

# Pencalenick Post

July 2023

## Update from Mr Oak *Head Teacher*

I can hardly believe that it is the end of term! It's been such a fantastic year in so many ways with the introduction of our new learning journeys to help share the progress your young person has been making in their preparation for the future. Aside from the formal learning, I think that these newsletters demonstrate the wider experiences that our pupils experience thanks to the creativity, hard work and dedication of the staff team in trying to enhance the offer for every child. Flicking through this newsletter, I am very proud of everyone. It's always tough at this time of year when Y11 depart from our school as they embark on the next step of their life as they move on to post 16 placements in September. We will remember them fondly as I hope they will remember us. 'It's not the destination that defines us but the manner in which we travel.' Happy summer holidays.



## Forthcoming Events

### *Dates for your Diary*

25<sup>th</sup> July: Last day of Summer Term. Happy holidays

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> September: Teacher Training Days

7<sup>th</sup> September: Pupils return for first day of Autumn Term

23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> October: Half-term break.

19<sup>th</sup> December: Break for Christmas

# Arbor Parent Portal

## *Getting Connected*

We have had a great response to the opening of our Arbor Parent Portal App with 85% of our parents having already signed in.

The Portal gives you access to a restricted view of your child's profile on our information system. It allows you to check the details we hold are correct and gives you the ability to update them yourself. You can:

- Update your phone number, address and contact information
- See your child's attendance
- View your child's timetable
- Give or decline consents, including for trips and activities, photos, first aid, etc.

Once we get as close to 100% of parents signed up as possible, we will be able to open up other options, such as booking meals, paying for meals and trips.

If you have not already accessed the Portal, we would urge you to give it a go. If you would like some support to get started, please do not hesitate to contact Reception.



# Class Highlights

## *Botallack Class*

This term Botallack have learned about materials and their properties in science. For our art studies this term we have focused on Pop Art and covered the works of Andy Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein; pupils have experimented using bright colours to create repeat pattern pictures.

We all enjoyed our sailing trip back in May and have liked having the better weather for P.E. outside on the field. Students enjoyed making flapjacks and savoury snacks in cooking and helping with preparations for Strawberry Festival. Everyone participated in activities with their new classmates who they'll join in September, they are looking forward to new friends and teachers after the summer.





# Class Highlights

## *Port Quin Class*

Port Quin class really enjoyed getting involved in the Pencalenick 'Pirate Day'. They created their own pirates by drawing them and writing descriptive pieces about them. Some members of Port Quin also enjoyed being part of the Pencalenick shanty choir and even helped to open the Falmouth sea shanty festival by singing two songs dressed as pirates!

Whilst looking at our community and what's on offer that we can enjoy, one of our Port Quin families very kindly invited us to visit their campsite. We really enjoyed having a look around and talking about how much fun it would be to stay there. We particularly liked meeting the goats and having icecreams!

Finally, three of our pupils will be leaving us at the end of this term and we would like to wish them every success in their next college placements. Good luck all of you!



# Class Highlights

## *Mount Charles ARB*

Mount Charles ARB had a great time taking part in a sensory session held at Pencalenick. They ran, jumped, crawled and explored the sensory equipment with their peers. It was a great way to celebrate the end of the school year and acknowledge all the progress the children have made.



# Class Highlights

## *Pencarrow Class*

Wow! What an exciting term for Pencarrow. The picture is our preparation for the 'Pirates of Pencalenick day'. The boys had so much fun preparing for and enjoying the water scene. We were able to develop the theme into script writing and then acting the scenes in Drama too.

Science was fun this half term – students learnt all about different forces, we then worked in small groups to come up with a design to protect an egg when dropped from a height – yes they were real eggs...thankfully all eggs, including 'Timmy' survived. Well done boys!





# Class Highlights

## *Pendennis Class*

Pendennis Class have had a busy term with lots going on, but the highlights all revolve around one thing... PIRATES! We have been lucky enough to welcome in guests from local sea shanty groups, local musicians and a professional mermaid. This was all part of our ambitious project to make a full film and open the International Sea Shanty Festival in Falmouth. Pendennis Class led the way, all whilst completing their qualifications and getting ready for the next step as several of the class get ready to go to college in September. What a way to finish! It has been a brilliant year and we are really proud of all their efforts. You can watch our film on YouTube by simply searching for 'The Pirates of Pencalenick'.



