

Friday 13th October 2023

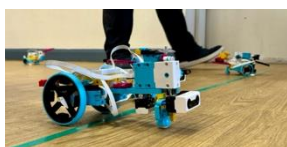
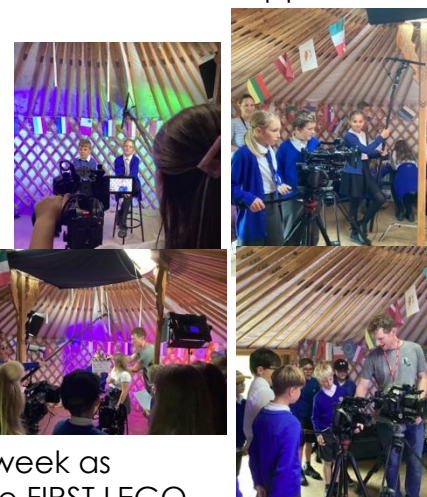
Dear Parents and Guardians,

It continues to amaze me how much our children, and staff, can squeeze into a week! It has been another action packed, fun-filled, five days.



The Athletics Team competed at Mounts Bay Academy this week and had a hugely successful meet. 26 of our pupils entered the competition with Penpol finishing first in three out of the six races. Congratulations to Atia Ishmael, Fred Pochee and Theo Earle who all came first in their races. Also, Niyah Ismael competed in the race for children a year older and came third, awesome running Niyah! As always, thank you to parents and staff who supported the children at the event.

The school has been buzzing with visitors this week! As part of the careers curriculum children will be able to meet and talk to people who work in a variety of jobs. This week Year 6 shared workshops with the Lightbox Film Company and learnt how to use professional equipment to capture real life on screen. It was an incredible learning experience which allowed them to see the possibilities that will be open to them in the future, delivered by the experts.



It wasn't just our students who were getting stuck into some exciting learning this week as Penpol School hosted the launch event for the FIRST LEGO League 2023/24 season, Masterpiece with Cornwall Council.

Building on the legacy left by the Pumpkins last year, we were asked to host this event which welcomed over forty teachers from all across Cornwall to experience a day of training led by the lovely John and Sarah Pinkney from Raising Robots. This involved lots of problem solving, robot building and (most importantly) some very serious playing!

We were also joined by some familiar faces for the last part of the session as the Penpol Pumpkins shared their top tips for teams across the county. We're really looking forward to seeing over 60 Cornish teams taking part in this years competition and wish them all the very best of luck.



It is also important to celebrate the achievements of children outside of school.

Over the weekend Josh Laity, in Year 3, played football with his team and met Matt Robinson, who plays for the England Cerebral Palsy Football Team. Josh felt incredibly inspired by him, especially when he commented on Josh being 'incredible' on the pitch. Last Friday was Cerebral Palsy Day, which celebrates those like Josh and helps to educate others. Josh has been selected to go to the England Football CP Para Hub and travels to Plymouth

once a month to take part. Meeting Matt has only made his determination to play for England even more of a goal – see you on on the pitch soon Josh in that England shirt!



Year 4 have been learning about the Romans this term and visited Chysauster Farm, which is one of the best preserved ancient villages in Britain. They learnt about the pottery and what life might have been like for Romans in Britain at the time. The experience has really cemented their learning in the classroom and Adrian Rodda, a local historian, really added to their knowledge and understanding. Oh, and they might have had a battle or two as well!!



We welcome visitors into the school to enrich the children's experiences and learning. If you feel you may be able to offer something to the careers curriculum, or know someone who might, please email me and let me know. Involving all of our community in their education is such an important part of our children's sense of place and also helps them form their aspirations for the future.

Thank you for all your support and I hope you have a fabulous weekend.

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