



Friday 5th May 2023



# Pennoweth News

We have had a lovely day celebrating the King's Coronation today. The children looked brilliant in their coronation clothes and blue, red and white outfits, topped off with wonderfully creative crowns. They have enjoyed reading a special collection of coronation books and learning about King Charles and the significance of the coronation this week.

Thank you to the PTA for decorating the hall for our special coronation lunch today. This afternoon, the sun shone as the whole school joined together outside to sing a stirring rendition of the National Anthem.

It was a pleasure to see all the smiling faces at Parents Evenings this week. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's learning.

Our Twitter account has been updated recently to share all the exciting events happening at school, including our recent visit from the RNLI life-guards and KS1 enjoying challah bread as part of their Judaism studies. Don't forget to follow us at @PennowethS.

Further information about our recent uniform consultation is included later in this newsletter.

We would like to thank all the parents who have signed up so far for the OPAL parent stay and play sessions. We are really looking forward to sharing our play experiences with you all. The first session will be for Y5/6 next Friday afternoon. If you haven't replied yet, please check your Marvellous Me for more information and sign up at [tiny.cc/pennowethplay](https://tiny.cc/pennowethplay).

Good luck in your SATs tests next week Year 6. We are super proud of your progress and achievements during your time at Pennoweth, but most importantly you are amazing, happy, confident, kind young people!

Finally, please don't forget that there is another bank holiday this weekend and school will be closed on Monday, May 8th. We hope you have a nice long weekend.



## Dates for your diary

**Monday 8th May**

Bank Holiday—school closed

**Tues 9th May—Fri 12th May**

Year 6 SATs

**Friday 12th May 2pm**

Y5/6 OPAL Parents Stay and Play session

**Friday 19th May 2pm**

Y1/2 OPAL Parents Stay and Play session

**Friday 26th May**

Reception OPAL Parents Stay and Play session

**Friday 16th June**

Y3/4 OPAL Parents Stay and Play session



## School Lunches

Week beginning

8th May

New menu (posted to the school website)

Our phase email addresses are:

[eyfs@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:eyfs@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk) (for Nursery and Reception)

[KS1@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:KS1@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk) (for Years 1 and 2)

[lowerKS2@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:lowerKS2@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk) (for Years 3 and 4)






[upperKS2@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:upperKS2@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk) (for Years 5 and 6)

Or contact: [help@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:help@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk)

# Character Qualities

This year we change the 4 key Characteristics we are on the look out for every term. For Summer, we are looking for children who are demonstrating the Characteristics of being:

**Inclusive**  
**Helpful**  
**Resilient**  
**Inventive**

| Quality   | Children Spotted in R, Y1 and Y2   | Children Spotted in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6  |
|---|--|--|
| <b>Inclusive</b><br>   | Porthcurno: Robert<br>Gwithian: Jamie<br>Marazion: Vinnie  | Newlyn: Starla<br>Mevagissey: Elodie<br>Porthleven: Lucas<br>Lizard: Harley<br>Pendeen: Lena<br>Godrevy: Walter  |
| <b>Helpful</b><br>    | Porthcurno: Thomas<br>Gwithian: Arianna<br>Marazion: Amber   | Newlyn: Isla<br>Mevagissey: Joseph<br>Porthleven: Archie<br>Lizard: Jenson<br>Pendeen: Dovydas<br>Godrevy: Iesha |
| <b>Resilient</b><br> | Porthcurno: Miley<br>Gwithian: Massen<br>Marazion: Jayden  | Newlyn: Lochlan<br>Mevagissey: Abi<br>Porthleven: Jaxon<br>Lizard: Dana<br>Pendeen: Ruby<br>Godrevy: Bea         |
| <b>Inventive</b><br> | Porthcurno: Lewis<br>Gwithian: Elias<br>Marazion: Lily D   | Newlyn: Cody<br>Mevagissey: Ky<br>Porthleven: Noah G<br>Lizard: Jensen<br>Pendeen: Ana<br>Godrevy: Emily         |
|                      | Restormel: Amirah<br>Tintagel: Ayla-Valerie & Harper<br>Porthcurno: Zack<br>Gwithian: Lyra-Rose<br>Marazion: Lilly G | Newlyn: Harrison<br>Mevagissey: Falak<br>Porthleven: Wyatt<br>Lizard: Oliver<br>Pendeen: Evie<br>Godrevy: Sam    |

