home on x-boxes and play stations.

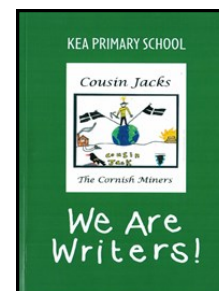
Whilst it is not up to the school to dictate what children do at home, we are concerned that some of these games are completely unsuitable for young children. A large number of games that children discuss with their friends in school are rated 15 or 18 and feature gratuitous violence and obscene language. Other games enable one person to control the game (for example who can play and what they have to contribute). There have been a number of recent incidents in which these games, which are being played at home, have had adverse effects on relationships in the classroom and playground and ultimately affected the children's work.

We ask parents and carers to be very vigilant when purchasing and allowing children to play computer and online games. Please ensure you monitor your children's use of these games.

## School Book

A sample copy of our book, "Cousin Jacks, The Cornish Miners" has arrived!

The book contains our children's stories, poems, letters, instructions and diary entries about Cornish Mining and the "Cousin Jacks". It is made up of a piece of writing by **every child** in the school, either as an individual piece completed in class, or as part of a group composition written on our "Big Write" day.



We are very proud of all the hard work the children have put into their book and we hope you enjoy reading it as much as we have. It will be a wonderful keepsake and a unique gift for family and friends. Our book costs £7.99 to buy, which covers the publication costs and helps us to raise funds for new books for our school library. A letter was sent home to each family on Wednesday with information on how to order a copy.

## Eden Food Payment Schemes

A number of parents have expressed concerns that Eden Foods are no longer taking online payments. Eden Foods terminated their contract with 'My Eden' payment system recently and looked for various payment options. Unfortunately, all the systems they looked at meant that every single family had to pay online. There has not been an option for the kitchen to have mixed payment systems (i.e. some parents paying online and others paying by cheque or cash). As not every parent is happy to pay online, Eden Foods have reluctantly moved back to cash and cheque payments only. We have spoken to PFI, who oversee all catering contracts and they will look into the matter.

## No Clubs Wednesday 4 May 2016



Due to essential Safeguarding training, which all staff employed at Kea School must attend, there will be no after school clubs on Wednesday 4 May 2016. We apologise for any inconvenience but this is totally unavoidable.

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MULTISPORTS

**IS SPORT YOUR KIND OF THING?**

Our multi-sports camp offers a range of sports such as football, tag rugby, dodgeball, basketball, netball, bowls and kwik cricket.

Join in on one of our themed days during the week ranging from super hero day to wearing your favourite football kit!

All of our camps have two different programmes aimed at 4-7 year olds and 8-11 year olds. So there is something for every child to enjoy!

To book your child onto the multi-sports camp please contact [iam@acornmulti-sports.com](mailto:iam@acornmulti-sports.com).

**DATE & VENUE**  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June & Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at  
Archbishop Benson Primary School

**TIME**  
10.00am-3.00pm

**PRICE**  
£12 per child per day

Email: [iam@acornmulti-sports.com](mailto:iam@acornmulti-sports.com) / Phone: 07891521854  
Website: [acornmulti-sports.com](http://acornmulti-sports.com) / Twitter: @Acorn\_Sports

**TRURO ART CLUB**

Our Art Club is designed to encourage art as an enjoyable form of self-expression as well as promote learning. We expect all to do work including drawing, painting, modelling, photography, sculpture and more. Along the way, we will create a book of work that they can be proud of when leaving the club.

**Wednesday 4pm-5pm Age 8-10**  
**'Picassos' SPACE AVAILABLE**

**Thursday 4pm-5pm Age 5-7**  
**'Monets' SPACE AVAILABLE**

**Friday 4pm-5pm Age 10-14**  
**'Academy' FULL**

**Saturday 9am-10am Age 5-7**  
**'Monets' FULL**

**Saturday 10.30am-11.30am Age 8-10**  
**'Picassos' FULL**

0872 240 567  
[www.truroartclub.co.uk](http://www.truroartclub.co.uk)  
Truro Art Company 28 Bury Street (adjacent to Royal Cornwall Museum), Truro, Cornwall TR1 2SJ

*Samoa, Australia, Cambodia, Hungary, Romania, Uruguay, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, USA, Venezuela, Zimbabwe.*

**Truro High**  
*Family Fun Open Day*  
9am - 12noon, Saturday 14 May

Start the adventure today!  
Call 01872 242904 to book your place.

*Leap into learning.  
The sky's the limit.*

**KIT LIST**  
your costume ☐  
your picnic blanket ☐  
your imagination ☐

TRURO HIGH SCHOOL  
Club Point

## KEA SCHOOL – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May	
Mon 2	Bank Holiday
Wed 4	4.00 - 5.30 pm Transition Orchestra at Penair for Year 5 & 6
Thur 5	Y4 to Bishops Forum
Fri 6	Y4 back from Bishops Forum
Fri 6	Kea Young Sports Leaders Training at Penair
9-13	SATs week for Year 6
Tues 10	3.00 pm Stay and Learn parent session in Foundation Class
Mon 16	Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby Peninsular Finals at Redruth RFU 10.00 – 14.00
Wed 18	5.30 pm New Year F September 2016 Parent Meeting
Wed 18	1.00 - 3.30 pm Year 6 Hit the Surf session at Fistral Beach
Fri 20	Year 5 & 6 Quadkids Peninsular Qualifiers at Carn Brea 10.00 – 15.00
Wed 25	Y5 go to Porthpean
Fri 27	Y5 back from Porthpean
Fri 27	Break up for half term

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