

Pencalenick Post

Preparing our pupils for a full, interesting and productive life at Pencalenick and beyond



Newsletter 21.10.22



Update from Mr Oak, Head Teacher

Welcome to our new look newsletter where we hope to give you a few updates on what has been happening and what is coming up. This year has already been a time for rapid change with recruitment very challenging in the current climate but I am optimistic that we are building a solid and sustainable team for the future. Curriculum development is gathering pace and I am looking forward to sharing with you our new assessment framework which makes it far easier to know where a pupil is in a given area of study and crucially, clear next steps that everyone understands and can follow. More detail on this next term. You are all valued partners of our community and I welcome feedback on any aspect of school as we look forward to exciting times ahead. Happy 1/2 term!

Forthcoming Events

14 th – 18 th November:	Pupil Parliament Week
14 th – 18 th November:	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 18 th November:	Parliament Election Day
Friday 18 th November:	Children in Need Day – wear something spotty – more information to follow
Weds 7 th December:	Christmas Event - tbc
12 th – 16 th December:	Parent Meetings – tbc
Thurs 15 th December:	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Friday 16 th December:	Break for Christmas holidays



Pencalenick is now a Duke of Edinburgh Award licenced organisation. This means we are able to deliver the award to our students from year 9 onwards.

There are three levels of award, Bronze, Silver and Gold. The awards are internationally recognised and help young people to grow in independence and develop their skills. The awards are broken into 4 sections: Physical, skills, volunteering and expedition. The duration of each section differs depending on the level.

Uniform Donation or Swap Scheme

Simply drop off your clean items to our school reception as a donation or if you would like to make a swap please let us know what items and sizes you are looking for and we will let you know if we have them in stock. There is no charge.

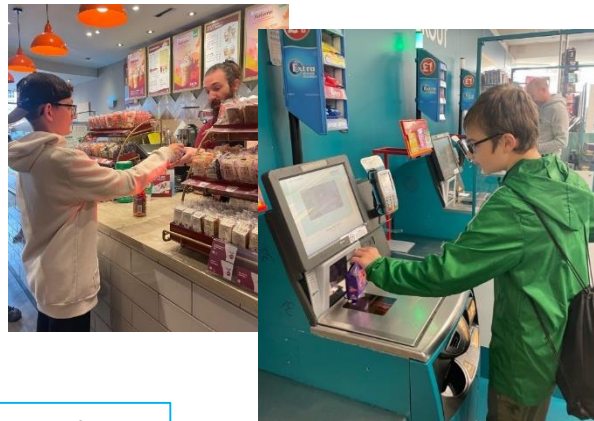
Class Highlights

Heligan class have had a busy start to the academic year. We wanted to make the most of the weather and have been out and about. We were fortunate to have fantastic weather when we went sailing with Mylor Sailability, we were able to experience both a sailing boat and a speed boat. We visited Truro cathedral to lay flowers and light a candle to remember Queen Elizabeth 2nd. We had fun at the park and even made our own duck food to feed the ducks! We have been developing our skills for life in cooking and working on making simple snacks, and how to tidy up after ourselves.



We have had a good first half term in **Trelissick** with all the students settling in well and making friends. They are all ready for a well-deserved half term break, and we are looking forward to getting back for Autumn 2 and the run up to Christmas.

Caerhays have had a good start to the autumn term, making the most of the lovely weather by collecting and pressing the apples from our orchard. We are continuing to do our Independent Living Skills and we had a successful trip into Truro where pupils changed money at the bank, bought a hot drink and did a little shopping using the self-scan machine.



The children in **Pencarrow** class have settled really well over the first half term. They have spent time getting to know each other as a group as well as building on friendships with the children they already knew.

For the first few weeks they have focussed on shape in maths and then they have been focussing on number and place value.

In English they have all engaged well with the World of Work topic and have shown great skill in completing application forms.

The class have enjoyed our ball skills lessons in PE especially ending with a game of dodge ball. Several of the children have engaged with football Fridays with Mr Powell.

They have all had a great half term and have overcome some challenging times.