We are safe Champions: KS1: Georgie, LKS2: Bella, UKS2: Eva

We feel loved Champions: Restormel: Logan, Tintagel: Taylor, KS1: Eiden, LKS2: Albie, UKS2: Mikolaj

We take responsibility champions: KS1: Alfie, LKS2: Jack, UKS2: Taylor

We are always learning champions: KS1: Arthur, LKS2: Aronas, UKS2: Molly

We are ready champions: KS1: Willow, LKS2: Elsie, UKS2: Layla

We also have our Stars of the Week, who have been Classroom superstars and DNA Champions for each phase.

## Uniform Consultation

Thank you very much for your responses to our Uniform consultation. We discussed the original possible change (to hoodies, white polo shirts and grey 'bottoms') with 3 populations: parents, children and staff. The information below gives an overview of the responses and the processes that we used.

### Children

The proposed change was discussed in phase assemblies that were led by the team leads (Mr Moore for Early Years, Mrs Makin for KS1, Miss Dunstan for LKS2 and Miss Crane for UKS2). Further discussions were held in classrooms to enable children to share their views and ask questions. Each class then voted as to whether they would be happy with the change. Team leads gathered the information from their teams and then shared this as part of a leadership team meeting.

**Overall, approximately 75% of the children in the school were in favour of the proposed change.**

*The main concern raised about the possible change was children wanting an alternative to the hoodie (sweatshirt or cardigan) so that they could have a choice.*

### Parents

A link to the online questionnaire was sent out via Marvellous me along with a letter explaining the proposed change. An overview of the results is shown below:

*Would you be supportive of the Pennoweth school uniform changing? (161 responses)*

*Yes: 65.2%*

*No: 34.8%*

*Are you happy with the suggested standard uniform (black hoodie, white polo shirt and dark 'bottoms') (161 responses)*

*Yes: 52.8%*

*Not sure: 15.5%*

*No: 31.7%*

*There were a range of concerns raised in the comments given (from parents not in favour of the change); the following themes are those that were noted on a number of questionnaires:*

- \* Preference for keeping blue polo shirts (although there were also comments specifying that white polo shirts were a good suggestion) - 13 comments
- \* Desire to keep the green as that is what Pennoweth is known for - 15 comments
- \* Hoodies being too hot / bulky for the summer - 6 comments
- \* Concern that hoodies only were not a smart option and sweatshirts and cardigans should be part of the uniform - 21 comments
- \* Concern that black is not a good colour - 13 comments
- \* Concern about buying new uniform - 5 comments
- \* Summer uniform (dresses) option for girls - 7 comments

## staff

The proposed change was shared with all staff and an anonymous online questionnaire sent out to gather views. An overview of the results is shared below.

*Would you be supportive of the Pennoweth school uniform changing? (24 responses)*

*Yes: 83.3%*

*No: 16.7%*

*Are you happy with the suggested standard uniform (black hoodie, white polo shirt and dark 'bottoms') (25 responses)*

*Yes: 64%*

*No: 36%*

*Review of comments indicated that the main concerns were around there needing to be a smarter option available as well as the hoodies and that cardigans would be missed.*

Having reviewed all feedback, we decided to go ahead with the uniform change (as the majority of each population were in favour of the change). In response to the fact that a desire for sweatshirt and cardigan options was raised by all 3 populations, we added this. We have committed to purchasing a new hoodie / sweatshirt or cardigan for each child and will send out information about this shortly. In addition, we are considering the possibility of summer dresses and will provide further communication in due course.

Please note that the new uniform can be worn from September 2023 but is not essential until September 2024.

## Attendance

We aim for all our children to have at least 96% attendance throughout the year.

Overall attendance for last week was 95%.

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

|            |       |
|------------|-------|
| Restormel  | 90%   |
| Pendeen    | 91%   |
| Tintagel   | 91.3% |
| Gwithian   | 92.3% |
| Newlyn     | 93.7% |
| Pendennis  | 95.4% |
| Mevagissey | 96.1% |
| Porthcurno | 96.5% |
| Lizard     | 97%   |
| Godrevy    | 97.7% |
| Porthleven | 98.4% |
| Marazion   | 99%   |

**Congratulations Marazion!**



# 10 top tips for safely using SMARTWATCHES

Kids love gadgets, and smartwatches – available to buy from as little as £20 online – make a tempting gift. As with any type of mobile technology, though, smartwatches can pose risks to children unless they're used safely. Receiving unwanted calls, cyber-stalking and distracting a young person when they're crossing the road are all known risks associated with smartwatches. However, these devices can bring plenty of benefits for children and parents alike – so let's examine the pros and cons of smartwatches.

