

**Pencoys Safeguarding Lead:**

**Ms Kirk**

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**Mrs Bonds & Mr Kendall**

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Chair of Governors- Mrs Caroline Sommerville

Hot meals - Week 1

Dear Parent/ Carer

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first half term at Pencoys. Over the last six weeks, the staff and children have achieved a great deal. There have been so many achievements both within and outside the classroom.

**Year 4 Eden trip:** This week the Year 4's visited the biomes at Eden Project. They have been learning all about the rainforest biome as part of their Geography unit of learning. We went to experience the plants, climate and conditions in the rainforest biomes. The purpose of the trip was to get a greater understanding of what it's like living in the rainforest.

**Swimming:** Year 6 pupils have now completed their swimming lessons for this half term. It is pleasing to see the progress pupils make in such a short space of time, with some pupils overcoming their fear of water. Next half term year 5 will be swimming instead.

**Clubs:** It was encouraging to receive such quick responses to our club offers for next term, and we are pleased that so many of you that are keen to make the most of our extra-curricular provision. We are able to offer alternative clubs, and I am personally looking forward to meeting my Key stage 1 dancers, on a Tuesday.

**Black History Month:** This week saw the continuation of Black History Month. In assemblies, pupils across the school have been learning about the importance of the annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and recognizing their central role in history. This week pupils learnt about Mary Seacole the Jamaican businesswoman who was an inspiring role model because she broke social rules and prejudices to travel the world and help those in need – even in the most dangerous of places. Most notably, she provided food and care for British soldiers at the battlefield during the Crimean War.

**Parent Consultations:** It was good to welcome parents/carers to the school this week. When looking through the children's books, I was impressed with the range of learning and high expectations set across the school. I have also heard lots of positive comments regarding pupils' behaviour, which is a credit to both themselves and the parent/carers. Parental involvement can make a significant positive impact on the progress that children make, so thank you for all your continued support and interest in your child's learning.

**Reception class meeting:** We held a Reception class meeting at the beginning of the week. This was an opportunity to explain our phonics approach to parents/carers. The teaching of reading has progressed since many of us were at school, and this was highlighted in the session. Reception parents were taught the importance of the 'pure' sounds and how to 'Fred talk' to read a word. It proved we are never too old to learn! Teachers also shared the important role parents play in supporting their child at home, and in developing an early love of reading. Research shows that reading is a key indicator of success later in life, and at Pencoys we want to give all children the best start.

School council: Last week, in our Friday assembly, Year 6 members of the school council presented their ideas for school improvement. These were agreed in their previous meetings. This week, in true democratic style, they have held a whole school ballot. The result of their ballot was to fundraise towards more school trips. I look forward to hearing their fundraising ideas.

PTA: My thanks to the PTA, Mr Buck and Mrs Wilkes, for organising the Halloween costume sale and Halloween disco this half term. This is always such a fun event and thank you for everyone's efforts in creating such a spooky disco. I look forward to seeing the results of the pumpkin carving competition after half term.

I wish you all a restful holiday,

Mrs Bonds

Headteacher



### Yum!

In this week's Growing Club the children had a treat.... chocolate beetroot cupcakes. These were made using beetroot harvested from Pencoy's garden. 20 children said they now like beetroot!!

**This week's Attendance Award goes to  
Year 5. Well done 99.33%!**

### This week's class attendance percentage table

F2	98.67%	<p>Our Attendance Target</p> <p><b>96%</b></p> <p>Whole School Attendance</p> <p><b>97.5%</b></p>
Year 1	96.25%	
Year 2	96.13%	
Year 3	97.69%	
Year 4	97.24%	
Year 5	99.33%	
Year 6	98.40%	

### Free School Meals

Find out if your child can get free school meals, how to apply, and understand how to get extra funding for your school. Click the link below or collect a form from the school office.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolmeals>

### Celebration Certificate

Each week some children from each class are rewarded with a certificate in celebration of their efforts in class.

