



Friday 10th November 2023

# Pennoweth News

Welcome back to another addition of the Pennoweth News.

This week Keystage One children were treated to a morning with an artist. We invited a local artist, Claire

Stockings-Baker to run workshops with our Years 1 and 2 based around the 'Magic of Autumn' in our new Creative Lab. The children were all fully engaged and had so much fun learning new printing techniques with her. They were very proud of their achievements and produced the most beautiful prints. I'm sure you will see them around school very soon!

If you would like to learn more about her work, do have a look at her website. She has her own studio at Krowji and regularly runs workshops for children.

<https://www.krowji.org.uk/tenant/Claire-stockings-baker/>

Elsewhere around the school, our focus has been predominantly Geography based with classes learning about different regions around the world from the Arctic and Antarctic through to the continents of North and South America.

Year Three and Four have spent time locating these continents and understanding their geography, whilst also identifying major cities and comparing populations sizes.

Within our Year Five and Six year groups, they have begun their learning on our 'Frozen Kingdoms' topic and researching key information about the regions. Pupils looked at the average precipitation and temperatures associated with these areas and produced wonderful posters and comparisons to our weather in the UK.

Finally this week, as a school we have been also focusing on Remembrance through our assemblies where Mrs Augarde delivered some important information about its importance and why it takes place each year. Through these assemblies our pupils sat thoughtfully, reflected on their learning and asked questions of staff throughout the week when the topic was discussed in class. On Friday, we held a minutes silence in each class to commemorate Remembrance ahead of Sunday. This was well received by the pupils who treated this time with respect and reflection. Well done #Team Pennoweth.

Looking forwards to next week, we have our annual Children In Need day taking place next Friday (17th November). Over the course of the day, we will be completing activities to celebrate this great cause including a 'Bear-pee' Challenge and a design your own bandana which can be Pudsey themed.

Should you be able to, please could we ask that all donations for Children in Need be made through Parent Pay. We will then announce the total raised during next weeks Newsletter alongside the amount of 'Bear-pees'

completed by the children.

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)

School Lunches

Week beginning 13/11/23

(Week 3 Choices)

Chartwells meal menu is on the school website



Dates for your diary

Please see the following page for key dates for this half term.

Wednesday 20th

December —

Wednesday January 3rd

Winter Break

Childrens first day back

Thursday 4th January 2024)

## Key dates for your Diaries

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### Wednesday 15th November

Flu Vaccines taking place

### Friday 17th November

Children in Need

### Monday 20th November

Parent Meetings (3:15pm–6:30pm)

Year R and 6 Height and Weight Check

### Tuesday 21st November

Parent Meetings (3:15pm–5pm)

### Friday 24th November

Dress Down and Donate Day

### Saturday 25th November

Redruth Lantern Parade

(Gather at St Rumon's Gardens at 4:30pm before departing at 4:45pm)

### Friday 1st December

Winter Fair (3:15pm–5pm)

### Tuesday 5th December

EYFS & KS1 Christmas Concert

(2pm @ St Andrews Church)

### Wednesday 6th December

Parent Wreath Making Workshop

### Thursday 7th December

KS2 Christmas concert

(2pm @ St Andrews Church)

### Friday 8th December

Travelling Panto

Christmas Jumper day

### Monday 11th December

EYFS and KS1 Christingle Service

(1:45pm @ Redruth Baptist Church)

### Tuesday 12th December

UKS2 Christingle Service

(10am @ Redruth Baptist Church)

LKS2 Christingle Service

(1:45pm @ Redruth Baptist Church)

### Wednesday 13th December

Christmas Dinner Day

### Thursday 14th December

Visit with Santa

Present for Loved Ones Stall

### Monday 18th December

Songs on the Steps


# 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	Trisitan (Gwithian)	Emilie (Godrevy)	Summer (Levant)
Loved	Aiden (Tintagel) Alicia (Restormel) Rosen (Mevagissey)	TJ (Godrevy)	Poppy (Geevor)
Responsible	Nadi (Porthcurno)	Harris (Lizard)	Harley W (Poldark)
Learning	Logan (Restormel) James (Tintagel) Elias (Newlyn)	Elodie (Lizard)	Kingsley (Geevor)
Ready	Delilah (Mevagissey)	Harriet (Pendeen)	Josh (Levant)

Pendennis Daily Awards	Tintagel Darcy
Restormel Bobby	Porthcurno Sol
Gwithian Dominic	Newlyn Rubi
Mevagissey Ethan	Pendeen Aliza
Godrevy Georgie	Lizard Eleanor
Levant William	Geevor Scarlett
Poldark Brooke	

# 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	88.7%
Tintagel	88.2%
Restormal	99%
Porthcurno	97.6%
Gwithian	88.8%
Newlyn	95.9%
Mevagissey	94.1%
Pendeen	89%
Lizard	95.4%
Godrevy	93.6%
Levant	96%
Geevor	94.5%
Poldark	95.5%

Congratulations Restormel class!