## AVOID CHEAP OPTIONS

A quick search online yields a torrent of cheap smartwatches for kids, costing as little as £20. It's wise to avoid this bargain basement tech: it tends to deliver a poor experience with inferior battery life, and it's hard to have faith in the software's safety. There have been cases of smartwatches being hacked to track or contact children; stick to known brands who have a reputation to protect.

## CONTROL CALLING

Many smartwatches have the facility to make or take calls. As with a phone, you may want to restrict who your child can call – or be called by. On Apple Watches, you can select trusted contacts who are allowed to ring your child, while other watches' controls vary hugely. Some need to connect to a linked phone for calls, so you may be able to block unknown contacts via that device instead.

## BEWARE HIDDEN COSTS

For a smartwatch to allow calls independently (that is, without being connected to a phone via Bluetooth), it will need its own mobile data plan. This might take the form of a tiny SIM card that you slot into the watch – or an eSIM, where the physical card is replaced by software settings. Either way, this will incur an additional monthly cost that you'll need to factor into any buying decision.

## ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Apple Watches aren't cheap, but they do offer superb safety features – allowing parents to control calls, messages and emails on the device, as well as a location tracking system that can send alerts if kids wander beyond pre-set boundaries. Their SOS function enables children to contact emergency services instantly if they're in trouble, which simultaneously also alerts parents and carers.

## MAKE THEM COOL FOR SCHOOL

Some schools have banned smartwatches, as pupils have been using them as substitute phones. If your child's school does permit them, some devices can be set to prevent distractions in class. For example, Apple's Schooltime feature turns their watches into ordinary time-keeping devices during school hours. The display changes in this mode, showing teachers that it isn't being used for other purposes.

## BE MINDFUL OF BEDTIME

Many smartwatches offer sleep tracking, which some (usually older) children use to justify wearing them to bed. However, that also presents a temptation to message friends or check social media late at night, even if their phone is downstairs. Unless there's a valid reason not to, you could encourage your child to remove the watch in the evenings and ensure the charger stays in a different room.

## TRACK ITS LOCATION

Both Apple and Android devices have apps which allow you to track a smartwatch's location. They can also initiate an audio alert – avoiding those cushion-hurling panics when a treasured device can't be found at home. If you're planning to track your child's location via their watch, make them aware of that in advance. You could even make it a condition of them getting the watch in the first place.

## THINK 'SAFETY FIRST'

Smartwatches are often worth hundreds of pounds, which can make young people wearing one a target for thieves. Advise your child to keep the watch hidden in public (when possible) and not to resist if muggers demand their watch. If you manage to track a stolen device, pass that information to the police: location data isn't always accurate, so you could end up wrongly accusing someone.

## STORE MEDICAL INFO

Devices including the Samsung Galaxy Watch and Apple Watch can store the owner's medical details (such as their blood group and any pre-existing medical conditions), potentially giving emergency services access to vital information in a crisis. These devices also have 'hard fall' detection, which sends a text message to selected contacts along with a map showing the wearer's location.

## USE THEM AS MOTIVATION

If you're worried your child's spending too much time slumped on the sofa staring at screens, smartwatches are great fitness trackers and can be a powerful incentive to get moving. Some devices will alert the wearer if they've been inactive for a long time and encourage them to do some exercise. Many watches record the user's daily step count and measure other health metrics.

## Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as the *Sunday Times*, *Which?*, *PC Pro* and *Computeractive*. He's appeared regularly as a technology pundit on television and radio, including on *BBC Newsnight*, *Radio 5 Live* and the *ITV News at Ten*. He has two children and writes regularly about internet safety issues.



KS2

# TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

Visit [play.ttrockstars.com](http://play.ttrockstars.com) and practise your times tables. Improve your accuracy and speed to become a Rockstar!

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LOGIN?**

Ask your teacher for your details to score points for your class!

**PRO TIP**

Click on 'Settings' then Hide the Clock and Scoring to concentrate and beat your best score!

