



Weekly Update – Friday 1st April 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

You may remember that we hosted a very successful Challenge Partners review earlier in the term. As a community school, we have also been invited to take part in a **Local Authority peer review** process and were visited on Monday and Tuesday of this week by two headteachers, a lead reviewer and colleague from the School Effectiveness team. Our guests met with staff at all levels, pupils, governors and parents and visited lessons in order to learn about life at Penpol. I am delighted to say that, once again, the team had so many wonderful things to say about our school and the people in it. They were particularly impressed with the politeness and confidence of the many children they spoke with and with the shared sense of purpose and dedication from all in the staff team. They were also full of praise about our use of oracy to support children's learning. Given that both of these reviews have taken place at a time of unprecedented staffing shortages, it is a huge achievement for all in the team to receive such commendation. Once again, I must thank each of my incredible colleagues for giving their all each and every day.



Next Friday 8th April is the end of this spring term. As always, we will be **finishing at 2pm please**, with no after-school club operating next Friday.

The government has updated its **COVID-19 guidance** from today, 1st April. Testing is no longer advised for most individuals, whether symptomatic or not, and the advice regarding staying at home has changed. Please do take the time to read this advice so that you can make the right decision when your child is feeling poorly:
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>.

Thank you all for taking part in our **parent/carer meetings**. It has been wonderful to welcome so many of you back into school for these. If you have not met with your child's teacher, please do get in touch to arrange a quick catch-up in whichever way works best for you: in person, on the phone or via video conferencing.

Finally, the total raised from our *Penpol Mile* last week has continued to climb to a staggering **£7094.10!** This is a remarkable sum of money and every penny will go directly to support Shelterbox's vital work with refugees. Thank you all for your support.



Wishing you all a restful weekend.

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."