



Friday 22nd September 2023

# Pennoweth News

Welcome back to another Pennoweth Newsletter.

Last week, we were proud to share the finished building with many of you after school on Friday. We would like to thank all of those that were able to attend for their kind comments and questions related to the new building. We would also like to thank our ever present PTA for their wonderful tuck shop that supplied a range of tasty treats and drinks, which allowed us all to end the week on a high!

Sticking with the new building theme, Pennoweth had a special visitor in this week to add a unique addition to our school. David Gee, a Posca Pen Doodle artist, also known as Dave Draws, has spent this week installing a mural on one of our new building

corridors. The mural highlights many of the local landmarks and buildings including Gwennap Pit, Carn Brea and Redruth Rugby Club. Over the week, children and staff have been blown away with the skill and detail that has been transferred into the art piece. David uses special pens to create his art and does not sketch or draw any of his art before using his permanent pens! It was safe to say Mrs Andrews eyebrows may have danced when he began drawing straight on to the walls! Nevertheless, she need not have worried as the mural is a one of a kind and an incredible addition to the school. A huge thank you to David from everyone at Pennoweth School.

This week clubs returned to Pennoweth, with a wide range of activities offered from members of staff across the school. Ball skills, gardening, dance and netball were some of the Clubs on offer this week.

It has been great to see the uptake in our club offer and we look forward to seeing the children engage and enjoy our wider curriculum. As with all areas, we as a school are limited with the capacity we can offer as this is time that our staff have given freely to ensure a wider provision for our pupils. We therefore ask that those of you that are part of those clubs attend regularly as these places were well requested and we cannot reassign these mid term. Clubs will be reviewed at the end of Autumn term and

updated for our spring term.

Our phase email addresses are:

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[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)

## School Lunches

Week beginning  
25/09/23 (Week 3 Choices)

Chartwells meal menu is  
on the school website



### Dates for your diary

#### Tuesday 26th September

Poldark Music workshop  
KS2 Stem Assembly

#### Thursday 28th September

Apple Pressing in Nursery, EYFS and  
KS1  
Poldark 'Women in Cornwall Project'  
@ Kresen Kernow

#### Friday 29th September

Year 5 and 6 Football Tournament

#### Thursday 5th October

Early Years and Keystage 1  
Harvest Festival  
Redruth Charity Trust Assembly

#### Friday 6th October

INSET day (School closed)

#### Monday 23rd October—27th October Half Term

(Childrens first day back Monday 30th  
October 2023)