#### F2:

**Betsy** - for gaining confidence and trying hard in all her learning this term

**Vinnie** - for gaining confidence and trying hard in all his learning this term

#### Year 1:

**Tyler** - trying really hard and being resilient every day

**Iylah P** - being resilient in her learning and doing her best every day

#### Year 2:

**Jacob** - applying his maths learning in lessons to solve problems and explaining his reasoning clearly

**Ruby** - successfully adopting the new science vocabulary learnt this half term

#### Year 3:

**Lily** - using excellent research skills in Science

**Jayden** - being a super palaeontologist in Science

#### Year 4:

**Jacob** - trying really hard to improve his presentation and already showing much better handwriting

**Libby** - for remembering and trying to use new vocabulary

#### Year 5:

**Anya** - working really hard on her P.O.P tasks, showing off all her Geography and Science knowledge

**Lillie** - working really hard on her P.O.P Tasks, showing off her Geography knowledge

#### Year 6:

**Ella M** - For pushing herself in swimming and managing to swim 25 metres!

**Amber** - For incredible resilience and determination during swimming lessons

### Parking

Please be considerate to our local residents when dropping off and collecting your children. Some parents are blocking local driveways which is causing a lot of upset and the school has received complaints. If parking is an issue please use the parent overflow carpark in Kemp Close.



## **Maths-Whizz® Holiday Challenge**

**Earn three progression points over this half term (22nd-30th) and you'll be rewarded with 1000 coins!**

*(Also a huge thank you to all the children for their hard work on Maths Whizz this half term! Mr Buck)*

### 2022/2023 School Dates

7th September - 21st October - First half of Autumn term  
31st October - 16th December Second half Autumn term  
4th January - 10th February - First half of Spring Term  
21st February - 31st March - Second half Spring term  
17th April - 26th May - First half Summer term  
5th June - 21st July - Second half Summer term

### Dates for your Calendar

Friday 14th October - PTA Halloween Costume Sale  
Monday 17th October - Individual School Photos  
Friday 21st October - Halloween Disco  
October half Term - Pumpkin Carving Competition  
Monday 14th November - Second hand uniform sale  
Friday 2nd December - Christmas Fair  
Thursday 8th December - Christingle  
Friday 9th December - F2 & Year 1 Nativity  
Tuesday 13th December - Christmas performance (Yr2-6)  
Wednesday 14th December - Christmas Lunch

### INSET DAYS (NON PUPIL DAYS)

September 2022 - July 2023

Monday 5th September 2022  
Tuesday 6th September 2022  
Tuesday 3rd January 2023  
Monday 20th February 2023  
Monday 24th July 2023  
Tuesday 25th July 2023



### Sports Corner

12 Children represented Pencoyls at the Crofty Cross Country event last week:

YR4 Elise, Dixie, Joe, Oliver

YR5 Kara, Lily, Noel, Liam

YR6 Ella A, Ellie, Ashley, Black.

Out of those an incredible 7 of them have qualified for the next event which is the Peninsula School Sport Partnership cross country run - the dates of which is to be announced soon! A huge well done to all of the Children for their superb effort and endurance. They ran incredibly long distances with great pace and really did us proud!



### Spooky Arts and Crafts

In art club this week the children made some amazing witches hats and some pumpkin lanterns!



### This week's Diamond Award winners:

Asa - Year 4

Moliie - Mae - Year 4







### Pencoys Crossing Patrol!

This week Pre-School and Reception were visited by the lollipop lady. They had the opportunity to find out more about her job and how she helps us to stay safe. They really enjoyed this and even got to dress up as a lollipop person and help their friends to cross the road safely.

PTA

PUMPKIN  
CARVING  
Contest



Take a photo of your pumpkin carving (together with name slip) over half term and submit it on Class Dojo. If you'd like to enter the competition, bring in 50p to the office on the 31st October to take part.

The best entry in F2/KS1 and KS2 will win a prize!



### Christmas Fair

If you would like a stall at our Christmas Fair on Friday 2nd December. Please see Miss Wilkes in the office. We ask for a donation of £5 per stall.

