



Friday 19th October 2023

Pennoweth News

This weeks newsletter signals the last of this half term. This year is already feeling like it is flying by,

nevertheless, our pupils continue to shine and show how much they have all learnt already within their new year groups. In this weeks edition we have snippets from each phase to celebrate the great things that have been going on this half term.

Nursery

This half term Pendennis Class have been looking at different works of art from Jackson Pollock. We have been practicing different art techniques that produce similar styles to Jackson Pollocks. To celebrate the end of our topic each child has created their own piece of art work on a canvas which the PTA gave to us. The children are all really proud of their work and have been talking about each one, giving praise to their friends (please see the next page for photographs).

Reception

This week Reception took a windy walk to Redruth Library. We were lucky enough to hear the story 'It Starts With A Seed' by Laura Knowles where the children found out about how trees grow and how sycamore seeds fly. The children then had time to explore the different books on offer and loved sharing them with their friends and adults. Finally, it was time to head back to school. The children were an absolute credit to themselves and the school and soon we will be able to pick up our new library cards!

Keystage One

This week we enjoyed sharing with all our EYFS and Keystage One parents our Read Write Inc scheme and how this works. EYFS and Key Stage 1 children who are on phonics should have brought home a My Set 1 or 2 and 3 Sounds book to use at home. Please focus on 1 to 2 sounds a week. Please be creative as there are many ways you can learn these sounds at home. For example, hiding the sounds around the house on post-it notes, playing snap or splat the correct word or sound, bath time sound game, how many sounds can you find in the bath? We would also like to say a special thank you to the parents who suggested these wonderful sound and word games.

Lower Keystage Two

This week the children have spent time finishing of their DT unit by making their very own chapati breads. After taking time to explore different types of bread and completing a number of taste tests and analysis lessons, the children dove into the making of Chapatis! Over the course of three days, the Year Three/Four team created quite the production line where numerous Chapatis were made and cooked in a short amount of time. There was even time for gluten free alternative loafs being baked as well. Well done to all the children and staff who were able to make this happen.

Upper Keystage Two

As part of their project 'Bloodheart', the children of Years Five and Six had the opportunity to dissect a lamb's heart and learn more about the anatomy and function of this vital organ. The children were able to identify and explain the different parts of the heart, using scientific language, and how they work together to pump blood around the body. They were very curious and engaged, asking questions, and making observations. The dissection was a valuable hands-on experience that enhanced their understanding of the circulatory system. It seems we have some budding surgeons on our hands!

Well done #TeamPennoweth this half term. We look forward to welcoming you all back on the 30th October.

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
30/10/23 (Week 1 Choices)**

**Chartwells meal menu is
on the school website**



Dates for your diary

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

(Childrens first day back Monday 30th
October 2023)

Monday 20th November

Parent Meetings

Tuesday 21st November

Parent Meetings

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)

Photographs from around the school



Pendennis class paintings in the style of Jackson Pollock.

Chapatis made by Year Three and Four during their DT Project this week.




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	Hafsa (Tintagel) Lylle (Tintagel) Darcey (Restormel) Taylor (Porthcurno)	Ardhen (Lizard)	Harry (Poldark)
Loved	Neela (Gwithian)	Tiana (Lizard)	Loki (Geevor)
Responsible	Logan B (Mevagissey)	Natalie (Pendeen)	Harley C (Poldark)
Learning	Theo (Restormel) Gavriel (Gwithian)	Zakary (Pendeen)	Izzy (Levant)
Ready	Elias (Newlyn)	Starla (Godrevy)	Olivia S (Geevor)

Pendennis Daily Awards	Tintagel Harper
Restormel Shaswin	Porthcurno Keevah
Gwithian Prahaan	Newlyn Oscar
Mevagissey Esme L	Pendeen Amelia
Godrevy Nicola	Lizard Jack
Levant Freddie	Geevor Layla
Poldark Ana	

Attendance

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

Overall attendance for this week was

94.3%

See below for the attendance for each class last week.

Pendennis	93.4%
Tintagel	94.5%
Restormal	96%
Porthcurno	95.2%
Gwithian	90.4%
Newlyn	98.2%
Mevagissey	88.6%
Pendeen	96.1%
Lizard	98.9%
Godrevy	96.2%
Levant	95%
Geevor	91%
Poldark	91.6%

Congratulations Lizard class!