# Report from our Keystage One Gardening Club

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Whoa, Storm Ciaran definitely left its mark in and around the school but particularly with our poor Polytunnel!

After discussing the storm, Gardening Club decided to see if there was any damage around the area... and we were surprised to see that the lid had been blown off the compost bin!

Not only had it blown off, but it seems to have completely blown away! We are going to have to keep our eyes open around school for it and Mrs Mallaber has even said there may be some tribal points for the person who finds it.

Luckily, inside the tunnel we didn't find too much damage apart from the hole in the side which has seemed to have gone grown

since last week.

It was then time to get on with the usual jobs done which included topping up the now 'lidless' compost bin with the tea bags from the staff room.

Next, we looked at some

potatoes that were now growing roots and we planted these in the soil. We then put some compost in the bottom of each bag and then the potatoes. Once we finished this we then covered them with a little more compost.



Each week, we will check and add a little more compost to keep them hidden until the bags are full.

Finally, there was enough time to water the remaining plants that were dry, litter pick and then wash our hands ready for home.

Let's hope we don't have any more storms anytime soon! We're not sure the Polytunnel will survive!



# 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 issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [nationalonlinecollege.com](http://nationalonlinecollege.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MICROTRANSACTIONS

Microtransactions (often abbreviated as "MTX") are digital purchases made within an app or game to unlock extra features or additional content such as new levels. A popular sub-set of these are loot boxes, which contain a selection (usually random) of virtual items: from character skins to game-changing equipment like better weapons. Microtransactions (and loot boxes in particular) are now widespread in apps and games, but concerns persist that they normalise gambling and can foster addictive behaviours – especially among younger players.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### GATEWAY TO GAMBLING?

Microtransactions have been criticised for promoting gambling-adjacent behaviour in children. Research has also suggested that exposure to the loot box system could affect the likelihood of a young person suffering gambling harms later in life: children who purchased or used loot boxes in the last 12 months were found to be more likely to have gambled during the same period, as well.

#### ADDICTIVE NATURE

Microtransactions (and loot boxes especially) could lead to young people displaying compulsive behaviours. Loot boxes are designed to be addictive, and the sought-after prizes they contain are dispensed at random. This means that young gamers might not get what they want straight away, causing them to spend more money as well as additional time gaming.

#### PAYING TO WIN

In many popular games (the FIFA series being a notable example), microtransactions make it far easier to succeed – which is a concern because children can often find it difficult to keep track of their spending. Once a child starts making in-game purchases, they may continue buying to keep up with their friends and other players – sometimes without recognising the mounting real-world cost.

### EXCLUSIVE CONTENT

#### DATA COLLECTION

To allow a young person to complete microtransactions, many app and game developers collect personal data such as their name, address, email, geolocation information, photos, payment details and so on. Even if this data remains secure (which is by no means guaranteed), there's always the chance that it will be used – and possibly sold on to third parties – for marketing purposes.

#### AFFECTING DAILY ROUTINE

Online games tend to revolve around repeated loops of activity that can affect purchasing decisions and potentially influence children's spending patterns. This could lead to your child not only handing over more money but also adjusting their daily routine to match the game's schedule – potentially impacting more important elements of their day, such as homework and family time.

#### SATELLITE SPENDING

If you've linked a payment method like a debit card or a PayPal account to your child's game or app, it's wise to keep a close eye on their microtransactions to ensure they aren't racking up a large bill. Letting a child have access to your card (if they're still too young to have their own) or other means of payment could also lead to them spending beyond the apps and games they normally use.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

#### DO YOUR RESEARCH

It's important to have a serviceable idea of whether the games your child plays use the loot box system (even if it goes by a different name) or include the option of buying items, equipment and so forth. If so, it's crucial to help your child understand that this costs actual money, and that they shouldn't feel pressured into making any purchases.