# Class Highlights

## *Caerhays Class*

Caerhays have had another busy half term. We have continued to be busy in the garden and made a courgette cake, courgette and feta muffins and carrot muffins with some of our produce. We enjoyed getting out and about photographing nature for the 'Take 1 Picture' Art project. The Year 11's have had the opportunity to visit their Post 16 provisions and Year 9's have taken part in PSHE lessons on Consent in their Relationships and Sex Education lessons.

We are looking forward to September when all Caerhays pupils will be joining new groups having done so well over the past 3 years.

Have a fun filled Summer Holidays!



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# Class Highlights

## *Budehaven ARB*

Budehaven ARB students have been working really hard this term. Rehearsals are well under way for our musical version of 'The Wind in the Willows' to be performed at our garden party on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Students are acting, singing, dancing and playing musical instruments AND are very busy making the props to go along side. Music Kate has also rewritten some traditional shanties for us to fit into the story and we have all been going home singing them!

On another musical theme we had 'Small Town Jones' visit us for an interactive performance which everyone enjoyed.

Our river / sea theme has been continuing this term. Following some English work inspired by Stevie Smith's poem; 'The River God', we created an evocative sculpture using an old mannequin found in the skip! This River Goddess inspired some fantastic creative stories and we pooled all of the ideas together to create a class version and then spent a lovely morning down by the river filming the story with of course everyone as star actors and actresses!

We think the film will definitely be in the Oscar nominations next year! The pictures here are taken from our film.

Isla wrote this brilliant song a few weeks ago which she shared with us.

Wish

Your wish will come true  
If you follow your dreams.  
Be kind and then your wish will  
Come true.

Listen to your heart  
And don't let anyone bring you down.  
If they bully you  
They look like the clown

If you work hard then you can reach your goal.  
Keep smiling.  
They are the brightest souls.

Your wish will come true  
If you follow your dreams.  
Be kind and then your wish  
Will come true.

Your wish will come true.

By Isla Year 7



# Class Highlights

## *Heligan Class*

Heligan pupils have been very busy lately, we started the half term continuing our pirate focus, practising our pirate song for pirate day and then getting very wet during the water fight scene. Pupils have been working hard on their personal learning goals as well as practicing their functional skills during our regular shopping and community trips. Pupils enjoyed a day out at the Royal Cornwall Show at the beginning of June, where we especially liked the pigs, although they were a little smelly!

In July we had a lovely day at Blue Light Day, an annual event where adults with learning difficulties can interact with members of the emergency services. Pupils enjoyed having a go on the Blood Bikes, sitting in the fire engine and trying out the ambulance siren. We collected lots of stickers, tried on lots of exciting equipment, enjoyed meeting lots of new people and a very friendly search and rescue dog. We are looking forward to sports day next week and then a restful summer ready for learning in September

