



Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been another busy week of extraordinary achievements at Penpol.

Firstly, huge congratulations to all those involved in the **Lego League National Finals** in Harrogate on Saturday. Our Year 5 *Electric Lego Legends* performed fantastically amid the strong competition of 9-16 year-old national finalists from across the country. Meanwhile, our Year 6 *Penpol Pumpkins* wowed the judges and secured **FIRST PLACE in the innovation prize**. This is a truly incredible achievement – very well done and thank you to all involved. Please do follow this link to learn more: <https://www.penpolschool.co.uk/2023/04/26/penpol-pumpkins-win-national-award/>



Back in Cornwall, our footballers have also been busy this week at the **Penwith Schools Cup** on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April. Our Girls' Team played a series of excellent matches, winning most and placing third overall. Our Boys' Team refused to concede a single goal, **winning every match** and bringing home a very impressive trophy. Amazing work all round – very well done all!





Penpol pupils have skills and passions aplenty and we always love to hear about their achievements. Congratulations to Tacita who has danced regularly for the past seven years and recently received an award for **outstanding effort** in her performance. Congratulations Tacita and keep up the brilliant work!

As achievements go, **Maureen Paul's** is pretty sensational. She has been a part of the Penpol team for an amazing **32 years**. In this time, Maureen has supported thousands of children during lunchtimes and has been a huge part of our school community. Today, we bade good-bye, happy retirement and thank you to Maureen, whilst making her promise to come back and visit us very often. Maureen – thank you for all that you have done for our school in the last three decades. We look forward to seeing you very soon!



As you may have seen, we are currently recruiting for an **SEND Teaching Assistant** position. If this is something that you would like to learn more about, please do get in touch at my email below.

We are also on the lookout for a small number of **governors**. Happily, we have a very strong number of parent/carer governors at present. We are currently seeking governors who are not parents or carers of pupils at Penpol and who wish to make a real difference in this important voluntary role. If you know of someone who may be interested and who may have much to offer the governing body and, therefore, our school, please do encourage them to get in touch at my email below. Thank you.

Finally, I wanted to **thank you** all for your support and understanding during the **ongoing strike action** next Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Again, taking the decision to strike is agonisingly difficult and it is not something our teaching colleagues would do lightly. We are sincerely grateful for your patience and understanding. Please don't hesitate to get in touch should you have any questions at all.

Thank you all – have a fantastic long weekend.

Best wishes,

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