#### CHAT ABOUT 'CHANCE'

It may help to explain to your child that many microtransactions involve an element of chance: they could pay money and still not get what they want in return. Emphasise that – while not usually costing much individually – these in-app and in-game purchases can soon add up. Talk to your child about how spending their money in a game or app means they have less to use in the real world.

#### (GIFT) CARDS ON THE TABLE

Investing in an in-game currency gift card can be a useful way of helping your child get to grips with budgeting. If you buy, say, a £10 V-bucks Fortnite gift card, monitor how long it takes them to spend it. When they come to you asking for more, you could make it the starting point for a conversation about how quickly that money went and how they could earn their next gift card.

#### STOP SPENDING AT SOURCE

You might decide that the wisest strategy is to remove the potential for spending money on microtransactions. If so, most games, apps and devices have options in their settings to help you manage what your child can spend – or to disable that function altogether, preventing them from buying additional items for their games or boosted functionality for certain apps.

#### WATCH FOR THE SIGNS

If you're worried that your child's passion for a particular game or app may tempt them into habitual spending on microtransactions, it's important to remember the indicators of addictive behaviour: irritability, a lack of concentration and prioritising recreational screen time ahead of homework or mealtimes could all be signs that you need to have a conversation about a more balanced routine.

### Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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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](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)  
Email: [schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk)  
Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY  
Telephone: 0300 1234 101

[www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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.

# Further News and Announcements

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FRIENDS OF PENNOWETH

**DRESS DOWN**

**AND**

**DONATE DAY**

**FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER**

WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF SWEETS, CHOCOLATES, SOFT DRINKS, PARTY BAG ITEMS, AND TOILETRIES TO USE TOWARDS OUR CHRISTMAS FAIR.

ALL DONATIONS WILL CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE FAIR AND RAISING MONEY FOR FRIENDS OF PENNOWETH.

**(CHRISTMAS FAIR - FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER)**





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## Learn The Ukulele With Us

PARC EGLOS  
SCHOOL  
SATURDAY  
MORNINGS  
10:30-12

LET'S LEARN  
AND PLAY!



### LEARN:

- How to play ukulele
- Ukulele chords
- Basic strumming patterns

For more information, please contact:  
[SSCOTT@CORNWALLMUSICSTRUST.ORG](mailto:sscott@cornwallmusicstrust.org)



# Further News and Announcements

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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](http://www.thewritersblock.org.uk/events)

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# 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](mailto:registrar@trurohigh.co.uk) | 01872 242903

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Advanced booking recommended.  
Sold out 2 years in a row!

## “We All Join In”

*A concert for the whole family*

Including  
Hall of the Mountain King  
Sandpaper Ballet  
Die Fledermaus  
Radetsky March  
Tico-Tico

Conductor **Chris Morgan**  
Leader **Hywel Webley**



**2:30pm, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

**Burrell Theatre  
Truro TR1 1TH**

**£5 adult, £1 children  
(under 5's free)**

[thelittleboxoffice.com/coco](http://thelittleboxoffice.com/coco)

# Further News and Announcements



Cubs in the Wild for  
parents/carers & under  
6s Tuesday morning  
Contact [donna@gwealantops.org](mailto:donna@gwealantops.org)  
to book

Dance Club  
Thursdays  
Contact  
[kerry@gwealantops.org](mailto:kerry@gwealantops.org)  
to book

Free  
Community  
Family Meals  
Wednesdays  
4.30-6pm

Contact  
[deborah@gwealantops.org](mailto:deborah@gwealantops.org)  
to book



LEVELLING  
UP

[www.gwealantops.org](http://www.gwealantops.org)  
01209 697 717

Winter  
OPENING TIMES  
TUES 31 OCT -  
TUES 19 DEC  
Term time free drop in  
adventure play sessions  
for 7-16 year olds  
Tuesday to Friday  
3.15-5.30pm and  
Saturday 12-4pm

ALL children must be registered  
NEW USERS need to arrange an  
induction session  
See [www.gwealantops.org](http://www.gwealantops.org)  
for more info

Youth Club  
Free for 13s & overs  
Just drop in Fridays, 5.30-7pm

Christmas Holidays  
Wed 20 - Fri 22 Dec

Details to follow

  
Garfield Weston  
FOUNDATION

# Christmas afternoon

Adults  
£5  
Children  
£10

December 10th, 1pm to 4pm

Fancy Dress competition  
(children & adults)

Festive cricket

Elf Workshop

Stalls

&

# Meet Santa

at Cornwall Cricket Centre

Book today at

<https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/qpqkkd>

or scan the QR Code

