

Penpol School

2 St George's Road, Hayle, Cornwall, TR27 4AH



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Dear Parents and Guardians,



Thank you for all your donations to support our **Wear a Hat for Brain Tumour Research Day**. You have raised close to £200 in cash donations alone, with many more donating directly to the charity. We've seen an excellent range of hats also. To learn more about the charity's work and to make a donation, please follow this link:

<https://www.braintumourresearch.org/fundraise/wear-a-hat-day>

We have a **British champion** in our midst! Huge congratulations to Skye who recently competed at the United Dance Organisation British Championships. She scored a series of podium positions across various categories before being classed as Overall Solo British Champion. Wow! What an incredible achievement. Who knows where her hard work and dedication will take her next!



Nikki Powell has been a governor here at Penpol for the past six years, taking on the important role of Chair of Governors for much of this time. Nikki was instrumental in supporting Penpol and our community through the enormous challenges of the pandemic and has demonstrated a deep commitment to our pupils in all that she has done. Governors provide their time and commitment on a voluntary basis, making Nikki's impact on our community even more special. Nikki has decided that, sadly, now is the time for her to step down from the role of governor and I would like to thank her for all that she has done for the school.

You may have noticed an increased presence of **parking attendants and police officers** at pick-up and drop-off times. They are responding to a number of near-misses due to illegally parked cars and to concerns raised by members of the public. They are particularly focused on the dangers of parking or stopping on or near the zig zag lines. Please, even if you are stopped at the lollipop crossing, do avoid dropping children off directly outside of school in order to avoid a PCN. Thank you.



The local authority is advertising for **school crossing patrol** (lollipop) attendants in a number of areas including the millpond. More details on how to apply can be found here:

<https://ekzo.fa.em2.oraclecloud.com/hcmUI/CandidateExperience/en/sites/CX/requisitions/previous/1676/?keyword=School+Crossing+Patrol&mode=location>

As you may have seen in the news, the teaching unions are looking likely to reject the recent government offer on pay, largely on the basis that these would place further pressure on school budgets. Sadly, the NEU have indicated that they are planning further possible **strikes** for **Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May**. We cannot be certain whether these will go ahead, nor how they will affect us at Penpol. However, I wanted to share these dates with you now so that you are aware of the possible disruption they may cause.

The **Hayle Christmas Lights** committee met this week and appointed a new Chairperson. They are still looking for a new **Secretary** for the group. If you might be interested in volunteering your time for this fantastic group, please contact haylechrismaslights@gmail.com.



Thank you so much to **Hayle Plants** who donated this beautiful collection of succulents to support our staffroom renovation project. These will help to create a much-needed calm space for our wonderful team to unwind in.

Your response so far to our **nursery consultation** has been overwhelmingly positive. Thank you for your support and for sharing your views. The local authority has asked us to progress to the next stage which is exciting news. More information about this journey and your chance to express your views can be found here: <https://www.penpolschool.co.uk/nursery/> Thank you.

Finally, **thank you all** for your continued support. It has been a hugely busy term and, together, we have achieved so much. We wish you all a restful Easter break and look forward to seeing the children back at school on Monday 17th April.



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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.”