Report from our Keystage One Gardening Club

For our final week of Garden club this half term, as always, the first job was to collect the compost items from the staff room but to our shock and genuine astonishment we were very surprised to only find THREE teabags. Mrs Andrews must have been making cut backs on hot drinks this week! What has happened this week everyone?

After recovering from the shock and horror of the lack of compost items, we moved on



to checking how the plants were growing and gave them all a good watering. It was exciting to see a few green shoots popping through the soil.

Next, we all decided to do some much needed weeding as these crafty critters were taking over the area outside of the polytunnel. Whilst doing this we were very excited to find a Caterpillar.

After much observation and discussion, he was named Sonny and was given a new home to be safe. We hope however that he hasn't taken a page out of The Hungry Caterpillar's book and eaten his way through our garden plants!

Our final job today was the much enjoyed litter picking . We have been seeing a few extra wrappers, bottles and fruit skins around the school everyone. Please can we all make a big effort this week to make sure we look after our outside space!

Before we finished to go home, we made sure to wash our hands and tidy away our things before readying ourselves to head home.

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!

Parent Governor Opportunity



Pennoweth School is seeking to recruit governors to join the local governing committee.

As an academy, we rely on a local governing committee to ensure the school remains accountable for the decisions it makes for children's education. Governors play a role in both supporting and challenging the school as it shapes education for our local community. We look to recruit people with a variety of skills to bring a diverse range of opinions to decision making.

The ideal candidate will have the ability to consider matters objectively and make informed judgements. Having an enquiring mind, the confidence to ask questions and debate issues that affect the school are also key attributes of an effective school governor.

What do school governors do?

Governors tend to meet 6 times throughout the year, once every half term; these meetings are usually on a Wednesday at 6pm and last for approximately 1.5 to 2 hours.

In order to perform this role well, a governor is expected to:

Get to know the school, including visiting the school occasionally during school hours, and gain a good understanding of the school's strengths and weaknesses;

Challenge and ask questions of senior leaders to ensure progress towards school goals;

Monitor the school's development in achieving set priorities;

Act in the best interest of the pupils and staff of the school;

Behave in a professional manner, as set down in the Governing Committee's code of conduct, including acting in strict confidence.

If you are interested in applying, or would like further information, please email the chair of governors (Deborah Reeve: deborah.reeve@croftymat.org) with an expression of interest. This should include your contact details and a short explanation about why you wish to become a governor at Pennoweth. If we have more than one candidate, we will ask you to take part in an election for the position. The closing date for applications is Friday 10th November 2023.

Crofty:

Pennoweth school is part of Crofty Multi Academy Trust. If you would like to find out more about the school or trust please follow the link below:

croftymat.org

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 nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 24

After two decades of holding the official FIFA licence, EA Sports' phenomenally successful football video game series has embarked on a solo run at goal. This season's iteration marks the debut appearance of a new name and branding, but don't let those fool you – EA Sports FC 24 is still a very similar proposition to last year's FIFA 23. Popular features such as Ultimate Team remain a big focus, meaning that potentially costly in-game spending is still among the line-up of risks that parents and carers should be aware of.



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

RECURRING RELEASES

EA Sports FC 24 effectively picks up the FIFA template – meaning that after a year, we can expect EA Sports FC 25 to hit the shelves. Updates between versions of the FIFA franchise tended to be minor, but young fans of the game are almost certain to want the new edition in around 12 months' time, so they can keep playing with updated team kits, players and squad lists.

OFFENSIVE VOICE CHAT

FIFA 23 introduced cross-platform play, and EA Sports FC 24 goes a step further with Clubs, Seasons and Ultimate Team cooperative modes across PlayStation 5, Xbox Series X and S, and PC. That's exciting news for youngsters who love to play with friends online – but connecting a much wider audience does potentially open lines of communication between children and far older online gamers.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

In FIFA, Ultimate Team proved to be a profitable innovation for developers Electronic Arts (EA), and is now found in many of their other titles. Players spend in-game currency to recruit better footballers for their team, but this process can take a frustratingly long time – so young fans may be tempted to skip the grind by paying real-world cash to unlock that coveted star midfielder.

