

Penpol School

2 St George's Road, Hayle, Cornwall, TR27 4AH



Friday 10th May 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

During assembly today, we bade an emotional good-bye to **Anna Gilman** following her nine years as a Teaching Assistant at Penpol. Anna's kind, caring and nurturing approach has been invaluable to so many children and she will be much missed by staff and pupils alike. Miss Gilman: Thank you for all that you have done for our school and community. We wish you all the best in your next adventure.



The first of this year's residential visits has taken place this week, with **Year 5 visiting Plymouth's Mountbatten** Centre. As you can see, pupils enjoyed a truly adventurous time. They have now returned to home tired but full of memories. We look forward to hearing more next week. ☺

You may remember that we began the process of exploring **multi-academy trusts** some time ago. All schools are likely to be trust-led in the not-too-distant future and we are determined to make the right decision for Penpol and its community whilst we have the agency to do so. Joining the right trust will allow us to continue to serve our unique community in the way that it deserves.

Governors have been carefully considering the range of options, including asking trust leaders many robust and challenging questions. On 23rd April, our governing body agreed unanimously that **Crofty** Multi-Academy Trust seems to be the best fit for our school. We will, therefore, be commencing a formal **consultation period** on Monday 3rd June 2024. To this end, you are warmly invited to a **meeting with Simon Hague**, Crofty's Chief Executive Officer at 2:30pm on Wednesday 12th June in the school hall.

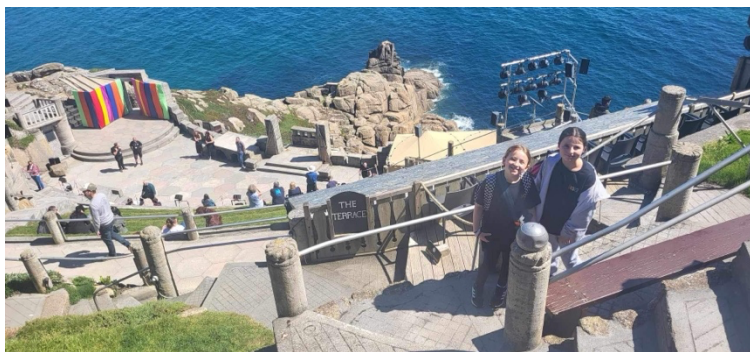
Our Key Stage 2 students enjoy **Wake and Shake** each morning on the playground and it is great to see parents and carers joining in! However, please can any younger siblings be closely supervised throughout for the safety of all. Thank you.

Our **Forest School Stay and Play** sessions are running every other Friday for children likely to join our Nursery or Reception classes in the future. This is a great opportunity to come into school with your child to enjoy playing, exploring and meeting others, masterfully facilitated by Forest School Lead Lesley Allen. The next session is next Friday 17th May at 2pm. We look forward to seeing you there!



As you can see in the top photo, our school hall has suddenly grown some rather fetching umbrellas. We are delighted to be taking part in the **ADHD**

Foundation's Neurodiversity Umbrella Project, celebrating all neurotypes in a visually stunning way.



We would like to wish huge congratulations to Violet and Sorrell who, along with fellow performers from Kidz R Us, took part in some sensational performances of **Joseph** at the **Minack** Theatre this week. Some fantastic pictures can be found here:

https://www.facebook.com/KidzRUsStIves/?locale=en_GB

Our **Careers Fair** is fast approaching – on Wednesday 22nd May. Years 5 and 6 will explore the exhibits during the school day and it will be open to all students of Penpol, Bodriggy and Hayle Academy after school. For this reason, please do take extra care care on the roads around school that afternoon. Thank you.

Finally, many thanks to those of you able to complete our **parent/carer survey** so far. Takeup has not been as large as we hoped so we have extended it for another week. Please do take the time to share your views if you can! Thank you.

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We are delighted to share with you the details of our first Collaborative Careers Fair to be held on Wednesday 22nd May at Penpol Primary School.

This is a joint venture between Penpol Primary School, Bodriggy Academy, Hayle Academy and over 25 different employers and organisations joining us for the afternoon.

This is a fabulous opportunity to look at the range of careers, job sectors and roles available in the area.



Some pupils from the 3 schools will be attending the fair as part of the school day.

Pupils, parents and carers from all 3 schools are invited for a special evening session from 3.15 - 5.00.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

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“Penpol pupils are **curious, creative and courageous** learners. Our school community believes in **authenticity** as the foundations of **deep-rooted** learning. Through our **rich and relevant** curriculum, we nurture **community-minded, forward-facing** international citizens of the future.”