



Friday 1st December 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The festive season has well and truly begun at Penpol and our school is aglow with colour and light. Children are busily preparing for our **seasonal performances** and we look forward to welcoming many of you to these. In case you missed it, dates of Christmas events can be found here: <https://www.penpolschool.co.uk/2023/11/24/weekly-update-41/>

To keep our spirits warm during these colder mornings, we will begin to play some **festive tunes** as children arrive at school. We understand that not everyone enjoys loud music so will avoid cranking it up too high. However, if you or your child is finding the music difficult in any way, please do let us know so that we can adjust accordingly. Thank you!



Congratulations to Year 6 who, on recent visits to **Bodmin Keep**, bowled the museum's staff over with their politeness, creativity and knowledge of the topic of Britain at War. Thank you all for being such wonderful ambassadors for our school.

We are still on the lookout for new members for our **Diversity and Inclusion Taskforce**. This really is open to all. If it is something that interests you, please do get in touch. Thank you.



Next Friday 8th December at 2pm, all are welcome to join our **Grief Awareness Café** here at Penpol. Whether you or your child have lost a loved one recently or in the past, the lasting legacy of grief is very real and talking with others can be hugely powerful. Light refreshments will be provided and we look forward to seeing you there. Our next **SENDCo Café** takes place on Tuesday 12th December at 1:30pm.

Thank you and well done to everyone taking part in last Friday's **Light Festival**. What a wonderful event for the town. We are grateful to the organisers and to Mel Smart for leading on Penpol's contributions.



This week's Makaton Sign of the Week is: Computer. You can see a video of the sign here: https://makaton.org/UK/News/Signs/SOTW/SOTW_Computer.aspx



It is always lovely to see so many happy pets in our community. However, we do need to ask that **dogs** are not brought onto site unless carried securely by their owner please. Whilst our school dogs are carefully trained, vetted and insured, we cannot vouch for the behaviour of others in the same way and must prioritise the safety and wellbeing of pupils. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Congratulations to Year 2 who rounded off their **Kings and Queens** topic with an excellently choreographed royal dance today - all in outstanding costume of course. Elsewhere today, a plethora of **Egyptians** have been sighted in Year 3 including some rather realistic mummies. We love to bring our learning to life at Penpol and are sincerely grateful for your support for this at home.



Finally, do we have any master **crocheters** in our midst? Our nursery team are on the lookout for some crafty folk to help with an exciting project. Please get in touch on nursery@penpol.cornwall.sch.uk if you are keen. Thank you!

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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."