ULTIMATE TEAM SCAMMERS

Since the mode was introduced, Ultimate Team has been a target of scammers who attempt to coax players into buying or selling outside the terms of service from EA and console manufacturers. This shady practice can lead to accounts being banned and in-game items being lost. In some cases, young gamers have also been hoodwinked into handing over their payment details to the fraudsters.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

Just like real-life football, EA Sports FC 24 offers a thrilling, dynamic blend of tactical awareness and skill that fans find absolutely engrossing. Among younger players in particular, this could lead to identifiers of a gaming disorder as they plead for "just one more game" before bedtime or spend practically all weekend playing more matches to earn additional Ultimate Team packs.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONTROL SPENDING

If your child enjoys Ultimate Team mode, check that your payment details aren't linked to their account. Bundles of FC Points (the game's currency) start at just £1, so multiple payments can easily slip under the radar. You could consider setting your child an in-game allowance, perhaps through a prepaid card, which will help them to realise that online spending has a real-world effect.

DEFEND AGAINST SCAMMERS

EA does contact players via email (although not to ask for usernames or passwords, so watch out for that scam tactic), but never through the game itself – so be wary of incoming messages and consider blocking and reporting suspected spam. Your child should avoid buying coins (the in-game currency) from external sites: it could end with them losing their money and being banned from the game.

AVOID EXTRA TIME

Many parents of young football-oriented gamers worry about their child playing too much EA Sports FC. There's now also a companion mobile app, which can also often provide another indicator that a child is struggling to disengage from the game. You could initiate discussions around set hours of play – or take stronger action by utilising the parental controls on their console or phone.

SHOW TOXIC CHAT THE RED CARD

Playing EA Sports FC 24 with friends is highly enjoyable, but if competitive types start to turn toxic online, it can ruin everyone's fun. You could occasionally listen in on the voice chat of your child's game for any warning signs that things may be about to boil over. This goes double when playing online with strangers: voice contact with unknown players can be turned off in the game's settings.

CELEBRATE THE VARIETY

Ultimate Team may be the game's 'star player', but there's plenty more to do in EA Sports FC 24 – including modes which allow access to all of football's big names without needing to spend money on packs to unlock them. This new version of the game includes even more women's teams, marking another step forward in representation: an important subject to discuss and celebrate with children.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRacon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. Always eager to test out the latest apps, games and online trends, he's also a parent who understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



Sources: <https://www.windowscentral.com/youngsters-spend-over-6000-11n-spor-highlighting-pradatory-game-design-02> | <https://www.who.int/news-room/questions-and-answers/item/obssive-behaviours-gaming-disorder> | <https://www.eurogamer.net/18-european-courts-ask-for-better-regulation-of-loot-boxes-following-new-report>

Further News and Announcements

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LET'S ROCKET

MAINS
Rocket Dog OR
Veggie Rocket Dog

SIDES
Chips
Corn on the Cob

DESSERT
Orange & Ginger Firework Cake
with Custard

Further News and Announcements

SCIENCE AND ARTS ACTIVITY DAY

For girls in Year 6

Dark Room Photography | Forensic Science Mystery | Explosive Science Experiments




TRURO HIGH SCHOOL
Where Girls Thrive

Sat 25 November 9.30 - 3.30
Sign up in advance. Spaces limited.

registrar@trurohigh.co.uk | 01872 242903

Further News and Announcements

THE
WRITERS'
BLOCK

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB FOR 7-11S

Join The Writers' Block new afterschool club for KS2 Children!



This 6 week after school club provides space for children to explore their creativity, discover their talents and have a great time! We will guide children to create their own stories through a mixture of **writing, drama, music and making** at our immersive and inspiring space.

When: 4.15-5.30pm Thursdays 2 November - 7 December

Where: The Writers' Block, The Ladder
2-4 Clinton Road
Redruth, TR15 2QE

To book: First Session FREE. Then £10/£15 for all the 5 remaining sessions.
Booking essential: www.thewritersblock.org.uk/events

Further News and Announcements

Get into Teaching



Join us at our first online information session

on 31st October 2023 6-7pm

Primary Routes (3-7 & 5-11)

hello@kernowteaching.co.uk

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CULTURE AND OUR
CELTIC CONNECTIONS!

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AND REDRUTH SCHOOL



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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.