



Friday 29th September 2023

Pennoweth News

What another amazing week at Pennoweth.

On our travels around the school, there has been a series of wonderful learning and exciting opportunities that our children have been accessing over another action packed week.

From apple pressing in Early years and Keystage One to Space rockets and model digestive systems in Keystage Two. It has been fantastic to see both children and staff buzzing around and sharing their learning with all members of #TeamPennoweth.

Tribal points have been dished out by all staff for some amazing learning and behaviour. Our children have excelled in a number of curricular areas including Music, Art and D.T.

Year three and four were busy midweek building digestive systems out of junk modelling materials. Throughout the lesson, the children discussed the properties of the materials, whilst making appropriate choices dependent on the part of the digestive system. A truly abstract investigation which combined our children's Science and D.T knowledge!

Next week sees another busy period arrive at Pennoweth. Some key dates include next Thursday, which is our individual photos day for our children. On the same day, we will also see our EYFS and Keystage One children heading off to celebrate harvest. Please do not worry about the impact of this event on potential photographs as the photographer will be in all day and we will ensure all children who are present will have their photo taken.

Finally, may we remind all parents that next Friday (6th October) is a scheduled INSET day. We will therefore be closed to all children.

Thank you #TeamPennoweth for another amazing week!

Our phase email addresses are:

eyfs@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk (for Nursery and Reception)

KS1@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk (for Years 1 and 2)

lowerKS2@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk (for Years 3 and 4)

upperKS2@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk (for Years 5 and 6)

Or contact: help@pennoweth.cornwall.sch.uk

School Lunches

Week beginning
02/10/23 (Week 1 Choices)

Chartwells meal menu is
on the school website



Dates for your diary

Thursday 5th October

Early Years and Keystage 1

Harvest Festival

Redruth Charity Trust Assembly

School Individual Photographs

Friday 6th October

INSET day (School closed)

Monday 23rd October—27th October Half Term

(Childrens first day back Monday 30th
October 2023)

Tuesday 5th December

EYFS and KS1 Winter Concert

Thursday 7th December

KS2 Winter Concert

Monday 11th December

EYFS and Keystage 1 Christingle
service @ Redruth Baptist Church

Tuesday 12th December

Morning

Lower Keystage 2 Christingle Service
@ Redruth Baptist Church

Afternoon

Lower Keystage 2 Christingle Service
@ Redruth Baptist Church

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

(Childrens first day back 4th January
2024)


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	Coby (Restormel) Alex (Newlyn) Nylah (Tintagel)	Kyson (Lizard)	Lucas (Levant)
Loved	Sofia (Restormel) Immy (Newlyn)	Gabriele (Lizard)	Jayden (Geevor)
Responsible	Sol (Porthcurno) Ruari (Tintagel)	Amelia (Pendeen)	Jenson (Poldark)
Learning	Willow (Mevagissey)	Natalie (Pendeen)	Sophia (Geevor)
Ready	Megan (Gwithian)	Vinnie (Godrevy)	Eddie (Poldark)

Pendennis Daily Awards	Tintagel James
Restormel Alicia	Porthcurno Dovie
Gwithian Benas	Newlyn Maisie
Mevagissey Lewis	Pendeen Lyra
Godrevy Mason	Lizard Joseph
Levant Zach	Geevor Caden
Poldark Maddie	

Attendance

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

Overall attendance for this week was

95.3%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.


Pendennis	98.3
Tintagel	94.8
Restormal	95.5
Porthcurno	91.9
Gwithian	94.1
Newlyn	95.5
Mevagissey	91.4
Pendeen	99.0
Lizard	94.3
Godrevy	96.2
Levant	95.3
Geevor	99.0
Poldark	93.9

Congratulations class!



Key Reminder!

Next week, we have a busy Thursday with school photos and visits. To mark this, we will also be having a change in menu. Please see below the menu for this day.



TAKE YOUR TASTE BUDS OUT OF THIS WORLD

MAINS
Cosmic Meatballs OR
Cosmic Veggie Meatballs

SIDES
Moon Mash
Broccoli & Carrots
Gravity Free Gravy

DESSERT
Raspberry Ripple Crater Cake with
Vanilla Milky Way Sauce

Upper Keystage Two News

On Tuesday, years 5 and 6 were treated to a visit from Fritha, who works at Spaceport Cornwall. This was part of their 'Stargazers' topic.

Over the course of the day, Fritha provided a number of different activities and talks which the children learnt about. These included: the history of rockets, the importance of satellites and what Spaceport Cornwall does as part of the Space industry.

The children also learnt about how much fuel and thrust a rocket needs to overcome gravity and air resistance to make it up to space out of the atmosphere. After chatting with the children, they described that the best parts of their day was designing and making their own rockets and thinking about how aerodynamic they were.

To finish off, the children then took part in a rocket launch in the afternoon where some of the rockets flew up and over twenty metres into the air! We think it is safe to say that there are definitely some budding space scientists and engineers in Upper Keystage Two!



Report from our Keystage One Gardening Club

This week we were all eager to get started at Gardening Club. Clothes changed, wellies on, and off we went. Our first job was to collect the tea bags from the staffroom and add them to the compost bin.

Next on the list, planting! Mrs.Mallaber brought in some very tiny leek plants that needed thinning out and replanting. Very carefully we took the tiny plants, broke away some of the straggly roots, filled all the pots with compost. Using a special tool called a dibber, we made a hole to sit the leeks in before, finally giving them a little water.

Then it was time to get the litter pickers and check the playground. This week, Imogen helped to clear the tomato and French bean plants as they had finished producing crops, so that we are ready for new plants to be placed and cultivated.

To finish, we watered all of the plants inside of the polytunnels, and ensuring all the plants were looked after, before, finally completing the all important hand washing before collection

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A quick Reminder!

Don't forget next week to bring a change of clothes and a pair of wellies to Gardening club.... And don't forget the snack — gardening is hungry work!



Further Photographs from our Gardening Club



What a green-fingered bunch we have here at Pennoweth. We are incredibly lucky to have such amazing staff and children who are really invested in our eco curriculum! Amazing learning!

Special thanks to Mrs Mallaber and Mrs Mathews for the photographs

Online Safety Update

All 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 for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

...MSG ME...

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION
16+

In UK and Europe;
rest of the world 13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients; not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging. WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original – and might not be entirely factual, either.

ONLINE

'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safety on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

Advice for Parents & Carers ...TYPING...

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval; you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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