



Friday 14th March 2025

Welcome to this weekly update - it's been another busy one!

Science Week, across the school, has been an absolute blast. Children have been exploring our wonderful world in all kinds of exciting ways, as you can see below! Special thanks to those of you able to join us for our workshop or visit our Science Fair.



Huge congratulations to the Penpol delegation at Wednesday's **Years 5 and 6 Swimming Gala**. A series of stunning performances saw them return to Penpol with no less than 18 gold and 2 silver medals. What an incredible accomplishment.

This was also a very special week for our two Lego League teams. **Year 5's Coral Coders** attended Wednesday's competition of thirty schools, securing an impressive second place in the robot games and having a lot of fun in the process. Well done Coral Coders - we can't wait to see what you achieve next!

On Thursday, it was **Year 6's Jelly Friends'** turn to compete. Despite two frustrating robot games runs, they deployed their Penpol value of resilience, working hard over lunch to debug their algorithm. This secured an incredible 290 points in their final run. Combined with top scores in

robot design, innovation project and core values, this was more than enough to crown them **overall champions** and send them on their way to the **National Finals** in Harrogate.

We could not be prouder of each of these students. The hard work put in throughout the year has been truly inspiring, and we are excited to see where the journey takes them next.



We would like to say a special *thank you* to **Jaco Coetzee**, who has been instrumental in our strategic development as one of our school governors. Jaco has now stepped down from the board and we are grateful to all that he has done for the community.

As we enjoy brighter mornings and evenings, it's likely that more of our older pupils will be walking to school on their own. If your child travels alone, please do spend some time talking together about how to **stay safe on the roads and in public spaces**. Thank you.

Well done to **Suki and Kerensa** who noticed that rubbish had been left around the school grounds. They created a presentation for assembly and delivered it confidently to KS1 and KS2. They have shown that the value of **respect**, for each other and for our surroundings, is incredibly important to our school community. They have also ensured that we now have "happy bins" around school to encourage children to place litter in the correct place. Great job, girls!

Next **Friday, 21st March, is Red Nose Day**. As ever, children are invited to wear their own clothes, with something red if they would like. If you are able to donate, please do so online - the link is here: <https://rb.gy/dvaufft>. Thank you.

Renowned **author, Catherine Barr**, is visiting Hayle Library on Saturday 29th March at 10 a.m. All are welcome!

Finally, a reminder that our **wraparound provision, Penpol Allstars**, is open from 7:30 a.m. and runs until 6 p.m. A wide range of games and activities are offered, with a delicious breakfast available in the morning. You can book the sessions you would like to use via Parentpay and we do accept childcare vouchers!



We wish you all a wonderful weekend.

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