



Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we near the end of Week 2 of this academic year, the children seem so incredibly settled already. Their energy, focus, humour and commitment to learning knows no bounds and it has been wonderful to see so many cheerful faces enjoying their time at school.



Before the summer holidays, we shared a **parent/guardian survey** link. We have not yet received a huge response so have extended the survey slightly. Any feedback you are able to share, whether you have helpful suggestions or are completely happy with our offer, is gratefully received and very helpful. The link can be found here: <https://forms.gle/FXs431uGvwoXGXEA>

Before the summer break, our Reading Lead, Em Whear, shared a **reading challenge**. If your child took part in the challenge, it is not too late to enter. Please do send any entries to your child's class teacher.

You may remember some exciting work that we enjoyed with artist Greg Humphries in partnership with **Tate St Ives**. The **exhibition** showcasing much of



this work is now open at the Tate St Ives gallery and we would love for you to visit! Entry is free to children but all visitors must book in advance. More information can be found here: <https://www.tate.org.uk/whats-on/tate-st-ives/exhibition/outdoor-art-exhibition>



Earlier this week, we shared a **'What's New at Penpol School'** leaflet, detailing exciting developments including our **360° Curriculum**, **Restorative Practice** and our **Wellbeing Team**. Please do take the time explore this. The information can also be found on our website here: <https://www.penpolschool.co.uk/2021/09/17/whats-new-at-penpol-school/>

We are also delighted to share with you our **School Development Plan**, detailing our broader strategic plans for this academic year. As ever, this is a working document and is guided by our Core Priorities for 2021-2022. The plan can be found here: <https://www.penpolschool.co.uk/core-priorities/> and we warmly welcome your thoughts.



Earlier in the week, we shared a [letter](#) for **prospective parents and guardians** for the September **2022 Reception intake**. Applications for 2022 Reception places close on 15th January. School tours are open to all and you are very welcome to share this information with any interested friends and family. As always, please do get in touch if we can help answer any questions.



We are incredibly lucky to have several furry and feathered friends at school. Evidence is clear that having access to animals in a safe way has a hugely positive impact upon children's mental health and wellbeing and this is something we see each day at Penpol. I am delighted to introduce a new member of our team. **Willow** will be joining Mrs Smart, our Nurture Lead, in some of her work and she is settling in brilliantly. Our chickens, meanwhile, are eggstatic with their new adventure playground. Thank you to Tiffany Pope and family for setting this up!



Two members of our team are training hard to take part in the **London Marathon** on Monday 3rd October:

- EYFS Lead Amanda Aspden is raising money for Parkinsons UK and will be running the race virtually. Her fundraising page can be found here: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?userUri=AmandaAspden&pageUri=3>
- Teaching Assistant Nicola Keeler is running the race with her son and former Penpol pupil Ross. Nicola and Ross will be running in London for the charity Young Lives Vs Cancer. Their fundraising page can be found here: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ross-and-nicola-keeler>

Amanda, Nicola and Ross – we will be cheering you on and wish you all the best for a very special day. Any donations towards these most worthy causes would be gratefully received.



Finally, I am delighted to share that we have become a member school of **Challenge Partners**, a practitioner-led charity that enables collaboration between schools to enhance the life chances of all children, especially the most disadvantaged. As a part of this programme, members of our team will visit settings elsewhere in the country. We will also be welcoming leaders from other settings to our school to carry out an annual peer review. More information about Challenge Partners can be found here: <https://www.challengepartners.org/>

Best wishes,

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“Penpol pupils are **curious, creative and courageous** learners. Our school community believes in **authenticity** as the foundations of **deep-rooted** learning. Through our **rich and relevant** curriculum, we nurture **community-minded, forward-facing** international citizens of the future.”