



Issue 17

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Sharing information and Celebrating Achievements



This week in the assemblies, I enjoyed talking to the children about Pennoweth's DNA, as they are the principles that guide all we do in school. Our DNA is made up of 5 strands: safety, love, responsibility, learning and readiness. To help the children understand why we use the term DNA we watched a short video explaining what actual DNA is. DNA is what makes us who we are, DNA acts a bit like an instruction manual but for living things. Pennoweth School's DNA is what guides everyone's actions as a school, in a way it sums up what we are all about. This week I linked the DNA to everyone's behaviour. Instead of rules we refer to our school's DNA. I explained to the children that I want everyone to show that they are: being safe and ready, and taking responsibility. This will help everyone to feel loved and be able to learn. I also spoke to the children about the word 'equity'. Equality means everyone getting the same where as equity means people getting what they need, which might not be the same for everyone. Some people might need extra help with reading, some with maths, some with PE etc and some need extra help with behaviour. We also spoke about how important I feel it is to celebrate children's behaviour that is excellent every single day. I then introduced the new 'Behaviour Beacon' award for those going over and above. A behaviour beacon is someone who shines in terms of their behaviour and shows the others the way, through their fantastic behaviour. I was delighted to have my first group of 'behaviour beacons' to join me for a hot chocolate in my office at the end of the day. It was lovely to chat to them and congratulate them on being such brilliant role models.

I am very excited to announce that 'The Exchange' is opening next week. It will open every Thursday 8:20-9am. You are welcome to take any items, they are free. If you would like to donate any money for the uniform there will be a collection pot for 'Friends of Pennoweth'. You are also welcome to donate any uniform items or books in the labelled tub. By using 'The Exchange' you are doing your part to help the Pennoweth community look after the environment.

Mrs Pamplin

Highlight of the Week

Crofty All-Girls Football Tournament

Our Year 5 and 6 girls took part in the Crofty All-Girls Football Tournament and showed fantastic resilience and determination throughout all six games. They worked hard as a team, displayed strong defensive skills, and even managed to bag a few goals along the way.

What was most impressive was their attitude in the most appalling weather. Despite hail, rain, and freezing conditions, not once did the girls moan or let it affect their performance. Soaked through but still smiling, they gave their absolute best right to the end. A huge well done to all involved - a brilliant effort and a real credit to our school!

Reminder

Please drive and park with care for everyone's safety.



Pennoweth's DNA

We are safe.

We feel loved.

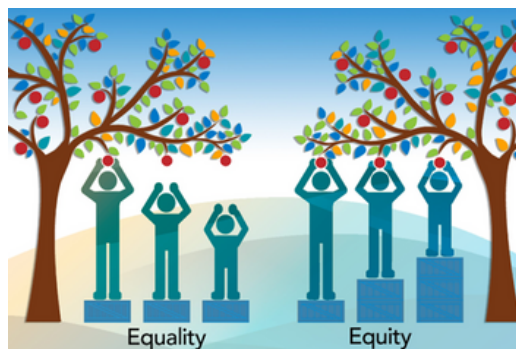
We take responsibility.

We are always learning.

We are ready.

Thought of the Week

Equality is treating everyone the same. But equity is taking differences into account, so everyone has a chance to succeed.



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Stars of the Week



DNA Awards *Responsibility-Riley, Daisy H*
Learning-Danyil, Viktoriia, Arlie, Abi, Maizie

Safe- Vyana, Seb
Ready-Ryder

Restormal - Sundaya

For a wonderfully new interest and delight in learning this week. We are so proud of you!



Tintagel - Harry

For setting a great example to all of his peers and for always doing his best.

Gwithian - Taylor-Gracie

For always trying her hardest and taking pride in her work!

Porthcurno - Willow

For being so passionate during our Music Project this week!

Mevagissey - Ruairi

For being resilient and trying his best, especially in Writing. Well done!



Newlyn - Kodi

For a super attitude to his learning this week and challenging himself.

Lizard - Kotryna

For always giving 100% in all areas of learning.

Pendeen - Marshall

For his hard work and fabulous learning.



