



Thursday 5th October 2023

Pennoweth News

Yet again, another full week of learning has flown by at Pennoweth and we have once again been dazzled by all of our children.

Over the course of this week, we have had a number of different workshops and activities taking place all over the school.

Year Three and Four were treated to a virtual author visit linked to their current topic Scrumdiddlyumptious. In addition, Science and D.T projects have been launched throughout the school this week with a variety of experiments and tasty triumphs being shared across a number of our classes.

Year Five and Six continued to provide their pupils with some cracking first hand experiences, where breadmaking was the focus. Kneading, stretching, proving and some Paul Hollywood style support was provided by our Upper Keystage Two team during this process. It was safe to say that all the staff and children were treated to a tasty aroma coming from the new Creative Lab.

Finally, this morning, our Early Years and Keystage One team visited the local church to celebrate harvest and learn the importance of this from a variety of backgrounds. All the children behaved beautifully and were proud ambassadors for the school.

A special thank you also to all of the parents who supported the children during our visit to the church. We are very fortunate to have your support with these large phase events. We certainly would not be able to do this without your ongoing support.

A final note for parents regarding tomorrow's INSET day. The school will not be open to pupils as this will be a vital staff training day. We look forward to welcoming you all back next week 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
09/10/23 (Week 2 Choices)

Chartwells meal menu is
on the school website



Dates for your diary

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

Upper 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	Olivia (Tintagel) Kodi (Restormel) Leon (Newlyn)	Lily R (Pendeen)	Gracie-Mae (Poldark)
Loved	Georgie (Gwithian)	Lucy (Pendeen)	Caitlyn (Levant)
Responsible	Seb (Mevagissey)	Emmie (Godrevy)	Piran (Geevor)
Learning	Mason (Tintagel) Finley (Restormel) Chorena (Porthcurno)	Emily (Godrevy)	Aela (Geevor)
Ready	Michelle (Mevagissey)	Carson (Lizard)	Archie (Levant)

Pendennis Daily Awards	Tintagel Gracie
Restormel Xander	Porthcurno Nadi
Gwithian Caya	Newlyn Cohen
Mevagissey Lovaya	Pendeen Ezra
Godrevy Keira	Lizard Harris
Levant Megan	Geevor Ivy
Poldark Lily	

Attendance

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

Overall attendance for this week was

93.7%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Pendennis	96.9%
Tintagel	94.3%
Restormal	93.8%
Porthcurno	97%
Gwithian	88.8%
Newlyn	89.8%
Mevagissey	92.6%
Pendeen	96%
Lizard	99.1%
Godrevy	99.6%
Levant	98.3%
Geevor	88.7%
Poldark	84.7%

Congratulations Godrevy class!



Lower Keystage Two News

Year Three and Four were treated to a special virtual author visit this week. Hannah Moffatt, who is best known for children's books such as *Small Bites Back* and *Small*, delivered an in-depth workshop to support the learning of our current topic *Scrumdid-dyumptious*.

Over the course of the workshop, children were introduced to the author, the writing process and also took part in a question and answer session.

All the children across the phase, listened intently and engaged well with the session. Several questions from our children were thought provoking and well constructed. The children thoroughly enjoyed the session and were able to share all the knowledge that they have gained over the course of their project learning so far. They were a real credit to the school and for their teachers.

Well done Lizard, Godrevy and Pendeen.



Upper Keystage Two News

On Wednesday, Years Five and Six had an amazing DT day where they spent the day learning about whole vs processed foods.

The children made their own wholewheat bread and then compared it to shop-bought white bread: our homemade bread was definitely the winner!

In the afternoon, whilst the bread was baking, each Class made their own pasta sauce using whole foods such as tomatoes, peppers, onions and garlic.

The children were all amazing at chopping up and mixing their ingredients: we have some chefs in the making!



Report from our Keystage One Gardening Club

First job this week was to collect the compost items from the staffroom and this week there was more than normal!

Next, we checked and watered the leeks that we planted last week.

During the summer holidays, Mrs.Mallaber had managed to get hold of another water butt, and so after a discussion of how important it is to save and use rain water, we set up the new butt.

After it was safely installed we weeded the tomato plants as they had finished growing and into the freshly dug soil we planted tulip and daffodil bulbs to prepare for the spring.

We noticed that we have a lovely red gladioli flower brightening up the playground. Have you spotted it?

Final job was to litter pick before the all important job of hand washing.

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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 for the photographs this week!

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 games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

AMONG US

A multiplayer 'social deduction' game set in outer space, Among Us enjoyed a surge in popularity in 2020, and has since maintained a dedicated fan-base (globally, around 60 million regular players each month) thanks to its unique nature, simple premise and ease of access across numerous platforms. The game's on-screen action revolves around danger, disguise and deception – and there are certain parallels to be drawn with some of the real-life risks that parents and carers of young Among Us players need to be aware of.



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SENSITIVE PREMISE

In Among Us, up to three players are secretly assigned to be alien imposters, tasked with murdering their colleagues while the survivors try to unmask them. While the concept's not far removed from traditional games like *Wink Murder* or TV shows such as *The Traitors*, some parents may feel uncomfortable about their child playing a video game in which deception and killing are prioritised.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

The on-screen death of characters may be fundamental to the gameplay of Among Us, but the majority of the animations depicting this are deliberately cartoonish and only appear very briefly. However, it is worth bearing in mind that the game has a PEGI age rating of 7 – meaning that certain elements (however heavily stylised they may be) could still upset some younger players.