#### Tuesday 3rd December

EYFS and KS1 Winter Concert

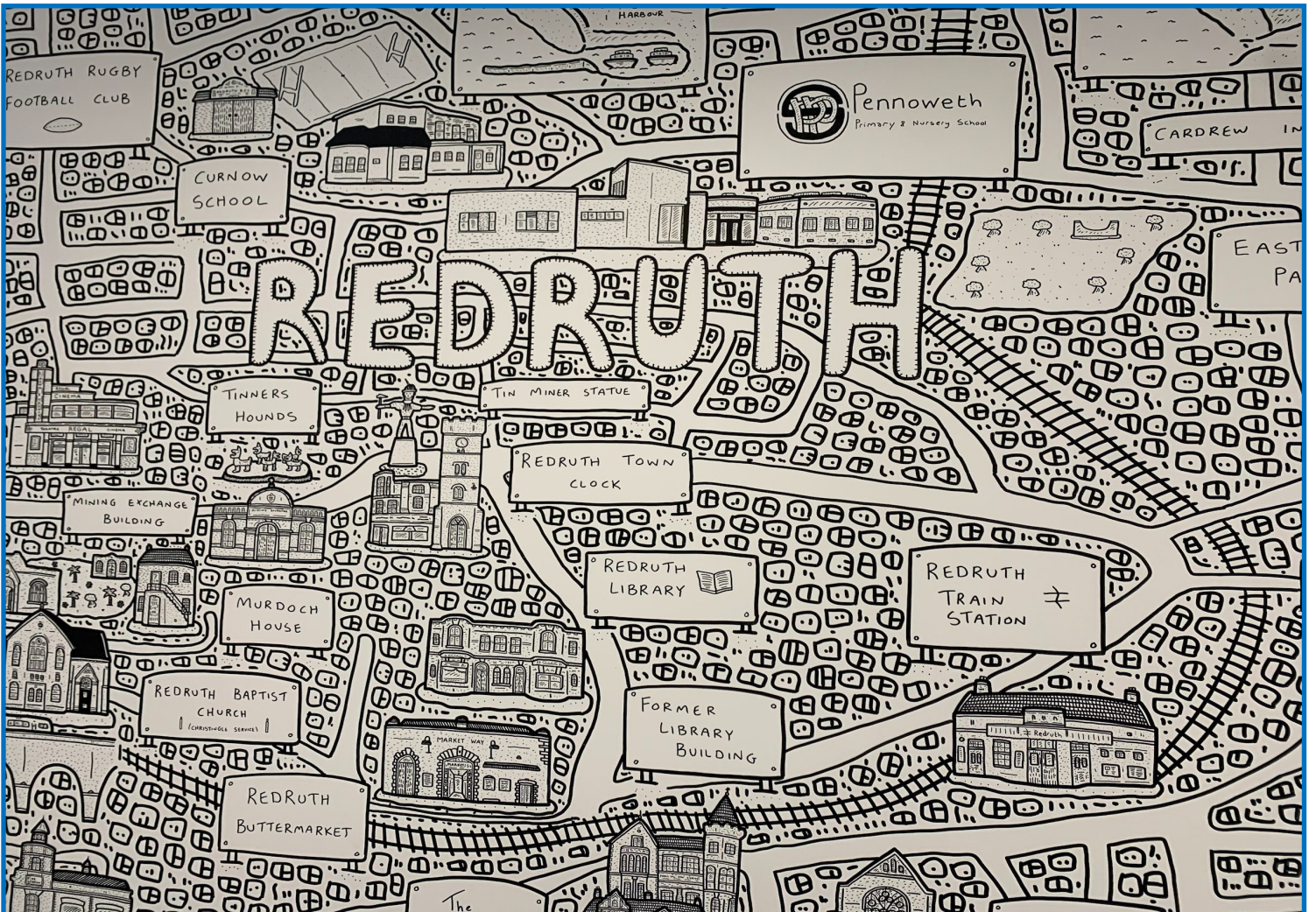
#### Thursday 7th December

KS2 Winter Concert

#### Wednesday 20th December—Wednes- day January 3rd Winter Break

(Childrens first day back 4th January  
2024)

# Dave Draws!



# Our DNA

Everything we do in school is shaped by our Pennoweth DNA statements. Each week each phase team identifies one child who has done a fantastic job of demonstrating each strand of the DNA. Well done to all the children below.

We are safe.

We feel loved.


We take responsibility.

We are always learning.

We are ready.

Congratulations to our stars of the week from each class! Well done everyone!

Quality	Year R, Y1 and Y2	Year 3+4	Year 5+6
Safe	Cohen (Newlyn) Bobby (Restormel) Aaliyah (Tintagel)	Kiera (Godrevy)	Jack (Levant)
Loved	Seb (Mevagissey) Logan (Restormel) Ryder (Tintagel)	Emmie (Godrevy)	Evie (Poldark)
Responsible	Esme T (Newlyn)	Cory (Lizard)	Jacob G (Geevor)
Learning	Jai (Gwithian)	Leela (Lizard)	Maddie (Levant)
Ready	Mia D (Porthcurno)	Oscar (Pendeen)	Tilly (Geevor)

Pendennis Daily Awards	Tintagel Raife
Restormel Darcey	Porthcurno Ben
Gwithian Kotryna	Newlyn Eliza
Mevagissey Riley	Pendeen Nylah
Godrevy Aronas	Lizard Jacob
Levant Masie	Geevor Theo
Poldark Harley C	

# Attendance

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

Overall attendance for this week was **95.4%**

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Pendennis	92.5%
Tintagel	95.6%
Restormal	93.1%
Porthcurno	93.9%
Gwithian	96.7%
Newlyn	93.4%
Mevagissey	93.7%
Pendeen	98.3%
Lizard	92.7%
Godrevy	98%
Levant	95.3%
Geevor	96.9%
Poldark	96.3%

**Congratulations class!**



## A Request from the School

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As we know school drop off and collections times are extremely busy for us all, particularly from those of us who are travelling from further away.

Unfortunately this week, the School and Trust received a letter from a member of our local community requesting us to remind our parents to be considerate when parking along Drump Road to collect or drop of our children.

Currently, this member of the community is being frequently blocked in by a variety of vehicles during this time which is causing them concern and unnecessary upset. We therefore are asking you all to be mindful of where you are parking your vehicles at these key times of the day. We are all one community and would like to be considerate to all our neighbours, particularly those in close proximity to the school.

