



PENPOL NEWSLETTER

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Each week, as I sit down to write the newsletter, I usually find myself mentioning the small glimpses of sunshine we've had and the hope they bring. However, this week it really feels like spring has finally arrived — and what a difference it has made around school!

As always, we have enjoyed a wide range of learning opportunities, many of which have taken place outdoors. Just yesterday afternoon, while teaching PE with Year 6, I looked around and saw learning happening everywhere: Year 4 were outside investigating pitch in science, Year 3 were testing materials for their magnetic properties, Year 2 were exploring the field, Reception were busy on the trim trail, and all of this took place above the distant laughter of Year 5 enjoying their time at Forest School!

Playing and learning outdoors provides such valuable opportunities for children simply to be children — something that feels especially important in the digital age we now live in. With the weekend set to be a sunny one, I'm really looking forward to hearing on Monday about all the adventures the children have had outside, enjoying it.

A gentle reminder to please ensure children do not ride bikes or scooters on the school site before or after school. For everyone's safety, children should dismount before crossing the road and walk their bikes or scooters into the bike store. Thank you for your support in helping keep our school community safe.

Finally, to keep up to date between newsletters, please do give us a follow on Facebook! You can find out more about next The PFA's Easter Bonanza next week!

I hope you all have a great weekend,

Mr Stanlake



Eid al-Fitr marks the end of Ramadan today, a special and joyful time celebrated by Muslims around the world. It is a festival of gratitude, generosity and togetherness, often spent sharing meals, giving to charity and celebrating with family and friends. We send our warmest wishes to all members of our community celebrating

— Eid Mubarak!

This week's sporting celebration goes to our very own Lionesses — or should I say the 'Hornets' and 'Smurfs' **both proudly self-named!** — who attended their third and final football festival at Mounts Bay on Wednesday. They played brilliantly throughout and, most importantly, had great fun doing so! — thank you to Mr Pearson and Mrs Smart for giving your time to support!

Last Wednesday, I also had the pleasure of taking 18 talented swimmers to the Penwith Schools Gala at Penzance Leisure Centre. To say they excelled would be an understatement, with every team returning home with medals. The Year 6 girls finished an impressive 3rd overall, while the boys' team and both Year 5 teams won their respective events. It was therefore no surprise to see Penpol sitting proudly at the top of the overall medal table with a fantastic 27 medals, securing first place overall!



Year 3 have been learning about Cornwall's mining heritage and visited the world-famous Geevor Tin Mine on Tuesday to bring their learning to life. The children explored the rich history of the surrounding area, discovering how mining shaped local communities, and even had the opportunity to pan for their very own piece of Cornish treasure!



In Year 5 this week, pupils have been designing and building prototype Mars rovers as part of their Science topic, Space. There has been plenty of cutting, glueing, hammering and sanding, with fantastic teamwork on display — all while using the appropriate PPE! Who knows, we may well be looking at the engineers of the future in action.

PUPIL SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to Ruby, who achieved fantastic success at the British Dance Championships in Blackpool. Competing in the Under 12 category at just 7 years old, Ruby finished an amazing 6th in Great Britain for her solo dance, competing against around 150 dancers from across the UK and Ireland.

She also placed 2nd and 7th in her team events, with her team now qualifying for the Dance World Championships in Wales this November — a wonderful achievement reflecting her hard work and determination. Well done, Ruby!

NEXT WEEK!

- Monday 23rd March- Stay and Play for new Reception starters
- Tuesday 24th March- Year 4 trip to St Michael's Mount
- Wednesday 25th March- Year 1 trip to Newquay Zoo
- Wednesday 25th March- Year 3 camp meeting @ 15.15
- Wednesday 25th March- Panthers @ Cape Cornwall (See Mr Pearson)
- Thursday 26th March- Crofty Voting Day
- Thursday 26th March- Nursery Easter Stay and Play @ 15.30
- Friday 27th March- Year 5 Space Day
- Friday 27th March- Year 3 sing-a-long in Class @15.15
- Friday 27th March- **PFA Easter Event in the HALL**