



# Pensilva Primary School

Working Together To Make A Difference

To Live

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Newsletter  
22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024



## Pupils Of The Week

### Wrens – Freya

For her wonderful writing



### Doves – Max & Ella

For writing postcards based on the book  
Meerkat Mail.

### Puffins – Kenlee

For trying his best in every lesson

### Buzzards – Nicole

For a positive attitude towards her  
assessments this week

### Headteacher Award – Fin

For enthusiastically becoming part of our  
school community.

## INSET Day

There will now be an INSET day on Friday 25<sup>th</sup>  
October rather than Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November as  
previously advertised – please see the attached  
updated term dates for next year.

This change will allow the staff team to attend  
high-quality professional development being  
organized by the Cornwall Association of Primary  
Heads and has been agreed at this week's  
governors meeting. We apologise for any  
inconvenience this may have caused.

## Easter Service

We are looking forward to welcoming you all to  
the Easter service on Wednesday. We will begin  
at 2.00pm and will be joined by Rev Li from  
Pensilva Church.

The children will also be visiting the church on  
Wednesday morning to take part in an experience  
Easter workshop. This will build on our RE  
curriculum and also develop our links with the  
church as an important village facility.

## Cross Country

Last Friday, 16 children took part in the Landrake  
Fun Run. It's billed as 3 Cornish miles of hills, mud  
and marshes. This year it really lived up to its  
reputation! Even the adults were knee deep in  
the mud at some points!

All 16 children finished with smiles (and plenty of  
mud) on their faces. As usual, the determination  
was evident and the support from children and  
parents alike was incredible. A huge thank you to  
Ms Matthews and those parents who ran with the  
children.

Good luck to Emilia, who will on Monday be  
competing in the cross-country county finals in  
Newquay. Keep an eye out for how she gets on!



<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>Notes</u>
27.03.24	Easter Performance	2.00pm start	Millennium House
28.03.24	INSET Day	All day	School closed to children
15.04.24	Children return after Easter break		
27-30.05	Half term break		
06.06.24	Sports Day	TBC	
07.06.24	INSET Day		
24.07.24	Final day of the academic year.		

### Girls Football

On Sunday, our girls football team had the opportunity to be mascots for Plymouth Argyle Women FC. They led the players onto the pitch, had a training session, took penalties at half time and were ball assistants throughout the match. A great day out celebrate our first ever girls football team.



### Club News

All of our clubs have now finished for this term. We are currently putting together a programme of cubs for the summer term. We will be having a mixture of school-led clubs and those led by outside professionals. Details of this will be forwarded in due course.

We have also had a couple of parents express their interest in running or assisting with clubs. If this is something you would be interested in, please get in touch.

### County Monitoring Visit

As part of our school development plan, we engage with the county education effectiveness team. This allows us to work collaboratively and receive expert advice relating to teaching and learning.

On Wednesday, we hosted two education effectiveness officers who spoke to staff, viewed our the work we have completed on our new curriculum and visited lessons. Both left Pensilva impressed with both the quantity and quality of work that has been completed this year.

They were also impressed with the ethos of the school which allows all children and staff to feel valued as part of the school community. As such the school has been invited to present at a county-wide conference in order to share our good practice. A huge thank you to all the staff, children and you as parents for helping building and sustain our wonderful school community.

### Payments

Please could all balances in school money be paid before the Easter holidays. This includes school meals and our breakfast and after school clubs.

### Parking

We have had a number of complaints this week regarding parking at the end of the day. Please could you consider both the safety of our children and the convenience of our neighbours whilst dropping off and picking up.