

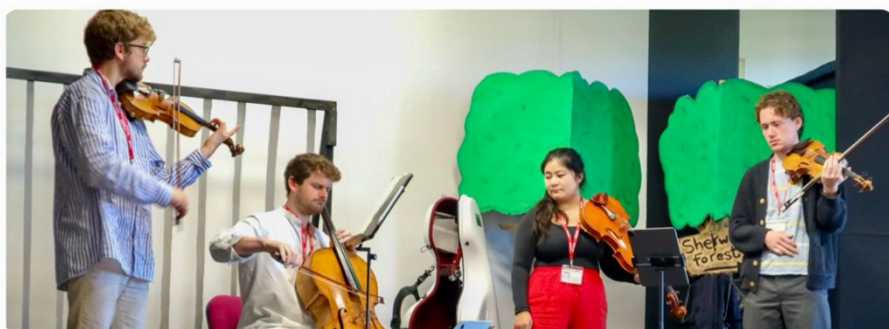


Friday 19th July 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

With the summer holidays just around the corner, there hasn't been a quiet moment at Penpol this week. Following their truly sensational performances of Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies earlier this week, **Year 6** celebrated their many achievements during a sun-blessed ceremony on the field. We could not be prouder of these incredible citizens as they prepare for their many adventures ahead.

Also this week, **Year 2** have been busy celebrating their incredible achievements in Key Stage 1. Not only did they perform a piratical shanty 'shout' to parents and carers on Wednesday, they followed up with a fantastic celebration assembly today. It was wonderful to see such confident and proud children on the stage who could not be readier for Key Stage 2.



This Wednesday morning, Key Stage 2 had the wonderful opportunity to enjoy a live concert from **The Elmore Quartet**. Children and adults alike were captivated as the four visiting musicians led us through a potted history of beautiful compositions for strings. If you or your child would like to hear more from Elmore, please follow this link: <https://www.elmorestringquartet.com/media>

We will sadly be saying 'good-bye' to some of our fantastic colleagues next week:

- **Nay Blight** has been a key member of our team for a number of years. Alongside supporting children with their academic learning, she has played a valuable pastoral role, allowing students to overcome challenges with confidence.
- **Logan Curnow** has worked across the school as a Teaching Assistant. He has regularly gone above and beyond the call of duty, leading clubs and sports team in his spare time and even taking our cricket teams to compete further afield.
- **Shelley Richards-Ellis** has been a valued member of our lunchtime team for the past five years. Her kind and supportive approach is matched only by her boundless energy and she has been a huge support to so many children at lunchtime.
- Reception Teaching Assistant, **Sam Thornton**, is also leaving us next week to begin her initial teacher training. We are delighted to learn, however, that Sam's first placement will be with us at Penpol so we look forward to seeing her again very soon!

Our school would not be the special place that it is without the contribution of our staff team and we thank **Nay, Logan, Sam and Shelley** for the parts they have played here. We wish them each many successes in their next roles.

Some Important Updates

- Parents are often asking about how to use **parental controls on digital devices**. Please find some helpful videos here: <https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/online-safety-videos>
- Unfortunately, our neighbours have noticed an increase in obstructive parking during drop-off and pick-up times lately. Please do **avoid parking in neighbouring estates** wherever possible and park responsibly at all times. Thank you.
- A reminder that we finish at **2pm next Tuesday 23rd July** for the end of term. Thank you.
- Congratulations to all involved in submissions to the **Gorsedh Kernow** awards. We are delighted to share that these won in the category of Cornish Studies. Splann – Ober da! <https://gorsedhkernow.org.uk/gorsedh-young-peoples-award-winners-2024>

We are delighted to have rearranged this event with Tigger Pritchard who will be returning to Penpol and **Monday 23rd September at 09:30.**

Valuable for all interested in learning more about autism and other forms of neurodivergence, this session is open to parents and carers from across the local area.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available from 9am for a 9:30am start.

Please do pop me an email on head@penpol.cornwall.sch.uk if you are keen to join. Thank you.



CELEBRATING NEURODIVERGENCE

Join us for this session with a highly-respected expert in the field of neuro-affirming practice.

Tigger Pritchard

Monday 23rd September 2024, 9:30-11am
Penpol School Hall - Biscuits Provided!

If you are planning to join us or for more information, please email:
head@penpol.cornwall.sch.uk

Open to all
parents, carers
and family
members in
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Back due to popular demand, we are relaunching our **Extreme Reading Challenge** this summer.

We all love to read at Penpol and this is something worth celebrating. We would love for children and grownups to share any pictures of them **enjoying a good book in extreme locations**. Think up a tree, upside down, under water, etc. Prizes will be awarded for each key stage so do get reading! Please share any photos at head@penpol.cornwall.sch.uk.



Finally, many congratulations to all of our wonderful **nursery pupils** and staff. As its first year comes to a close, we are super-proud of each and everyone of our nursery's first ever customers who really have done an excellent job. We hope that you enjoy this rather inventive photo. 😊



Best wishes for a relaxing 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.”