← Go Back



Game Settings



Game Settings

Hide Practise clock



Hide scoring



**LOG IN EACH WEEK AND  
HELP YOUR CLASS BE TOP  
OF THE CHARTS**







## 8 week cricket programmes for children age 5 to 11 at Clubs across Cornwall

**ALL STARS** Cricket gives **5 to 8 year olds** their first experience of Cricket, learning new skills whilst having fun and making friends. Alongside the eight week programme each child that registers will receive a backpack, Cricket bat, Cricket ball and personalised t-shirt. Children returning to All Stars will receive a kit bag, a set of stumps, a new ball and a personalised t-shirt.

**DYNAMOS** Cricket provides the next step to those moving on from All Stars and is aimed at children aged **8 to 11 years old**. The programme focuses on developing their skills and each child will receive a **Dynamos Cricket New Balance** t-shirt, personalised with their name and number.

Prices from £40 depending on the venue.

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[www.cornwallcricket.co.uk](http://www.cornwallcricket.co.uk)



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# THE WRITERS' BLOCK

## SUMMER PROGRAMME EVENTS FOR CHILDREN

### Story and Art Club

Our new Story Club led by Jo Lumber • story, creative writing, art & crafts.

16 May | 13 June | 11 July 4-5pm  
7 - 11 years | up to £3

### Manga Club

Manga drawing workshops with illustrator Keith Sparrow.

9 May | 6 June | 4 July  
4-5.30pm  
10 - 16 years | up to £3

### Katie's Black Hole

#### Adventures

Little Trebiggan Theatre Company take you on a roller coaster ride of fun, adventure and even a little bit of science!

26 May 4.15-5.15pm  
4 - 11 years | £6

**Booking is essential for all events.**

More info & tickets at [thewritersblock.org.uk/events](http://thewritersblock.org.uk/events)

#### Find us at:

The Writers' Block, The Ladder, 2-4 Clinton Road, Redruth, TR16 2QE



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**17th - 18th JUNE 2023 | REGAL THEATRE, REDRUTH**

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# WARM SPACES REDRUTH

## **Mondays**

St Andrews Church 8am – 9.30am  
free breakfast. 9.30am – 12.30pm,  
Drop in refreshments and a foodbank

## **Tuesdays**

Bethel Green Community Larder 2 –  
4pm, Pond Lane Redruth, 1 bag per  
household

## **Wednesdays**

Redruth Baptist Church, soup and a  
roll plus free food 11 -12.30pm

The Salvation Army, Middletons Row:  
10am-1pm free breakfast and  
refreshments, help and signposting,  
includes Transformation CPR  
foodbank 10am-12pm

Gwealan Tops, School Lane, free  
teatime family meals, 5 – 6pm,  
booking required via  
manager@gwealantops.org  
Wednesdays (11th Jan, 18th Jan, 25th  
Jan, 1st Feb, 8th Feb)

## **Fridays**

Salvation Army, Middleton Row, 10am  
– 12pm free hot drinks and a space to  
safely talk about mental health



For more information: [discoverredruth.co.uk](https://discoverredruth.co.uk)





# WARM SPACES REDRUTH



## Tuesdays and Saturdays

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Mount Ambrose, 11am – 3pm free food and drink, Wi-Fi and people to chat to

## Food Troops

Victoria Park next to the Bowling Club/Children's Playground

- First Monday of the month: kids cooking and nature crafts 10am - 12pm
- Every Monday 12pm - 2pm: Community Fridge open for surplus food rescue
- Every Tuesday 12-2pm: Community fridge open and gardening club with hot food for volunteers / visitors. We are run by volunteers, so we ask you to Pay-or-contribute as-you-feel where possible.
- No booking needed just drop in, open to all

## Everyday

Cornwall Neighbourhood for Change, The Elms, Green Lane 9am -4pm. Open everyday for people to visit a safe, warm and friendly environment on their own, or with a friend, and talk to others over a free hot drink or maybe a free hot meal. They can enjoy activities or can be helped to access specialist advice and support with housing, energy bills and job-seeking. Running until March 2023

Redruth Library, Alma Place Monday – Saturday 9.30 – 5pm (9.30 – 1pm Saturdays) a welcome warm space, access to group activities and a winter wellness guide. With staff available to advise on what support and services there are

