PENPOL NEWSLETTER

11th September 2026

Dydh da / Hello,

Congratulations, everyone! We have completed the first full week of the Autumn Term! It is by far the most exciting, equally daunting and certainly most exhausting week of the year—for everyone: children, parents and school staff alike! But we've made it, and the weather is looking hopeful for the weekend!

After a week of getting back into both familiar and new routines, the children have settled really well into their new classrooms, which have already been a hive of activity. I've seen Year 6 creating giant hearts on the field as part of their science learning; our youngest learners getting stuck into activities in the Wildlife Garden; Year 5 being introduced to myths from Ancient Greece; Year 2 taking their learning outside into Forest School; Year 1 exploring The Colour Monster in English; Year 3 enjoying the sunshine with some hockey in PE; and our Reception children not only completing their first full week but also showing off some super gymnastics in the hall!

Within the coming week, we will be able to confirm the clubs available for the Autumn Term. Please keep your eyes peeled for a text with a link to sign up via Google Forms. If you have any questions, please do ask at the office!

Bennar dhe'n penwythnos! / Have a good weekend!

Mr Stanlake









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Welcome back!













Rick Rescorla Memorial Parade

Today marks the 25th anniversary of 9/11, and our Year 6 children were honoured to be invited to take part in the Rick Rescorla Memorial Parade.

Rick Rescorla was responsible for evacuating more than 2,500 people from the South Tower before sadly losing his own life when the tower collapsed. He is rightly regarded as a hero in America, but his story is also much closer to home here in Hayle, where he was born and grew up.

Not only was Rick a Hayle boy, but he was also a former pupil of Penpol School, sitting in the very same classrooms that our Reception and Year 1 children use today.

Some of you may be aware of Rick's connection to Penpol, but you may not be as familiar with our Rick Rescorla Wildlife Garden, where our children enjoy their Forest School sessions.

Our Year 6 children have been learning about Rick's remarkable story and the events of 9/11. Today, they had the opportunity to put that learning into context and join the local community in paying their respects—not only to Rick, but also to the thousands of people who tragically lost their lives.

We were incredibly proud of the maturity, respect and understanding our children showed throughout the parade. It was a real privilege for Penpol School to be part of such a special occasion and to remember Rick and his remarkable legacy.

Good luck to Leo (and Dad, Ian) who will be taking on Dartmoor Search & Rescue (Tavistock)'s 'The 11 Tors Challenge ' on Saturday, September 19th.

They are raising money for the Dartmoor Search and Rescue team and would love your support if you are able to!

www.justgiving.com/page/leo-11-tors

Good luck Leo- we're super proud of you!








After announcing its arrival what feels like a lifetime ago, we were delighted to officially launch the *Activall* at the start of the new academic year, alongside our 'Playground Promise'. The money you have helped raise has allowed the PFA to purchase the Activall, so a huge thank you to everyone who has supported the PFA. And, of course, thank you to our wonderful PFA for continuing to provide and enhance the opportunities available to our children at Penpol.






Breakfast club

We still have some capacity for our free breakfast club from 8 am. It starts at 7.30 but is chargeable until 8, when it becomes free!

Please book in through ParentPay, or pop into the office if you have any questions.



NEXT WEEK!

Monday 14th September- Class 10
Monday 14th September- Year 1 Blackberry Walk
Wednesday 16th September - KS2 Meet the Teacher @15.00
Wednesday 16th September - Hayle Academy Open Evening- 17:00-19:00



