

Pencalenick Post

October 2023

Update from Mr Oak *Head Teacher*

Hello everyone,

Phew! That seemed like a very quick half term and here we are nearly in November.

You will see in the following newsletter that the pupils (and staff) have been learning about a wide variety of new and exciting topics. We experienced lots of different activities and had lots of fun in the process.

In other news our Halloween event raised roughly £600 for Pencalenick friends and Eden class raised a grand total of £127 for Red Cross Earthquake Appeal Morocco. Thank you all for your support this term.

We hope you enjoy having a look at everything we've been up to a look forward to the next half term as we get ready for the Christmas Celebrations.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like to discuss anything.

Have a lovely half term break.



Forthcoming Events

Dates for your Diary

30th of October: Start of Term

31st October: Tempest Pupil
Photograph Day

13th December: Christmas Fayre

20th to 3rd December: Christmas
Break

4th January: Back to school

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 and 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



Botallack Class have made a fantastic start to the year and have settled well with new friends. We also welcomed Ethan who joined us from Brannel School. We took advantage of the lovely weather at the start of term by walking a mile a day, and we are hoping to continue this throughout the winter months, as long as the weather allows us to! We have spent a lot of time looking at friendships and emotions, recognising healthy relationships and how to recognise an unhealthy relationship. We've talked a lot about what worries us and what we can do to help our own mental health. All pupils were able to identify things that made them feel better such as talking to friends or listening to music. We are all very much looking forward to the second half of this term in the run up to (dare I say!) Christmas! However, at the moment we are all very excited about Halloween and looking forward to some 'spooky' lessons after half term.

Port Quin Class

This half term pupils have been settling into their new class and routines. We have done a variety of activities including cooking, learning to play the ukulele and enjoying going on the go karts and scooters.

Some pupils have had the opportunity to do practical Science and we have all enjoyed some social English and Maths games.

All the pupils in Port Quin have been accessing a variety of lessons with other groups around the school, which has been really successful. Great start to the school year!



Mount Charles ARB

Mount Charles ARB have had an amazing start to the new year. We have enjoyed learning, making and eating foods as part of our topic 'Food Glorious Food'.

We have read Biscuit Bear and The Disgusting Sandwich and have retold the stories using pictures, props and puppets. We have welcomed our new students and have enjoyed playing with our outside kitchen, sand and lots of water play.



Pencarrow Class

What a great start to September 2023! We started by visiting Pencarrow House and Gardens, as students wanted to find out where our class name originated from. We were shown round by a lady called Tracy and we discovered a secret door, lots of artifacts on display in the House and the Peacocks in the grounds were lovely.



In other news, students are making their transition well, and we have been building up new relationships. We have enjoyed English this half term, focusing on non-fiction: we have been completing application forms, writing our own newspaper reports, and organising/sorting books into fiction and non-fiction. Students have also written thank-you letters to Pencarrow House and Gardens which were posted out and the staff from the estate were overjoyed to receive them. PE has been most enjoyable this term, working on our invasion skills linked to Basketball, lots of partner work to secure our new friendships, and fitness in the multi-gym.

Pendennis Class

Pendennis Class have spent this half-term exploring communication and the world of work. We have had the chance to connect with a variety of local employers and explore volunteering opportunities as well. One of the highlights was connecting with the amazing 'Prickles & Paws' hedgehog rescue center and seeing the latest hoglets close up.

We worked collectively to produce large art pieces which we then transferred onto cards as we explored different types of written communication. The results were amazing and show just what we can achieve when we work as a team.

Finally, on Friday we visited the remarkable 'Gaia' Planet Earth exhibit at Truro Cathedral. This really must be seen to fully comprehend the scale and impact it has in this wonderful setting. Pendennis Class were mesmerised and now want to make their own large installation piece for school. We will have to think about how that can be achieved!



Budehaven ARB

Superheroes!

As a class, we have been looking at the topic of superheroes. We have even had a visit from a superhero called Cape man, the students loved this and interviewed Cape man when he came into the ARB.

The Topic of superheroes has been great for Art projects. We have created Jet packs, masks and some fantastic flying superhero skyline art.



Heligan Class

Heligan Class have had a busy start to this school year! After welcoming back students old and new, we embarked on our autumn topic 'Pencalenick Paleontologists' by learning about different dinosaurs. We have matched dinosaurs, sorted and classified dinosaurs and even investigated dinosaur teeth and poo to find out clues about their diets. We have been learning about Mary Anning and her role in Paleontology and we have had a go at making our own fossils.

Even though we have been very busy with our topic work, we have also managed to fit in a day of sailing with Mylor Sailability, having a go on a sailing boat and powerboat. We have also visited the Royal Cornwall Museum to explore the Lego Adrift exhibition, exploring Lego and other plastics found in the sea; and Truro Cathedral to see Gaia, a large-scale art installation. After half term we will be moving along the timeline to look at prehistoric animals and early man.



