

# Penpol School

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**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We've enjoyed another busy and bustling week here at Penpol!

Reception and Year 6 pupils have taken part in **Balanceability and Bikeability** this week, honing their skills and preparing for a future of safe and happy cycling.

Glitter is in the air and both Reception classes are gearing up for their special **performances** on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>!

Members of our **Community Food Cupboard Team** filled the Foundry Square cupboard this week with more of your generous donations. More information about food cupboards and further helpful links can be found here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2813881782049043/>

The tantalising smell of toasting marshmallows has been wafting through the school during this week's **Forest School** sessions.

Meanwhile, Year 3 have been busy recreating arms and legs, complete with working muscles. Great stuff!

Year 4 enjoyed a special visitor this week as a part of their **careers learning**. Katie McBride, a horticulturist from the Eden Project, shared exciting details of her job with the children, along with providing some hands-on experiences.



Next Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm, we look forward to welcoming more children (and their grown ups) to our Stay and Play sessions held in our Forest School. This is for children who plan to start school in September 2023. It is a great way for children, and adults, to meet new friends and feel at home in the school environment. If you would like to join us, please drop us a message via our Facebook page or let us know at the school office. We look forward to seeing you there!



Our trusty Penpol post box has been dusted off and is ready to facilitate Christmas post once more. If your child is choosing to send cards to friends in the school, they are welcome to use the post box. Please do ensure that full names and class numbers are included so that our helpful elves (Y6 volunteers) are able to get them to the right place.

A number of younger children have been discussing the use of **Youtube** at home. Youtube can be a fantastic resource, with plenty of educational videos to be found. However, even with robust security settings in place, users are at risk of stumbling across inappropriate and potentially harmful videos. For this reason, children under the age of 13 should not access Youtube without **very close supervision**. **Youtube Kids** is a much safer route to accessing videos and can be found here:

<https://www.youtubekids.com/>

Christmas can be a **challenging time of year for some**, particularly during a cost-of-living crisis. If you would benefit from any support or someone to talk through options available, **we can help**. Please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Next **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December** will be our **Christmas Jumper Day**. Children are invited to wear a Christmas or favourite jumper to school, with any donations very welcome for Save The Children.

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day/about>

Next Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December brings Penpol's Christmas Lunch. If you would like your child to enjoy a delicious Christmas lunch, please order via Aspens by Monday at the latest to give our kitchen team time to prepare. If you would like any help accessing Aspens, please get in touch with the school office. Thank you.

Christmas Dates			
Date	Time	Event	Location
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	Key Stage 1 Performance	St Elwyn's Church
	2pm	Key Stage 1 Performance	St Elwyn's Church
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30am	Reception Sing Song	School Hall
	2pm	Key Stage 2 Performance	St Elwyn's Church
	2pm	Reception Sing Song	School Hall
	6pm	Key Stage 2 Performance	St Elwyn's Church
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	Key Stage 2 Performance	St Elwyn's Church
	5pm	Christmas Fair	Penpol



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."