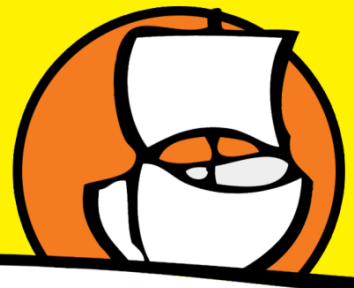


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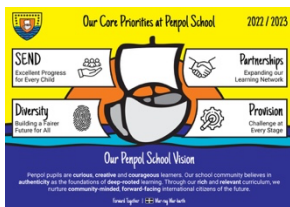
Friday 29th September 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Everyone has the right to be proud of who they are and, during our **Free To Be Me Day**, our Penpol pupils celebrated this in style. The school has been awash with colour and excitement today and children have been confidently articulating what makes them unique and, therefore, special.



We began the day with assemblies led by Beresford Lee from Rice and Peas CIC. Beresford discussed cultural fusion, having pride in our heritage and showing kindness to others. Throughout the day, children have also been meeting with artist Elliot Kenton. Elliot spoke with the children around how important it is to express ourselves and our uniquenesses before letting them loose on the playground with colourful chalks. Meanwhile, parent volunteer Ash led workshops with our older children exploring themes of marginalisation and how it can feel to be left out. We finished the day with a spectacular celebration on the school field, with every child waving their flags and kites with pride. Well done to all!



We are deeply proud of what we do at Penpol and will never stop evaluating our impact and building upon our successes. This year's **Core Priorities** and **our School Development Plan** can be found here: <https://www.penpolschool.co.uk/core-priorities/>. As ever, we warmly encourage you to take a look and hold us to account on our progress across the year. Please do ask if you have any questions or thoughts.

Are you looking to volunteer some time to help out at school? There are a number of ways that you can do this:

- **Reading Army:** We are always on the lookout for parents, carers and grandparents to hear children read across the school. Induction and support is provided.
- **Governors:** We are currently looking for additional governors to join our board. Due to a large representative of parents currently, we are particularly seeking interest from members of the community who are not currently parents or carers of Penpol pupils.
- **Parent and Friends Association:** We are ever-keen to meet new members of our PFA. The organisation works independently to the school and raises valuable funds through the organisation of events.

If you would like to get involved in any of the ways above, please don't hesitate to get in touch at my email below. Thank you.

Our friends at **Sustainable Hayle** have lots of exciting community events on the horizon. More information can be found here:

<https://www.facebook.com/sustainablehayle>

A quick reminder: 20th October, the last Friday before half term, is an **INSET Day**. The school will be closed for staff training. The school calendar can be found here:

<https://www.penpolschool.co.uk/2023/05/26/term-dates-2023-2024/>

Well done to our **Nursery** children who have enjoyed another fantastic week. Here they are learning how to use loppers (under strict safety conditions of course) and enjoying scones from the Dutch oven!

Finally, **Drama Express** is a fantastic local charity run by Penpol parent Simon Allison. We have shared the following video with classes today and thought you might like to enjoy it at home too:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GnLCg9lqNhA>

Have a wonderful weekend.

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