



Friday 6th October 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On Wednesday, we celebrated **European Day of Languages** across the school. As ever, the highlight of the day for many was visiting our French Café, during which every child successfully ordered some delicious food and drink. Tres bien!

We are in the process of relaunching our use of **Showbie** from Years 1 to 6. Your child will soon be presented with their new login and will be able to access this from home. In the coming weeks, we will also be providing parent-specific logins. For the time being, please log in using your child's own details. Showbie is primarily an online learning space which allows children to upload and work on projects from both home and school. The Key Stage 1 team will continue sharing Read Write Inc. videos via Showbie to support you to practise early reading at home. Importantly, we do not use Showbie for home/school messages. If you would like to send an electronic message to your child's teacher, please use the **email links** found in the individual class pages here: <https://www.penpolschool.co.uk/our-classes/>.



Congratulations to Sorrel who recently won third prize in the Morrab Library children's story writing competition. Here she is proudly displaying the award she collected in recognition of her story 'Alberto's Wish'. What a fantastic achievement!

October is **Black History Month**. We explored why this is important in assemblies this afternoon and children will be learning more about people of colour who have changed the world in lessons during October. The theme this year is 'Celebrating Our Sisters'. You can find out more here: <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/>

Following the **Penpol Pumpkins'** international success, Penpol pupils' passion for robotics and engineering has soared. We were delighted with the high takeup for our robotics club which began recently and will be running a second cycle next term for those not successful in the first. We are also boosting the prominence of robotics in our Computing lessons, as can be seen in the pictures here. I look forward to seeing what our budding engineers achieve next!





We love to **visit** the **magical places** all around us. Year 2 classes have each been to St Michael's Mount recently. Here's Class 5 exploring the castle and learning about some of its many stories.

Meanwhile, Year 4 have been learning about the incredible Chysauster Ancient Village, with Class 10's trip planned for Wednesday. Next Friday, Class 1 will enjoy their first trip on the minibus visiting Tehidy Woods. Have fun!

Our governing body recently agreed to amend our **nursery admissions policy**, formally enabling families to place children on a waiting list before they are due to start with us. If you would like to come for a visit or secure a place for your child, please get in touch at nursery@penpol.cornwall.sch.uk



Finally, if your child was born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, you will need to **apply for a school place before 15th January 2024**. The link for applications can be found here: <https://cornwall.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/SynergyWeb/School Admissions/>.



Choosing the right school for your child is an important decision and, whether you are an existing parent/carer or are new to our school, we would love to **welcome you for a visit**. Please do get in touch on head@penpol.cornwall.sch.uk to find arrange a time that works for you.

Wishing you all 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."