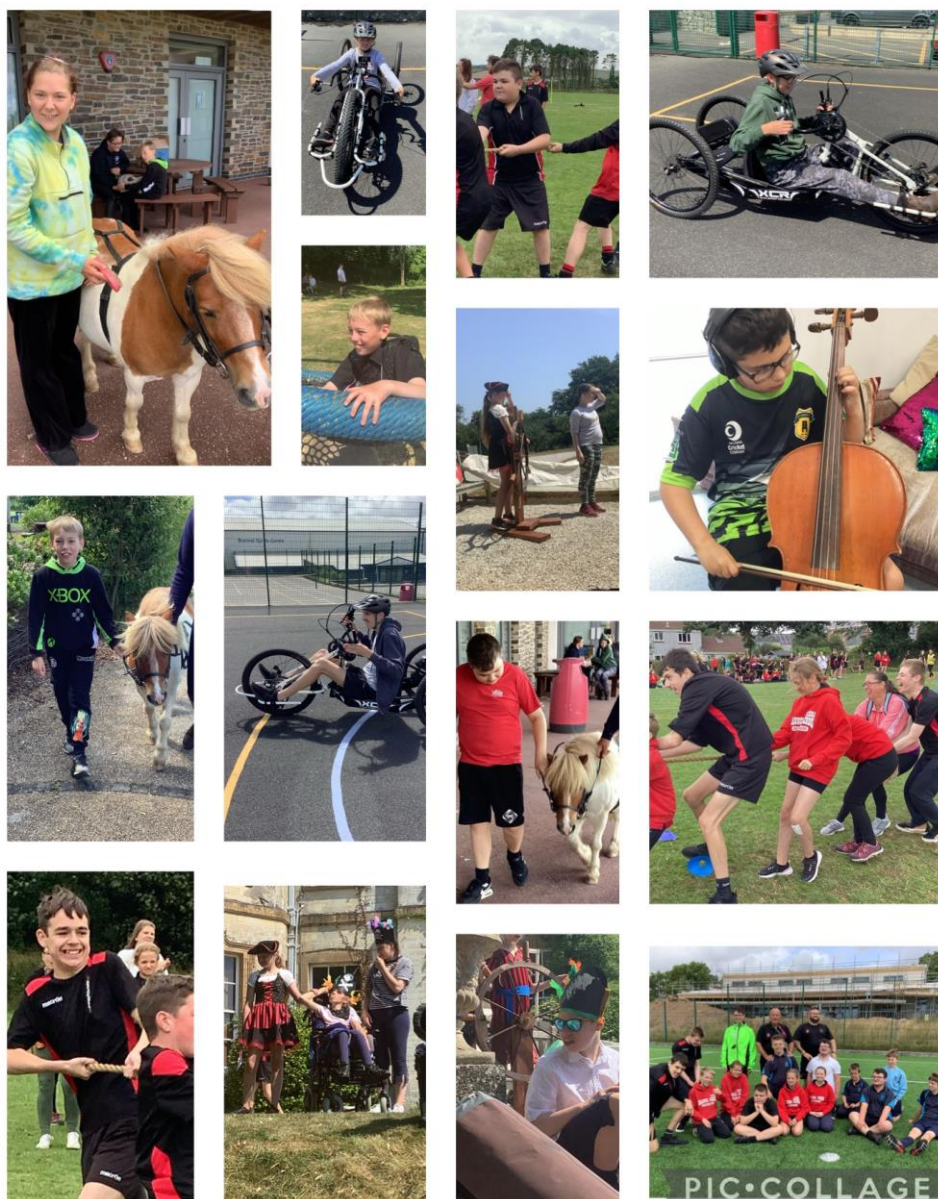




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## *Brannel ARB*

What a fantastic fun filled Summer term we have had! The warm weather and blue skies allowed for lots of outdoor learning and experiences including sailing trips in Plymouth, visits from Little Margate therapy horses, sports day and taking our core curriculum subjects outdoors. Pupils recently took part in an interschool regional Softball competition, developing our teamwork skills and resilience, and we were very proud to celebrate the ARB winning the competition. During Literacy we enjoyed taking part in the wider Pencalenick School Pirate day, developing our descriptive writing of our dream pirate characters and dressing up for the whole school event. It has been a joy to support our year 11's in their summer transitions to College and we wish them all the best for the next exciting step in their individual journeys.





# Class Highlights

## *Bedruthan Class*

Our summer term has been incredibly busy with various activities alongside our regular lessons. As part of our Duke of Edinburgh award Mr. Powell conducted a first aid session, which we found enjoyable. We also had a visit from Brooke who did a session on consent and relationship which was very informative. Additionally, we had the opportunity to visit Mylor Harbour, where we received instruction in powerboating and sailing from their skilled instructors. As part of the Duke of Edinburgh award, we also completed an 8-mile walk, encountering some challenging terrain along the way.

Our year 11 students have successfully finished all their assessments and are now prepared for the next chapter of their educational journey. On behalf of the students and staff at Bedruthan, we would like to extend our heartfelt wishes to our friends who are starting college. We will miss them and may they achieve great success in their endeavours.



## Eden Class

*Eden have had an amazing final half term. We have had so many adventures, from sailing at Mylor, fishing at falmouth and performing in the Pencalenick pirates. In maths we have developed our confidence in adding and subtracting and have been learning about speech in English. Eden have had lots of fun preparing for and taking part in sports day. We have taken complete ownership of our own plants in the garden and this has helped us when learning about different climates and the plants that grow within them.*





## Crantock Class

This half term Crantock have been enjoying the nice weather by going on walks around the grounds and to National Trust sites. They have been practicing their safety around roads and whilst out on trips.

We have done lots of art; completing our 'Take One Picture' art project for the art show, having our second pottery session and making classroom displays to brighten up the room.

We have been learning what makes us calm through taking part in sensory sessions, yoga, mindfulness and meditation, hand massages and foot spas.