CHAT BETWEEN PLAYERS

With up to 15 people participating in each game online, a large part of Among Us' appeal is speculating with fellow players who the imposters might be and making accusations. This dialogue through the in-game text chat can occasionally become heated – and could, of course, involve your child being put into contact with people (including adults) who they don't know in real life.

GOING OFF PLATFORM

While Among Us provides basic ways to communicate, many gamers prefer to use external services such as Discord: a popular app which offers voice and video chat functions. These undeniably make cooperation easier, but also create a potential route for children to hear inappropriate language – or for strangers to message them privately in an environment which isn't regulated by the game itself.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

Among Us is free to download on mobile devices, and costs less than £5 to obtain on console and PC. A related longer-term pitfall, though, is that the game also includes options to pay for upgrades such as removing ads on the mobile version or adding cosmetic touches to characters (such as different costumes). It's certainly possible that a child could spend a significant sum without realising it.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONSIDER SOFTER ALTERNATIVES

Although Among Us is hugely popular with young gamers, it's possible that some children might find the murder themes unsettling. If so, plenty of similar social deduction games are available (in both digital and traditional board game formats) which downplay the potentially grislier elements: some centre around undercover spies, for instance, and there's even a Marvel superhero-themed variant.

CHAT ABOUT CHATTING

You might feel it's prudent to talk to your child about the risks associated with voice chat while gaming, explaining in particular that strangers online aren't always who they claim to be. Keeping the conversation relaxed will reinforce your child's confidence that they can always come to you with any online concerns – not just about Among Us, but any potential future issues as well.

DISCUSS DISCORD

In general, Discord is an excellent app for keeping online communities together because of its use of dedicated individual servers, which allow comprehensive control over who can join – and who can't. Once you're familiar with the platform, you could set up a secure server for your child and their friends to communicate during games of Among Us, with no access for people they don't know.

AMONG US, AMONG FRIENDS

When your child and their friends get together, they can enjoy a private game of Among Us by choosing a 'local' lobby – that is, only people connected to the same WiFi (your home network, for example) can enter. This prevents any random online users – who may be total strangers – from joining and removes the need for voice chat, as the players are all physically in the same location.

STOP SURPRISE SPENDING

If you're concerned about the possibility of your child racking up an unexpected bill on Among Us' microtransactions, you could consider using a prepaid card with a set limit. Likewise, you could specify in the game's options that adult authorisation is required for every purchase – or you could make sure that no payment methods are enabled on the device that your child plays the game on.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GCRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent who understands the value of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



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Bag2School

Pennoweth Schools collection is Wednesday 18th October.

Having a sort out?

It can help to raise money for the PTA.

Last time we raised £145 just by donating unused items.



Please bring any donations to school the morning of the 18th and pop in the bike store.

We accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE*:	We DO NOT accept:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Men's, Ladies', and Children's clothing• Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)• Handbags, Bags, Hats, Scarves, and ties• Jewellery• Lingerie, socks, and belts• Soft toys• Household linen, curtains, towels, and bedding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Duvets and blankets• Pillows and cushions• Carpets, rugs, and mats (including bath, shower, and toilet mats)• Soiled, painted, ripped, or wet clothing• School uniforms with and without logo• Corporate clothing and workwear• Textile off cuts, yarns, or threaded material



102,000 children starting school in England are at risk of catching measles

Check your child is up

to date with their

MMR vaccinations

Further News and Announcements

LOWENDER CELTIC FESTIVAL

KIDS
GO
FREE!

CELEBRATE CORNISH
CULTURE AND OUR
CELTIC CONNECTIONS!

26 – 29 OCTOBER
REDRUTH TOWN CENTRE
AND REDRUTH SCHOOL



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Supported using public funding by
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European Structural
and Investment Funds




Funded by
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Further News and Announcements

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Together for Families 

The deadline for applications is 31 October 2023


Transfer to secondary school

September 2024

Applying for a place in year seven at a secondary school



Information and guidance
Website and application form: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions
Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk
Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY
Telephone: 0300 1234 101

www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions 

Applying for a secondary school place for September 2024

Special Educational Needs

If an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan has been issued for your child you do not need to complete an application form. Please contact the Statutory SEN Service for more information: Tel: 01872 324242 Email: statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk

- 1 Decide on your preferred schools**

You are strongly advised to name **three** preferences on the application form. **Naming a second or third preference does not give you any less chance of getting a place at your preferred school.** When making your decision you should...

 - ...think about **how your child will get to school.** Go to www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport for more information on whether your child would be entitled to home to school travel assistance.
 - ...look at the **admission arrangements** on our website that will be used to allocate places for each school.
 - ...consider naming your **nearest or designated school** as one of your preferences. You can find your nearest or designated school on our website.
 - ...look at the detailed **admissions information** on our website, also available on request.
- 2 Submit your application by 31 October 2023**

Apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions
- 3 Wait to find out which school you have been allocated**

If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 1 March 2024. Apply on time!** Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.