

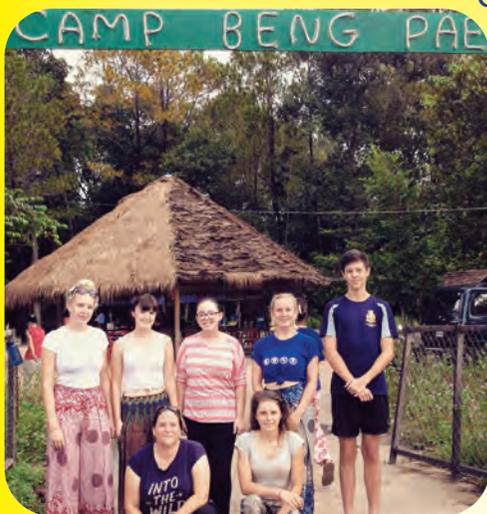
# THE REDRUTH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Cambodia Expedition 2017

In July and August this year six of our students went on an expedition to Cambodia. They had spent two years planning and raising money for an adventure of a life time.



Cambodia is one of the poorest countries in the world and the trip was designed so that they could help some of these poor communities have a better life. We flew into Siem Reap late one night and after a rest travelled to Camp Beng Mealea at the foot on the Kulen Mountains. Here students took part in school projects including painting the outside of the classrooms, improving pathways and teaching. They also took part in

a permaculture project helping this community to grow their own food and be more sustainable.

After 9 days in Beng Mealea the next challenge was to conquer the mountain! A three night and four day trek to the top of the mountain and into the jungle took determination and resilience. Most days we were walking in 38 degrees and 80% humidity through banana groves and jungle, finding lost temples, waterfalls and elephant ponds along the way. To top it all off, hammocks on top of a mountain in a monsoon! (Continued on back page).



After a few days rest in the city a bit of sight-seeing of the largest temple complex in the world called Angkor Wat, we travelled to the next camp called Beng Pae. The work



here was very different to Beng Mealea. The community here was much poorer with no sanitation, so our focus was to build the local families a toilet and clean water well. In fact we were so good at it, by the time we left we had dug two! I think this was the most rewarding part as we could see how much it meant to the women and children as many of them had only ever drunk from dirty



streams and puddles. It was also good to see these projects through from the first spade sunk into the ground to the first bucket of water to drink from. From this camp we went to our final destination, the capital city, Phnom Pehn. Here we looked at the

history of the violent dictatorship of Pol Pot and the communist regime that took over Cambodia after the Vietnam War. The trip to see the Killing Fields and the Prison was a huge reminder what these amazing people went through in the 1970's and the 1980's. Our students



were an absolute credit to our school and community. They worked effortlessly and with great enthusiasm, made excellent team leaders, supported each other and students from other schools. The next trip is planned for Summer 2019. Contact Miss Jackman, [njackman@redruth.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:njackman@redruth.cornwall.sch.uk)

## Fundraising

Staff and students were delighted to take part in a coffee morning to raise funds for MacMillan on Friday 29th September. A tempting range of delicious treats were enjoyed during break times across the morning, raising over £365.



## Super Fun Maths and English Saturday

Pupils from local primary schools enjoyed a fun packed morning of activities including song and dance to understand mathematical concepts. Don't miss the next,

Year 6 Super Fun Saturday

Creative Arts

7th October - 9am - midday

Call 01209 203700 to book



## Head Boy and Head Girl

Congratulations to Thomas Richards and Megan Harris who have been selected as Head Boy and Head Girl.



The prestigious positions are highly sought after and with 70 applications across the year group, competition was high. A rigorous selection process including two sets of interviews, a speech and finally an interview with the Headteacher resulted in two candidates being chosen. The successful students were delighted. Thomas Richards commented, "I am very proud to be given the opportunity to undertake this role and I am looking forward to taking on all the extra responsibilities." The successful Head Girl, Megan Harris added, "When I was appointed as Head Girl, I was thrilled, and I am excited to represent all the students of Redruth School."

## Regional Champion

Logan Ford, Year 10, races on a BMX and competes all over the country.

He has enjoyed a very successful season and has become Regional Champion.

Most recently, whilst competing he won

all four of his races and became South West Champion.

Logan competes regularly and follows a demanding training regime. Well done Logan!