Brannel ARB

This half term we have been busy investigating craters as part of our science topic on Forces.

We also made model volcanoes erupt for our Geography topic.

We have also grown the biggest carrot we've ever seen!



We did some baking and made some delicious scones for our Cream Tea.

But the best thing has been getting to know each other and making new friends.



Bedruthan Class

The first half of the term has been quite eventful. In our English class, we've enjoyed presenting our favorite music genres. In maths, our focus has been on handling data and geometry. During science lessons, we've explored the energy in food. PE has been all about honing our ball skills and improving our cardio fitness. In art, we've delved into the world of observational drawing, with a special emphasis on the artist Hundertwasser. In RE, we've been exploring the concept of creation and the essence of religion. Moreover, we've been busy whipping up healthy snacks in our cooking class, and some of our tutor group even lent a hand in selling cakes for our "mental health day" event. Additionally, we've been diligently assessing our class's phonics, spellings, and handwriting skills. Well done, Bedruthan!



Eden Class

Eden have spent their half term looking at a range of topics. They have learnt about the earthquake in Morocco, built their own Moroccan towers and created table earthquakes to see what happened. They then chose to raise money for the appeal by creating and organising a chocolate raffle.

They have also been enjoying their lessons in cooking and healthy eating, identifying and using money, telling the time, reading and PE.



Crantock Class

Crantock have settled so well into their new classroom and have had a really positive start to the school year. We have been exploring the story 'When I grow up' and we are beginning to innovate our own versions of this. In maths we have been exploring money and have developed so much confidence in recognising coins and notes as well as beginning to add money together. This half term we have really focused on developing relationships with new staff and peers, which has involved lots of sensory and social time. We are so lucky to have our own little yard this year and we have started decorating this by planting some Autumn flowers in the flower beds.



Trebah Class

This half term we have been looking at volcanoes during our topic lessons and have chosen to study Pompeii. The class are currently making a volcano and a model of Pompeii.

We have also been Paleontologists learning about dinosaurs, and we have looked at some fossils that were collected from the Jurassic coast and donated to school.



As a class we have been on a few class outings:

We visited the Lego Adrift Lost at Sea exhibit at Truro Museum.

We caught the Park and Ride bus into Truro and had an amazing time.

We have also been to the local food bank to offer our donations to the local community.

Every week we have had the opportunity to go to Truro School for our swimming lessons.

We have also been on a sailing trip, experiencing both a tin boat and Rib. We all really enjoyed the fast Rib boat.



Lanhydrock

Well done Lanhydrock on a fantastic first half term of the academic year!

In Humanities, our students have explored the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and considered the many causes of unequal global development.

Students have been looking at architecture in Art, focusing on a range of famous architects and building skills towards an individual final 'design and build' project.

We are very much looking forward to visiting the exhibition preview of our Classroom Carpentry project this week in Falmouth. The stools which we painted and constructed with Felix and Jake from Many Hands, will be auctioned next week to raise money for Jumblies Nursery.



Trelissick Class

It has been a busy first half term for Trelissick class as our new Year 7 cohort have begun to settle into life at Pencalenick. We have done lots of lovely activities across the school grounds and beyond, like our fabulous day on the water with Mylor Sailing School.

Starting secondary school is a huge step and the group should be proud of how well they have settled in. We hope everyone has a great half term break and we look forward to returning for Autumn 2.



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Falmouth ARB

We have been exploring the local area looking at the Autumnal changes. We talked about the dangers and risks when walking to the park, crossing the road and being in the park using the equipment.



We have been learning about fictional Superheroes and those who help us like teachers and doctors. We had a great Superhero Day! We made masks, and some great silhouette art, exploring blending colours.



We have also learnt how to care for others, including animals. We met Agnes for a show and tell session. We learnt about how to look after her and keep her safe. As well as how to keep ourselves safe.



Sennen Class

A fantastic first half term for Sennen Class! We have been learning all about life at Pencalenick School, developing social skills and building positive relationships with both staff and pupils. We have been fortunate to spend time exploring our local area, out on the water with Mylor Sailing School and visiting Truro Cathedral to see the amazing Gaia globe and wildlife photography exhibition.

The whole class have thoroughly enjoyed our current humanities topic on Natural Hazards, creating clay volcanoes, building earthquake proof buildings, and causing scientific eruptions. Well done everyone!



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



Halloween Party & Food Bank

Big thank you to everyone who came to our Harry Potter Halloween Party- it was 'Broomin Brilliant and a very magical evening, even in the rain!

All the money raised will go into the Pencalenick Friends' pot to continue holding events like this as well as going towards funding activities and trips for the children throughout the year.

Another big thank you for all the donations towards the Truro Foodbank. What a brilliant way of collecting for such a great cause. The donations were delivered on Thursday 19th October by Trebah Class to the lovely Simon and Tracey at the Truro Foodbank.

