

# PENAIR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I am writing to provide a short update on this half term. The very large majority of our children continue to impress me greatly with their hard work and commitment. Our children display our key values of Pride, Opportunity, Learning and Belonging on a daily basis. We continue to strive to provide the very best experience for our young people through their lessons and also in supporting them in becoming well rounded young people, who can take their place in our community.

I have been very impressed with how well our year 7's have settled into life at Penair and made the step from primary to secondary despite the limited transition opportunities. I want to thank parents for their support in making this a success.

It has been fantastic to see the children taking part in a full range of activities after school and I wanted to share some highlights from this term with parents.

Our recent Duke of Edinburgh expedition to Bodmin moor with over 50 students undertaking 2 nights camping 2 and a bit days walking. The Saturday included lots of navigation practice with staff, approximately 17km of walking from St Breward to Alternun across the moors. The students and staff also climbed up Brown Willy, highest point in Cornwall.

Our sports teams that have enjoyed wonderful success over this first half term. Highlights include of Year 8 Rugby Team who finished runners up in the County Rugby Tournament winning 7 out of 8 games. Our Year 10 Rugby Team wo won the first round of their County Cup competition 46-0. Our under 16 girls hockey team who made it through the semi finals of the county hockey tournament and our under 14 netball players who qualified from the first round of the County tournament winning 3 out of 4 games and went onto the County finals where they won 4 out of 7 games.

Our creative club which goes from strength to strength. There are over 70 students regularly attending on a Friday and many were involved in selling books in Truro last Saturday raising £620 towards covering the cost of publishing the next book.

Our Combined Cadet Force who organised the overnight camp for year 7's, went on overnight camp themselves to Tehidy woods and continue to build their skills on a Wednesday evening. I know that the year 8 recruitment recently saw 65 students join the cadets.

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We now have over 150 cadets in the school and due to this phenomenal success the Penair cadet unit is seen as a model of good practice for both the Army and RAF. I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Harry Perfect who left our school in Summer 2021 and has been named as one of the Lord Lieutenant's cadets for Cornwall, well done Harry.

Our Art Department for recently running a fabulous in-house workshop with professional artist Tony Minnion who came in to work with a group of students. They have produced banners that can be used at school events in line with our core values.

Thank you to our DT team who have been running the wonderful Let's Get Cooking Club and supporting our students in the National Future Chef Competition and congratulations to Emma Sellwood and Maisie Tricket who will be representing Penair in the next round.

Thank you to our Drama, Dance and Music Department who have started rehearsing in earnest for this year's production of Bugsy Malone. The school productions are a wonderful experiencing for all those involved from those performing to students working backstage and preparing the sets and costumes.

I hope this gives you a flavour of some of the opportunities that are afforded to our students. School is certainly more than just lessons one to five each day and it is through these opportunities that our staff are able to forge strong relationships with our young people. I would like to thank our wonderful staff team who have worked extremely this half term to ensure that our young people can make the most of their time here at Penair.

May I take this opportunity to thank parents for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



**James Davidson**  
**Headteacher**