



Friday 12th January 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In spite of the cold, Penpol has been a hive of activity this week. Year 1 children enjoyed a **moonlit walk** on Wednesday evening as a part of our 360° Curriculum. After layering up and keeping themselves extra warm with some delicious hot chocolate, the children had a wonderful time spotting stars and listening to the night-time sounds.



As a lasting legacy of the Penpol Pumpkins' success in the summer, we have invested in additional **Lego robotics** resources for use across the school. Today, Year 4 enjoyed their first session with these. Demonstrating fantastic teamwork and some ingenious design skills, pupils have made a great start to what promises to be an exciting project.



Meanwhile, Year 6 pupils took a leap back in time to the outbreak of **WWII**. Sporting some impressively convincing costumes, evacuees and staff alike enjoyed some wartime games, explored historical accounts and even sheltered from the occasional air raid. Many thanks to the parents and carers able to join us at the end of the day also.

Don't forget: **next Monday is an INSET day** for which the school is closed to pupils. We look forward to welcoming children back on **Tuesday**.



If your child will turn 4 before September 1st 2024, the **deadline** to apply for a school place is **next Monday 15th**. In order to make your preferences count, please follow this link before Monday:

https://cornwall.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/SynergyWeb/School_Admissions/

Next Tuesday 16th January at 10:30am is our next **Diversity and Inclusion Taskforce Meeting**. If you have not yet been involved in this but are keen to have an impact upon our work around diversity and inclusion, we would love to welcome you. Please get in touch on head@penpol.cornwall.sch.uk.

We have noticed a significant improvement in **safer parking** around the school during drop-off and pick-up. Thank you all for your continued support. Please do remember to avoid walking through our staff carpark and driveway to keep students as safe as possible. Thank you.



We will be celebrating Penpol's **Hello Yellow Day** on Monday 22nd January. Children are invited to wear their own clothes on the day, with **yellow** items where possible, to help us raise the profile of children's mental health and wellbeing. Mental health related activities will be explored in class on the day and we will warmly welcome any donations for the fantastic Young Minds charity.

Finally, our PFA met on Thursday and have planned the following dates for the summer term:

- Summer Fair – Friday 5th July at 3:30pm
- Penpol Marathon – Monday 10th June (with a reserve date of 15th June).

Wishing you all a restful 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."