Port Quin have had a really successful half term. We have been looking at different jobs and the skills that they involve as well as practicing our handwriting and walking a daily mile. We have been working on our social skills and making friends and the group have started to interact and enjoy each other's company. We have visited Tesco to buy the ingredients for a bacon butty and visited a community group for a cup of tea. The best day so far was when we visited Sweet's Dairy in St Newlyn East!

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Eden class has had a great start to the school year. In English we have been finding out about and writing about 'People who Help Us.' We had a lovely nurse come into class and visit, we asked her lots of interesting questions, we have also written about how firefighters, police and medical people help us. In Maths, we have been learning about place value and money, we have set up a shop and practiced buying sweets and toys with real money, counting it out and making totals using different coins. In Art, we have gone around the world and focused on the natural wonders of the world and created artwork based on Mount Everest, The Grand Canyon, The Great Barrier Reef and a Volcano. The students have done a super job and have really enjoyed the process. In RE and ASDAN we have been learning about the Christian Harvest Festival and recently we have been looking at Diwali where we have been making some traditional food in cooking, Diya lamps. Next week we will be making Rangoli patterns! In Science, we have been learning about rocks and how they are formed, we have looked at how fossils are formed and learnt about Mary Anning and the fossils that she found in Devon. In Geography, we have looked at the different continents, the water cycle including river drainage basins. We have made papier mache models which we will send home at the end of the term.



Photo of our prize-winning door to support Hello Yellow Day



Towan have been busy this term looking at shopping on a budget. They have enjoyed their weekly shopping trips to Tesco to buy the ingredients for the meal that they make themselves for lunch on a Wednesday. They have learnt to look and compare prices of food items as well as other household goods. In cooking they have made themselves lunch every Wednesday with some impressive meals being made, sausage rolls with wedges, stir fry with noodles and chicken pesto pasta to name a few. Well done boys a good start to the year!

A sneaky peak at what **Trerice** have been doing this half term.....developing independent learning, developing cursive hand-writing, learning about types of rock and the rock cycle, cake baking in TIS, presentations on hobbies for our Entry Level pupils, descriptive writing coursework for our GCSE students, experimenting with how mountains are formed....



Class Highlights



Lanhydrock have settled into the new school year well, adapting to new routines and renewing friendships quickly.

Our new very long blackboard in class allowed us to create a timeline of the Queens life, also adding in other major events which occurred during this time span. A few weeks back we visited the Lost Gardens of Heligan with a focus on the equinox, with lots of practical activities including the chance to sieve wild flower seeds that the team at Heligan had harvested. We have continued to enjoy our weekly visits down to the school garden where we have worked hard clearing beds and planting elephant garlic and Sweet William seeds.

Our basketball skills have come on 'leaps and bounds' in P.E. lessons, and our work in Geography on rivers has linked beautifully into our Science work on types of rocks and fossils. The students particularly seemed to enjoy making a class model of a 'river basin' from play dough. Last week we enjoyed using the apple press to make apple juice from the apples we collected at the school orchard.

Well done Lanhydrock on a fantastic start to your school year!



This half term Crantock class have been reading a story called 'The Colour Monster' this story is helping us learn about our emotions. We have been creating pictures using paint, colouring pencils and tissue paper to express our emotions. We have had a lovely term and look forward to more learning and fun after the half term.



Class Highlights

This term **Botallack** have enjoyed getting to know our new classmates. We have taken part in Forest school, making fires, hot chocolates and crafting. In cooking we have made apple muffins and scrambled eggs, in our art class we have explored mark making and created a copy of Van Gogh's Wheatfields. All of the students have said they like the practical subjects best.

In P.E. Botallack have liked circuit training, we have also been checking up on the baby hedgehogs that have been released around school. Yesterday the class enjoyed taking part in the Hello Yellow day focusing on mental health, everyone thought about what makes them happy and positive. We are all looking forward to half-term and the new term with all the winter festivities to come.



Today **Trebah Class** took the opportunity to chat about how we are all feeling.

We exchanged stories about how we felt at our last schools, and how much happier we feel at Pencalenick.

