



Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,



It has been another remarkable week at Penpol. Sixty creative Year 4 students have begun their **guitar lessons** this week, carefully taking their instruments home to practise. Learning an instrument is a powerful skill and it is wonderful to hear the progress being made already. Well done all! Meanwhile, a number of our Year 5 pupils visited Lightbox Film Company earlier this week to record a film about **Cornish heritage** for Cornwall Council. Ober da!

We are proud of our **careers curriculum** here at Penpol, including the successful careers fairs of recent years. Building on these, we are delighted to be working with our friends at both Bodriggy and Hayle Academies to present a bigger and better event to inspire the young people of Hayle. It is not too late to join us as an exhibitor! Please do get in touch on [head@penpol.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:head@penpol.cornwall.sch.uk) if you would like to learn more.

The Nursery team are holding a **cake sale** at the school gates next Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 3:15pm in order to raise funds for summer hats for our children. Please do pay them a visit if you can.



We are delighted to share with you the details of our first Collaborative Careers Fair to be held on Wednesday 22nd May at Penpol Primary School.

This is a joint venture between Penpol Primary School, Bodriggy Academy, Hayle Academy and over 25 different employers and organisations joining us for the afternoon. This is a fabulous opportunity to look at the range of careers, job sectors and roles available in the area.



Some pupils from the 3 schools will be attending the fair as part of the school day.

*Pupils, parents and carers from all 3 schools are invited for a special evening session from 3.15 - 5.00.*

We were very lucky, this week, to welcome **Tigger Pritchard** back for a training event with our staff team. Tigger is a highly respected voice in the world of autism and neurodivergence and is supporting us to explore how we can empower all neurodivergent students to feel **proud and confident as learners**. Happily, Tigger has agreed to return to Penpol soon to lead a session with parents and carers. Details will be confirmed shortly. In the meantime, why not head over to our Diversity and Inclusion page which contains some excellent neurodiversity links:

<https://www.penpolschool.co.uk/diversity-and-inclusion/>



Speaking of neurodivergence, the wonderful **Chris Packham** is on the lookout for dyslexic volunteers, recently posting the message to the right. Judging by his previous programmes, it should be an exciting project to take part in.

**Are you a dyslexic person?** Would you like to make a film with us @BBC about the positive and negative impacts of your condition? Then email us a video saying who you are, a bit about your condition and how it impacts your life - **before Monday 29th!** [insideourminds@bbc.com](mailto:insideourminds@bbc.com)

We love to **celebrate the achievements** of Penpol pupils, both in and out of school:

- A number of runners took part in the **Coose Trannack cross-country** race last weekend, with several individual wins and Penpol placing 1<sup>st</sup> overall on the school leaderboard. Thank you, all, for representing our school and many congratulations.
- We are also very proud of Evan from Year 6 who recently represented his club and Cornwall at a South West Gymnastic Event last weekend. Not only did Evan's team win overall, but his performance on the **high bar** won him an **individual gold medal** also. What an incredible achievement!



Finally, a reminder that **Class Photos** are taking place next Tuesday here at Penpol.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Best wishes,

Chris Chislett (he/him)

Headteacher

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Don't forget to complete our **parent/carer survey**:

<https://forms.gle/MgLW8V8TJcJDADfA>

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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."