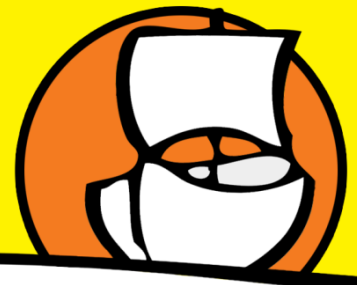


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Friday 22nd March 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,



STEM Week has been a kaleidoscope of exciting activities at Penpol. Children have been busy investigating, building and exploring everything from bridges to ears, inspiring **curiosity**, **creativity** and **courage** at every turn. Congratulations all on a week well done.

We have also been celebrating International **Neurodiversity Week**, with many pupils proudly sharing their differences in assemblies and in class. Congratulations everyone – we could not be prouder of you all. Well done to Lottie who wrote this fantastic summary of why Neurodiversity Week is important.

Neurodiversity Week!

Taking place from March 18 - March 24, Neurodiversity is a massive celebration of all aspects of neurodiversity including Autism, ADHD and learning disabilities such as Dyslexia, Dysgraphia, Dyscalculia and more.



What is neurodiversity?

Frequently within our society, we notice neurological differences like autism, ADHD and dyslexia. Neurodiversity is a word used to describe the unique and amazing ways other peoples brain work and that is like a superpower!

Facts!

- around 15-20% of the whole wide world are neurodivergent!
- People who are neurodivergent are open more creative
- ADHD looks different for everyone
- People who have dyspraxia often have great reading skills

Cheerful celebrities who are neurodivergents

- Bill Gates - Best known for his work for his money. He is dyslexic and has ADHD
- Stephen Hawking - Scientist known for his work on black holes. He has ALS
- Emma Watson - Best known for her roles as Hermione Granger and Belle. She has ADHD.

Thank you to our PFA who have funded these excellent new race kits for our **Penpol Panthers** running team. We look forward to seeing whether they'll go even faster (if that's possible) in them at their next event!



The money our PFA raises supports a huge range of incredible opportunities for our pupils and there is much we could not do without them. If you are able to buy a raffle ticket for our **Easter Egg Raffle**, please do stop by and see them at the gate at drop-off or pick-up over the next few days!

Our next **Bags2School** event takes place on Wednesday 8th May, where we will welcome your donations of unwanted good quality (non-uniform) clothes. The more we collect, the greater the funds raised for the PFA! If you do have any uniform items needing a new home, please drop these in at school any time. Thank you.

Congratulations to Teaching Assistant, **Hayden Knowles**, who has recently completed an **international tour** with his wheelchair basketball team. Touring several German cities, Hayden and his team-mates outperformed their own expectations and are looking ahead to the next tournament with confidence. Well done, Mr Knowles, and thank-you for being an inspiration to our students.



Finally, tomorrow is a special day for the Penpol family. Computing and Digital Learning Lead **Jacob Woolcock** and fiancé **Sapphy Clarey** (a former member of the Penpol team) will be getting married. I know you will join me in wishing both a very special day and many happy years ahead. 😊

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."