Godrevy - Eliza

For always being such a great role model.

Porthleven - Pearl

For being such a resilient and determined learner.



Levant - Kostia

For taking on board feedback and using beautiful manners.

Geevor - Esme

For making excellent behaviour choices that are having a positive impact on her learning.

Poldark - Bella

For consistently doing the right thing, even when no-one else is looking.



Behaviour Beacons: Amari, Emilia, Agnes, Louie, Shaswin, Bobby, Mia, Harper, Maisie, Holly, Arianna, Joseph and Larkin

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Reception Learning Highlights

In Reception the children have continued to enjoy learning about their topic 'Dangerous Dinosaurs'. We used the story Going on a Bear Hunt as inspiration for our very own story: Going on a Fossil Hunt. The children came up with some fantastic ideas about where they might find their fossil and what it could look like.



Key Stage One Learning Highlights

Year 1 have made a wonderful start to their Traditional Tales unit in English this week. We explored the key features of traditional tales and discussed the different morals found in stories we already know. Our Year 1 Music Project has also begun, with children using their voices and bodies to create and explore an exciting cityscape.

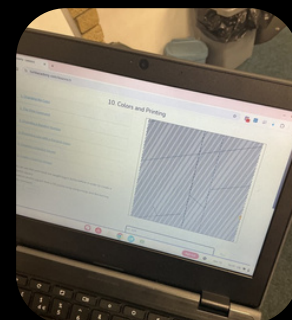
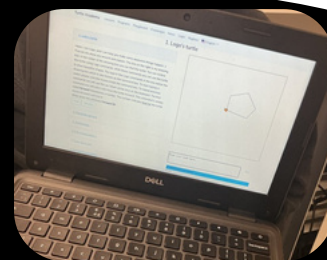
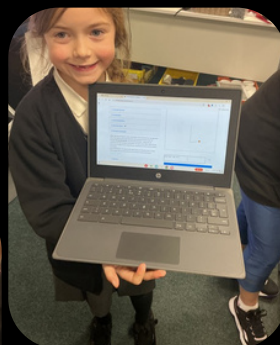
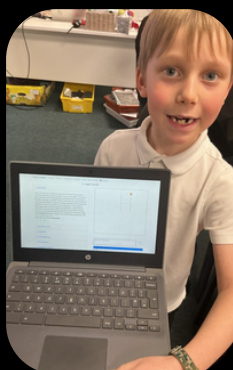
In Year 2 this week we have been learning all about fairytales. We have been writing a character description and even attempting some dialogue. In maths, we have been adding coins and notes and comparing different amounts. A highlight of the week was using the BeeBots in computing to understand how the order we give instructions is important.



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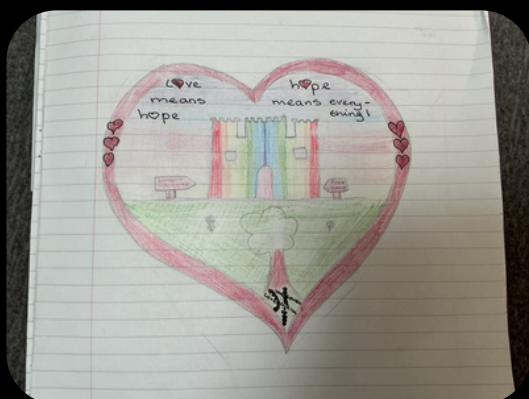
Lower Key Stage Two Learning Highlights

In Year 4 this week we have been doing lots of hands-on work. We've investigated the developments of past civilisations in history, used computing programmes to create codes in ICT and looked at Hinduism at home in RE. In maths, we've had some practical lessons in preparation for beginning our unit on multiplication and in writing lessons, we've looked at the features of a traditional tale.