We would like to thank you all for your support in this matter.



# Report from our Keystage One Gardening Club

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Today was our first day together and the first thing we talked about was compost. Some of us knew about the compost bin however, many did not know we had a compost bin in school!

We then decided to put a new box in the staff room to collect the teachers teabags and after a quick chat with Mrs Augarde and Mr Riches. Mr Riches reminded us that we can also put coffee grains in too.

Shortly after, we headed to the compost bin and put some bits in that Mrs Mallaber had been saving. There were a lot of flies when we lifted the lid! But this was a good thing as they will help to break down the compost material just like the worms.

Next we headed off into the polytunnel. Lots of the plants had finished growing now, so we talked about what had been growing and what we had to do next to prepare the tunnel. Over the summer holidays, it had all grown and became a little messy. We then had to spend time clearing the broad beans and cucumber plants and weeded the pots outside.

Not long after, Imogen shouted excitedly "I found a worm, he can go in the compost bin" . At the same time, a few of us used the litter pickers to tidy up the playground.

Just before it was time to go home, we had a quick look at the tomatoes and french beans and found enough for us to pick and take home.

And so, after some hard work, the gardening space is already starting to look better. When we came inside to wash our hands....we found that they were filthy, even with our gloves on.

## A quick Reminder!

Don't forget next week to bring a change of clothes and a pair of wellies...oh and a snack.—gardening is hungry work!

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# Online Safety Update

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION  
**13+**

(certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy. Now available in 75 languages, it has more than a billion active users worldwide (as of spring 2022) and is most popular with the under-16 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform for posting content, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's "Following" feed only displays videos from users someone follows, "For You" is a stream of clips based on their previously watched content. Most videos on a child's "For You" feed will therefore be light-hearted and amusing, but it could potentially surface something unsuitable. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the sheer volume of uploads mean they aren't manually monitored and vetted.

18  
CENSORED

#### DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have unfortunately been influenced by videos challenging them to perform harmful, criminal or even deadly acts. One extreme example was the "blackout" trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. It led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

#### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With around 1.1 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-18s (or youngsters using a false date of birth) are set to public by default. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to everyone else on the app; it also lets their videos be suggested to others and enables anyone to comment on them or download them.

#### IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase emojis in the app. These emojis are then sent as rewards (retaining their monetary value) to other users for videos they've created. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99; TikTok's policy is that they can't be bought by under-18s, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birthdate.

#### ADDICTIVE NATURE

TikTok can be addictive, especially for young people; compulsive repeated use can interfere with sleep patterns and be a distraction from other activities. The platform recently introduced default usage time limits of 60 and 100 minutes for new members under 18 (in the UK, children with TikTok average 102 minutes per day on the app), but these restrictions can easily be removed in the settings.

#### TIKTOK NOW

Introduced in late 2022, the "TikTok Now" feature lets users post a daily video or photo at the exact same time as their friends. Users receive a synchronised notification at a random time of day, giving them three minutes to take a video or real-time photo. This addition can not only be a distraction to young people but could lead to them inadvertently sharing private content such as their location.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

#### ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account with their child's and control their settings remotely. Parents can then, for example, turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content); set screen time limits; and manage their child's ability to send messages (and to whom). Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

#### MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Although under-18s will have their TikTok account set to private by default, bypassing this setting is relatively easy. However, parents have the ability to manually set their child's account to private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to strangers and they won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.

#### LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it's quite easy for a young person – without realising what they're doing – to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins so they can unlock more features of the app.

#### DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If your child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's crucial to talk about the potential risks in this type of app. For example, ensure they understand not to share any identifying personal information – and that they realise they could be exposed to inappropriate content. Thinking critically about what they see on TikTok can help children become generally more social media savvy.

#### READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something inappropriate or upsetting that they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the possible signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as are failing to complete homework or regularly not eating meals.

#### Meet Our Expert

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## **Friends of Pennoweth**

# **AGM**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Everyone is welcome.**

**Stay informed and get involved.**

Join us for tea and biscuits.

**Pennoweth School Hall**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 6.30-7.30**



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## Inflatable Fun

£3 unlimited wristband

FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

3.15 - 5.00 IN THE FIELD

*Let's hope its dry!*

We will also have football  
shoot out, a free assault course  
& tuck shop

