

Penpol School

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Friday 13th January 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Despite the wet and very windy weather this week, we have been making the very most of the outdoors as ever. From expert **whittling of cutlery** to **rugby lessons with Cornish Rugby stars**, our pupils have been braving the elements and achieving incredible things.

Class 13 have been working hard at **Farm School**, exploring how the changing seasons drive different agricultural practices. Meanwhile, many of our older pupils have been taking part in **Bikeability** sessions with the support of the Penwith Sports Partnership. Over fifty students have taken part in the programme at Penpol this year, keeping them safe when out and about on two wheels. We have been very proud, though not surprised, to hear of their exemplary conduct and of the excellent progress they are making. Well done all!

A final reminder to parents and guardians of children due to start school this September: If you have not yet **applied for a school place**, please do so by this **Sunday 15th January** so that your preferences are able to inform the Local Authority Admissions team's allocations. Applications can be made here:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/apply-to-start-school-or-transfer-to-junior-secondary-or-ks4-school-in-september-2023/>.

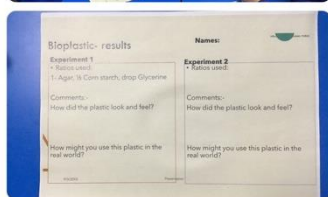
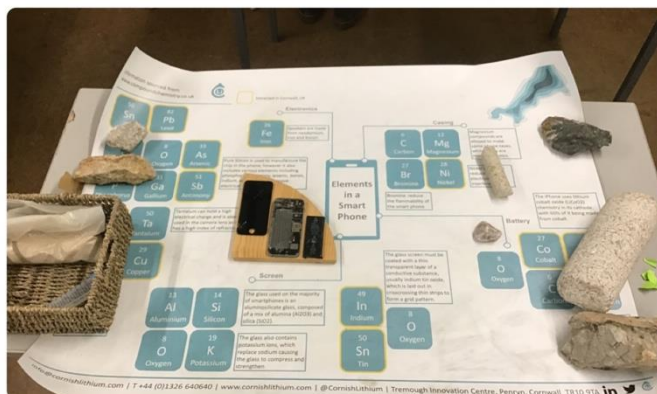


I mentioned last week that our Lego League teams are in busy preparation for their competition later in the year. We are now delighted to be the recipients of an incredible bundle of **Duplo Education** resources. Owing to the many opportunities our children receive in their STEM learning (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), we were identified by the Local Authority as the ideal school to make use of this new equipment. Mr Woolcock is busy practising as we speak (someone's got to do it) and we look forward to seeing our younger **engineers** get creative soon!

Continuing with our **careers education programme** and on the subject of **STEM**, Year 6 were visited on Tuesday by a range of inspiring scientists and engineers all involved in the field of **Greener Futures**.

Taking part in a host of exciting workshops, the children were buzzing with enthusiasm.

We believe that careers education should start strong in primary settings, allowing every child to nurture their aspirations and to believe in their potential for growth. After Tuesday's visit, I have no doubt that we have many young **scientists** and **engineers** amongst us here at Penpol.



Finally, in support of the Air Ambulance appeal, we will be **wearing red at Penpol**. On Friday 10th February, children are invited to wear their own clothes with red items where possible. Any contributions for the Cornwall Air Ambulance will be gratefully received. Please do only give where you can.



Best wishes for a relaxing 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.”*