We also enjoyed Pirate day, taking part in lots of reading and listening to stories, practicing using money, weighing and measuring and number work.





## Trebah Class

What a crew – what a year! Arron and I have been so lucky to work with and support the Towan boys this year. When we think back to the variety of different experiences and opportunities we have had over the year it really makes us smile. When we reflect on the progress individuals within the group have made in different areas of their lives it's amazing. I think the pinnacle of the year was of course the camp. Some boys sleeping under canvas for the first time, marshmallows over the camp fire and swimming in the sea. We wish Archie all the best for the future and look forward to another fun packed year next year. Have a great summer!





## Lanhydrock Class

*In Lanhydrock, we have been concluding an excellent year with a reading of *The Hobbit*, an exploration of energy stores and transfers, as well as enjoying our burgeoning wildflower meadow. We also had a visit from Señor MacDonald, a local MFL teacher who taught us some Spanish.*

*Through our script work we have met dwarves, hobbits, trolls and goblins and have been inspired by the wonderful settings and characters of Tolkein. In Science, we plan to devote an entire day to creating Rube Goldberg machines to demonstrate how energy is transferred between various stores like gravitational potential and kinetic.*

*We are so proud of the hard work and progress of our students; Bien hecho!*



## Trerice Class

It's time to say goodbye  
This is the end of the year.  
Is that something in my eye?  
No, it's just a tear.

I've watched you learn and grow  
and change from day to day.  
I hope that you've come to know  
Something to guide your way.

I will treasure this year's memories  
As I send you out the door  
Hoping you have the expertise  
To handle what life holds in store.

And to my Year 11s...  
I wanted you to know  
I have loved being your teacher.  
How fast did this year go?

Please come back to visit me  
As through the years you grow.  
Try hard to learn all that you can  
There's so much more to know.

The one thing I've tried to teach you  
To last your whole life through  
Is to know that you are amazing  
There's no one else like you ♥

Take care, Mrs Plumb



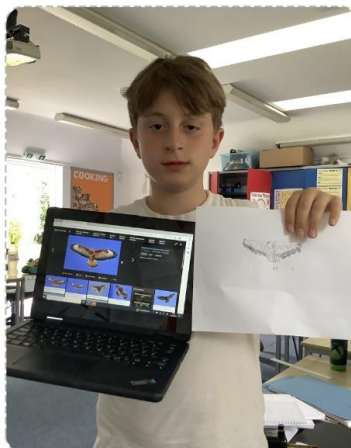


# Class Highlights

## *Trelissick Class*

Trelissick class have had an incredibly busy last half term of year 7! We have made the most of the lovely warm weather by taking our learning outside as much as possible, which we have all enjoyed. Some of our class went to Falmouth Sea Shanty festival and sang to an audience, which was such a great experience for them!

One of our particular highlights of this half term was Pirate day and we really enjoyed making props for the film, acting in it and best of all the water fight! We have had such a fantastic year and wish them all the best moving forward.



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# Class Highlights

## *Falmouth ARB*

Falmouth ARB have had a very busy Summer Term. We have been learning about 'Transport' and in addition to the speed boat trip from Mylor last term we visited the National Maritime Museum Cornwall, travelled to St Mawes by ferry, bought postcards, played on the beach and then public bus back to school. We have explored floating and sinking through investigation and play.

All children have been involved in exploring vehicles, cars and ramps, bikes and trikes as well as how we move ourselves. The sunny weather has allowed us to improve our raised flower bed. We look forward to a beach day with all our friends and families to celebrate another great school year!



# Safeguarding

## *School Website*

Don't forget that you can find information all around safeguarding and attendance on our school website

**Pencalenick School - Safeguarding**  
**Pencalenick School - Reporting Absence**





# Sports News

Logan began his journey just watching his brother and playing on his iPad/DS at every competition. Over time he came to training and asked to join in. He grew in confidence and understanding and started competing in local small competitions. Logan then went to the National Championships in Coventry last year in his first year of competition and won 3 National Titles and Gold medals and 1 Bronze. The GB rankings were: 1st shot & Discus, 2nd 200m, High Jump and javelin, 3rd Long Jump. This year, Logan is the 2 time reigning National Champion in Long Jump, Shot and Discus and is also the Javelin National Champion for U16B F20 athletes! His ambition is to get to compete in the Olympics one day!



# Leaver's Ball 2023

*Dressed to impress and ready to party.*

Congratulations to all our Year 11 Leavers





