

Penpol School

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Friday 24th May 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians.

Firstly, some wonderful news from Team Penpol. Teaching Assistant Nay and partner Char welcomed Ella Julie Blight to the world last weekend. Congratulations Nay, Char and family – we wish you every happiness.



Thank you to all involved in Wednesday's **Careers Fair**. We were delighted this year to work with colleagues and students from Hayle and Bodriggy Academies, welcoming exhibitors from a huge range of occupations. Aspirations were nurtured for all. 😊

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we have needed to move our **Penpol Marathon** to its reserve date of **Wednesday 19th June**. Thank you for your understanding here. We hope to see lots of you there and will capture photos and videos to share with those of you unable to join us.

Our consultation regarding the joining of **Croftly Multi-Academy Trust** starts after half-term. Please do join us and meet CEO Simon Hague at 2:30pm on Wednesday 12th June in the school hall. Thank you.

We are hugely impressed by our **Year 2** students who enjoyed their overnight stay at Camp Penpol last night. As you can see, very much fun was enjoyed by all. I believe they even managed to sleep a bit! Thank you to all involved in making this possible.

Our **staff football team** plays the Year 6 children in the annual Pollard Cup, usually in rather bedraggled borrowed shirts. If your business would like to **sponsor** new shirts for the team, please do get in touch!

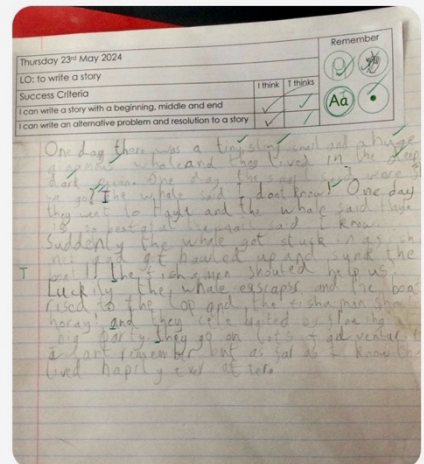
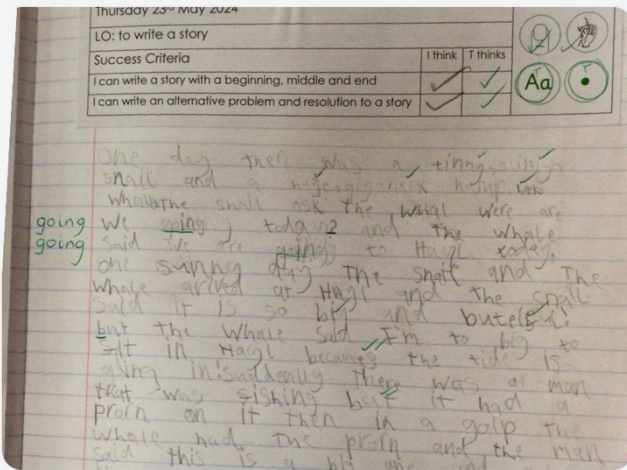




We are aware that increasingly young children are accessing **Whatsapp** at home. WhatsApp has a minimum age limit of 13 as it is possible for users to send and receive potentially harmful content without censorship or detection. Children using such services often behave in ways they would not usually at home or school which can cause significant harm to themselves and others. Young children are not ready to access Whatsapp. If you are permitting your much older child to access the platform, please establish regular systems of careful checking and sharing so that they are kept as safe as possible. Thank you.

The vote we've all been talking about is finally over: Here are the names of our new, increasingly feathered friends. I know which is my favourite. 😊 Thank you to all who submitted their suggestions. **We are still looking for helpers to support with our chickens** during the weekends and holidays. If you are keen, please do get in touch at my email address below.

Year 1, this week, have been enjoying Julia Donaldson's *Snail and the Whale*. Following a visit to the harbour, they devised their own problems for the whale to encounter and have created some stunning stories and artwork entitled **The Snail and the Whale in Hayle**. Great job everyone!



There are all kinds of exciting things happening this half-term break, many of them free. Here are some great ideas:

- Hayle Library is open all day on Wednesday.
- PK Porthcurno is running special half-term events: <https://pkporthcurno.com/>
- There are many things happening at the Hayle Heritage Centre, including a new play space for younger children. You can find more details here: <https://www.hayleheritagecentre.org.uk/>
- Further afield, this **Reach for the Skies** festival is free to children, with a small charge for accompanying adults: <https://www.tecgirls.co.uk/event-details/reach-for-the-sky-festival>

Finally, many congratulations to Isla and Elise who have been cast to perform in The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch at the Minack Theatre this coming September!



Wishing you a wonderful half-term. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 3rd June.

Best wishes,

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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.”