We also decided not to do academic work today, but to concentrate on relaxing and chilling. We had hot chocolate, cups of tea and watched "Inside Out" which is all about how we feel, and our emotions. Lewis, Riley, Louie, Oscar and Finley

As part of our theme of 'The World of Work', Nurse Nicola visited **Pendennis Class** to talk about her job and the many career opportunities within the NHS in Cornwall.

Some of Pendennis Class were lucky enough to embark on a day of sailing out of Plymouth on an enormous sailing boat. It wasn't long before they were at the helm and steering towards the horizon.

Over the last few weeks, we have joined with the ISS astronauts to complete a series of yoga challenges. Everyone who completed the series successfully received their own certificate. It was quite the challenge down here on Earth as we had gravity to cope with as

In science, we have been experimenting with static electricity as we explore how thunder and lightning is made. We might not have given anyone a shock, but it certainly did tickle. well!



Kehelland Horticultural Centre

Kehelland provide a rural, horticultural setting to provide incredible opportunities for young people to develop personal and social skills whilst actively taking part in a local community project. Some of our Year 11 students have spent the last few weeks getting involved on a Friday and although wellies and coats have been necessary on more than one occasion, they have all had an absolutely fabulous and unforgettable time.



Pupil Parliament

Well done to the Pupil MPs for 2021-2022 for their excellent work over the last year. The MPs have continued to work behind the scenes to help plan and organise the recent #HelloYellow day and will also help to run the upcoming elections for this year's MPs, culminating in the Election Day on Friday 18th November.

#HelloYellow day raised a grand total of £45.51 for Young Minds. Pupils wore something yellow to raise awareness of the importance of young people's mental health. Tutor groups took part in a wide range of activities including mindfulness, yoga, PE, forest school, cooking, sewing and even a yellow scavenger hunt. The winners of the tutor competitions were:

Best Decorated Door:

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| 1 st Place | Heligan Class |
| 2 nd Place | Trebah Class |
| 3 rd Place | Eden Class |



Come and find out more about what we have on offer here at Newquay Orchard for young people aged 15-24yrs this half term!



Our Growing Futures study programme offers an alternative to college or sixth form in a quiet, non-pressured and friendly environment.

Available to students aged 16 – 18yrs, or 16-24yrs for students with an EHCP, we provide an educational setting that promotes personal development, practical work experience, functional skills

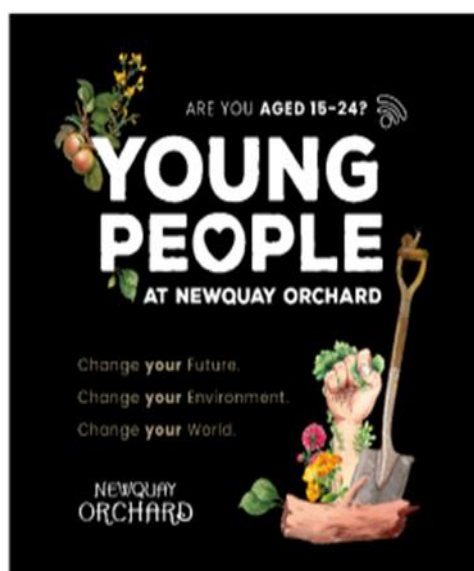
and ways you can make a positive environmental change.

Our Half Term Open Day offers potential learners the chance to take a look, take part in a practical activity, and meet some of the team.



Newquay Orchard Open Day for Young People (15-24yrs)

Wednesday October 26th 10am until 1pm



As well as our fantastic education programme, we offer support to young people 15-24yrs who are looking for some support on their next steps.

We offer group work that upskills those who may want to go into practical work and provides a low pressure environment in which young people can meet those their own age and learn some outdoor skills.

Our young people also get a personal Change Coach who can offer information, advice and guidance on any challenges they are having and on their next steps, whether towards employment, education, training or an apprenticeship.

If you would like to come along and find out more information, please email info@newquayorchard.co.uk or call 01637 877 182

Booking is necessary to attend, so be quick!



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