



Friday 20th May 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is that time of year again when we look ahead to the new academic year. This summer, we sadly will be saying 'good bye' to four wonderful colleagues.

Daphne Nidds has been our School Secretary for twenty-two years. It's difficult to truly describe the reach of Daphne's role and it is safe to say that she is integral to pretty much everything running smoothly, efficiently and with a smile. Daphne's warmth, humour and integrity have had a huge impact upon the staff, pupils and families of Penpol over the years and she will be much missed when she moves on to new adventures in September. Daphne – we thank you for all that you do and hope that you visit us often. With cake, of course. Although there is only one Daphne, we are **recruiting** for our next exceptional secretary here: d.rfer.us/CORNWALL8_u2dY.

Linda Ruffell joined the teaching team at Penpol in 2012. Since then, as teacher and leader, she has led a multitude of exciting learning experiences for her pupils. Linda approaches her work with an attention to detail which is second to none and, consequently, has supported children to grow and develop a thirst for learning which will serve them well long into the future. We are delighted that Linda is looking forward to popping back to join us on an occasional basis from September.

Kieron Wise has also been at Penpol for ten years. Again, as both teacher and leader, he has been instrumental in improving outcomes for so many pupils and families. Kieron's commitment to developing the whole-child has allowed him to forge excellent relationships with his pupils over the years and I know that he will be much missed by all. Following a broad and varied career to date, Kieron retires this summer and will focus upon his jewellery business and enjoying life down on The Lizard. We hope to twist his arm to pop back from time to time also.

Imogen Llewellyn-Robinson joined us in September as a new teacher and has been a huge asset to the team. Imogen has decided that she has more travelling to do before taking on a permanent role and we wish her the most exciting of adventures.

In order to complete our teaching team for September and following a hugely competitive recruitment process, we are delighted to welcome **Mike Pearson** and **Christi Jackson-Hutton** on board. Michael is a familiar face to many as he has been placed with us for much of his training year, whilst Christi is moving down from Durham and looks forward to visiting again in early July.

Following the departure of our wonderful Cleaner Supervisor Kat, our contractors – Churchill Services – are seeking a **new School Cleaner**. Please contact Mike Harding for further details: mike.harding@churchillservices.com

Lloyds Bank are running a Jubilee-themed art competition. Children are invited to design a crown to help decorate the local branch. If your child is interested, they can collect a competition sheet from the school office. Please return all entries by **next Friday 27th May** to be in with a chance of winning a book voucher. Good luck!



Our **Penpol Friends Association** met earlier this month – thank you to all those who attended. Many thanks also to Wendy Turner, Sarah Hampshire and Neil Ruffell for their committed services as Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer respectively. We will soon be electing new post-holders to these positions and would love to boost our numbers at the meetings. Please look out for a leaflet winging its way to you shortly.

Penpol pupils have enjoyed an incredible week of **sporting events**, both in and out of school. Last weekend, several members of **Hayle Surf Life Saving Club** competed in the National Surf Live Saving Championships, placing 4th out of 23 teams overall – an incredible achievement! Meanwhile, **Oliver from Year 5** was the only player from Cornwall to play for Saints South West in their match against Exeter on Wednesday – great work Olly! Congratulations too to Year 6 pupils who played at the **Penwith rugby tournament at Hayle Rugby Club** this Thursday, securing a place at the Cornwall finals.



Citizenship is an important element of our 360° Curriculum at Penpol, providing all pupils with the experience of having an impact upon their community. Congratulations to all in Year 3 who, through a cake sale and other fundraising activities at home, raised a whopping £296.62 for the National Animal Welfare Trust in Hayle. A fantastic effort!

Is your child a keen **horse rider**, keen to take part in a show jumping competition on 1st July 2022? Parent Corrine Nevitt is keen to lead a Penpol team and is very happy to be contacted on corrinenevitt@hotmail.com.

Residents at nearby John Ellis Court are experiencing real challenges with access, particularly when using mobility scooters, due to **parking challenges during the school run**. Please ensure that you avoid parking in or near this area, thank you.

Do you have any unused **gardening equipment** that is in reasonable condition? As part of their forest school learning, pupils across the school will be visiting nearby Trefewha Farm. If you have any equipment that you might be able to donate, please get in touch with Tiffany Pope on tpope@penpol.cornwall.sch.uk. Thank you!

Thank you all for your positive messages around our work on race and identity. To support these conversations at school and home, we are continuing to update our web page here: <https://www.penpolschool.co.uk/diversity-and-inclusion/>. New this week is our **race and identity glossary** – please do have a look and let us know your thoughts.

Have a wonderful weekend.

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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.”