

Pencoys Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs Craig

Deputy Safeguarding Leads:

Mrs Johns & Ms Kirk

Chair of Governors- Mr Nathan Wilce

No 23

21st May 2021

Hot meals - Week 1

Windy Weather!

Well I'm not sure quite where the Summer has gone! Unfortunately due to the extremely windy weather conditions and rain we had no choice but to cancel the Year 3 trip to Tehidy Wood today but have managed to re-arrange it for next week, so fingers crossed for a break in the weather. Years 5 and 6 braved the elements and showed great resilience during Rugby with the Cornish Pirates this morning. I'm not sure how they managed to stay on the ground or managed to control the ball but much fun was had by all.

We have reminded the children about being careful around doors today, but just a reminder to take particular care during pick-up time today, especially with car doors.

Music

Music has always been an important part of the Pencoys curriculum with children receiving whole class music lessons from The Cornwall Music Service, as well as Samba and small group or 1:1 instrumental lessons. We are delighted to report that we have seen a real surge in recent weeks in the number of children taking up instrumental lessons via The Cornwall Music Service. These include drums, violin, guitar and keyboard. It is always so wonderful to walk through school on a Friday morning and hear all the lessons taking place and how much progress the children are making. Today, Dixie in Year 2 was so proud to show me how she could now use a bow with her violin, showing me how to hold it correctly and making a beautiful sound. Our Year 3's are continuing to enjoy their whole class Ukulele lessons and Year 6 have made an amazing start on their performance for the end of the year.

School Dates

Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June - Half Term

Monday 7th June - Back to school

Thursday 24th & Friday 25th June - Year 6 Camp

Tuesday 29th June - Class Photos

Wednesday 21st July - Last day of summer term

22nd & 23rd July - Non Pupil days

Monkey Bars!

Pupil voice is something we really value and over the years we have made many changes here in school as a result of listening to the ideas, thoughts and opinions of the children. More recently a Year 3 pupil approached me about the rules around using the monkey bars in the playground. There is currently a height restriction in place which sometimes results in pupils still being forbidden to use them even in Year 6. It's not the first time this has been raised by the children as being unfair, many arguing that when they go to the park they can use play equipment which is much more challenging than the monkey bars! However, Frances raised the question again which led us to reconsider the rule and reinvestigate the health and safety aspects of the rule.

As a result, we have made the decision that all children from Years 3-6 will be allowed to use the monkey bars but we will need signed permission from parents to allow this to happen. A letter will be coming home next week which will need to be signed and returned to school so that after half term the rules can be changed. If you wish to have a look at the monkey bars before making a decision about whether you are happy for your child to use them, they are just outside the F2 classroom.

Finally.....

That just leaves me to wish you a fabulous weekend, stay safe and don't get blown away.

Mrs Craig

Please arrive at school on time ☺

He/ She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>Half a year</u>
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 year</u>
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a <u>Half years</u>
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over <u>2 and a Half years</u>

This week's Attendance Award goes to Year 4
Well done 98%!

Introducing our
new character this
week-

'Reflective Rob!'



Highway Farm

Unfortunately due to low numbers, Highway Farm are no longer offering After School Club on Fridays from September.

Sumdog Class

Champions

This Week



<u>Class</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
Year 1	Hollie-Rose	Kerra	Holly
Year 2	Gregory	Isabella	Rupert
Year 3	Frances	Liam	Ted
Year 4	Ollie	Kezzie	Abbie
Year 5	Jayden	Esmae	Kieran
Year 6	Miyarose	Charlotte	Courtney

Blackbird Pie Magazine

The May/June digital issue of BlackbirdPie in Cornwall magazine is out now and there is SO much more to do, indoors and out! From theatre to indoor play centres, gorgeous galleries & fascinating museums, free events & special offers, and new skills to learn like sailing, archery, coasteering & circus craft.

<https://bit.ly/3eJatxl>



INSET DAYS (NON PUPIL DAYS)

September 2021 - July 2022

Monday 6th September 2021

Tuesday 7th September 2021

Friday 17th December 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Monday 28th February 2022

Monday 25th July 2022

Tuesday 26th July 2022



Pre School have been learning about farm animals this week. The children created an amazing piece of artwork using the tracks and feet from some of the things which can be found on a farm. (And their hands as well!!)

PENCOYS GALLERY



More of our classes took part in Heart Start lessons this week. These are life skill lessons supported by The British Heart Foundation. Year 3 learnt how to place someone in the recovery position