Upper Key Stage Two Learning Highlights

This week, as part of their current project, pupils explored what life was like during the late Middle Ages and learned about the devastating impact of the plague. Using this knowledge, children wrote an instructional text explaining how people in the past believed the Black Death could be treated. Their writing included imperative verbs, adverbials of time and manner, and modal verbs to give clear instructions. Pupils described a range of historical remedies, such as rubbing the skin with onions, snakes, frogs or chickens, drinking vinegar or even urine, and smelling sweet herbs and spices to ward off illness. This cross-curricular piece of work helped deepen pupils' historical understanding while strengthening key writing skills. The children were very excited to start their mealworm investigation!



Attendance this Week
Our aim is 96%

Pendennis	95.68%
Restormel	96%
Tintagel	93.81%
Gwithian	96.92%
Porthcurno	94.23%
Mevagissey	92.91%
Newlyn	91.23%
Lizard	92.87%
Pendeen	96.80%
Godrevy	97.72%
Porthleven	88.64%
Geevor	98.71%
Levant	97.41%
Poldark	94.86%
Whole school this	94.50%
National this year	94.60%

Congratulations
Geevor

Diary Dates

New dates to be added next week

Term Dates:

Inset Day Monday 5th January 2026

Start of Spring Term 1 Tuesday 6th January 2026

Last Day of Spring Term 1 Friday 13th February 2026

Inset Day Monday 23rd February

Start of Spring 2 Tuesday 24th February

Last Day of Spring 2 Thursday 2nd April

Start of Summer Term 1 Monday 20th April

BANK HOLIDAY Monday 4th May

Last Day of Summer 1 Friday 22nd May

Start of Summer 2 Monday 1st June

Inset Day Monday 29th June

Last Day of Summer 2 Wednesday 22nd July

Makaton Sign of the Week

Rain



Fingers move in pitter patter movement down chest

School Lunches

Week beginning 19/1/26

Week 3 choices from the

Autumn/Winter Term Menu

Please see Chartwells meal

menu on the school website

for details

01209 215671

Our phase email addresses are:

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

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

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

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EXCHANGE

Welcome to **The Exchange**

This is a free school uniform shop for
parents and carers of Pennoweth
children.

Pop in, donate or take what you need,
no cost but donations to Friends of
Pennoweth are welcome.

donate

reuse

reduce waste

save money

OPEN Thursday 8.20-9am

Pennoweth community -
supporting each other

Bag2School Collection Wednesday 21st January



**BAG 2
SCHOOL**

Had a Christmas clear-out?
Have items that are no longer needed?
Bring any unwanted items to the bike shed for
collection by 9am on Wednesday, 21st January.

What they collect

- Clothes
- Paired Shoes
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves & Ties
- Bras
- Jewellery
- Socks
- Belts

What they don't collect

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off-cuts, yarns or threaded material
- Furniture and large items
- Batteries

Help to raise money by donating unwanted items!

Further News and Community Announcements

Pennoweth School, throughout the year, distributes fliers and magazines offering family services or posts details of local activities on the newsletter. Whilst we think that parents might like the information and find it useful, the school does not necessarily endorse these services.



GWEALAN TOPS
ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

2026 opening

Adventure Playground
Wednesday – Friday
3:15pm–5.30pm
Saturday 12:pm–4pm

Feb Half Term
Tues 17th – Fri 20th Feb

Youth Club (13+)
Friday 5:30pm–7pm

FREE ENTRY
GWEALAN TOPS
School Lane
Redruth
TR15 2ER

AGES 7+

CHILDREN MUST BE REGISTERED

01209 697 717
www.gwealantops.org





TEC GIRLS

FIRST PHONES
Family Workshop

SAT 31ST JAN 10:00 AM
AT TRURO HIGH SCHOOL

Hands-on session to help families navigate
using phones safely & confidently.

Curated conversations and workshops to cover:

- What are Parental controls and how do they work?
- Are “free” games and apps safe?
- Critical conversations about social media and AI
- What to do when things go wrong?
- Create a digital devices family agreement

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OR SCAN THE
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Flu
Vaccination

School Age
Reception -
Year 11

Drop In Clinic

Saturday 7th February 2026

10:30 - 13:30

Redruth Family hub

Drump Road

Redruth, TR15 1LU

10.30-13.30

For more information
please speak with a
member of the team

Call us on

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