



Retirement

This is a moment that I have not been looking forward to - writing to you to inform you of my decision to retire as Head teacher of Pennoweth School at the end of this academic year.

I love my job. I have loved being a head teacher and having that opportunity to influence the lives of children and support families to help their children through education and the 'growing years'. I have loved the opportunity to help teachers and staff enjoy teaching and become effective teachers and leaders and making sense of what is an increasingly confusing educational climate and demands. I consider myself so lucky to have been given the opportunity to be the head teacher at Pennoweth School and to have worked with so many supportive and capable people, and without their hard work and dedication, the school would not be where it is today.

In August I am 60 years old and therefore eligible to receive my pension and I am also, amazingly, a dad to Soreni (aged 4) Matthew (26) and Rosie (28) and I feel that it is time that I devote time to my family. Four years ago, when Helen and I were going through the adoption process, I promised myself that at 56, I could give a good 20 years to Soreni and I really want to make the very best of that time by keeping fit and healthy and sharing time with her and Helen, my wife. I am four years into that promise and I know just how quickly primary school years fly by and I am looking forward to the opportunity to help shape Soreni's life and prepare her for her future challenges. My two older ones are working in Hong Kong and Vietnam so time with them too is precious.

The time that it has taken for me to come to this decision has been protracted and has not been easy and I have wrestled with its implications. I still feel that I have lots of ideas and energy but the time is right to concentrate on my family and begin the next stage of my life and learn new skills and challenge myself in different ways. I have no clear plan of what I would like to do but, one thing that I would like to continue, is my work as a School Improvement Officer and it will be through this role, that I will be able to help the next generation of Head teachers to pick their way through the 'minefield' of leading a school.

Over the past years, Pennoweth School has grown in reputation and is now a 'school of choice' and I see no reason why that will not continue. Our children are brilliant and they want to do well. Their foundations for learning have been established and with good teaching and the continued (amazing) support from our parents and community, there is no reason why the school will not continue to develop.

I have spent seven years at the school now and there has been 'blood and sweat and (quite often) tears' but I am determined to make sure that I leave the school in the strongest possible position and, rest assured, I will be doing my very best right up until my last day in school.

I have already had a meeting with Crofty MAT to determine staffing structure for next year and prepare for an interim head teacher to begin in September 2019 and then a new, substantive Head teacher to start in January 2020. Interviews for the substantive head have been scheduled for June.

Finally, can I thank you all for supporting me and my team in helping the school grow and become the school it is today. I will miss you all but I will take with me very fond memories, smiles and valuable experience. Thank you.

What's for lunch?

Monday

School closed

Tuesday Spicy lamb tagine with couscous
Vegetable & lentil shepherd's pie topped with creamy mashed potato with buttery leeks (V)
Date & banana iced loaf

Wednesday Local roast gammon
Pineapple, gravy
Cornish roast / boiled potatoes
Cornish carrots, cabbage
Cauliflower cheese bake (v)
Sticky toffee pudding with toffee sauce & custard

Thursday Chicken, leek & sweetcorn pie with a flaky pastry lid
Potato wedges
Mixed vegetables & gravy
Rosemary & red onion sausages (V)
Cheese cake

Friday Oven baked battered fish
Lemon slice, tomato sauce
Vegetable & Cornish Brie quiche (v)
Chips/ rice
Peas, mushy peas, baked beans
Caramel slice

Unauthorised Exceptional Leave of Absence Information

The law requires parents to ensure their children receive an efficient full time education, and every minute of every day is important. Please help them not to miss any of this valuable time.

We hope that when you have read the information outlined on our website, you will consider that your child's education is too important to take holidays during term time.

If an unauthorised leave of absence is taken, this may incur a penalty notice being issued under Section 444A and 444B of the Education Act 1996. This carries a fine of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the penalty notice will result in Court action

Unauthorised Late Marks Information

If your child is arriving late - after the register has closed at 9am, it will be coded as a U which, is an unauthorised late mark. If your child accrues 10 unauthorised late marks within 100 sessions (10 weeks) you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996.

The School may refer the matter to Cornwall Council who may decide to take legal action against you., issuing a penalty notice under Section 444A and 444B of the Education Act 1996. This carries a fine of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the penalty notice will result in Court action.

Persistent absences/unauthorised lates, not authorised by the school, may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates Court, leading to fines up to £2,500 and / or custodial sentences.

Visit to Glendurgan

On Friday 26th April, Miss Blight's class visited Glendurgan Gardens. It was an intriguing, fun and interesting experience. We explored the vast and complex maze.

A huge thank you to the amazing parent helpers that came on the trip with us.



Written by Grace and Keiron from Miss Blight's class.



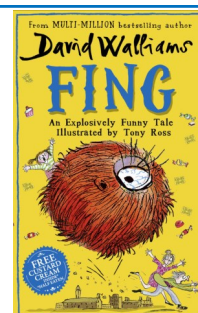
Pennoweth Library News

Every day in the school library between 8.00am and 8.30am *everybody welcome*

Certificates this week go to—Gabriel, Harry, Jonah, Albie, Isobel

Gold certificate to Miss Dunstan's class

Next week we will be reading—Fing by David Walliams



School Council Fundraising Event

Our School Council's fundraising event will take place on Tuesday 7th May, after school, in the hall. There will be a cake sale so please get baking this weekend! Puzzle, competitions and a raffle.

Here are the prizes that you could win:

- 1) 2 tickets for the roller disco
- 2) Family ticket for the Eden project
- 3) Voucher for 4 pasties at Prima bakeries
- 4) 2 leisure day passes and cream tea at Falmouth hotel
- 5) 2 tickets for Flambards
- 6) Baking set from Asda Falmouth
- 7) Duvet cover from Asda Hayle x 2
- 8) Blanket from Asda Hayle x 2
- 9) £10 voucher for Baker Toms
- 10) Golf at Gwelanmor for 2 people
- 11) 2 tickets for Merlin cinema
- 12) Family swim at Carn Brea (2 adults and 2 children) x 2
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- 14) £10 voucher for Big Dunk's paintball

Online safety

To ensure your children stay safe when using the internet, you can encourage them to search using this child friendly site: <https://www.kiddle.co/>

Are you looking for further advice and tips to help keep your child safe online? Take a look and discuss this video with your child at home: <https://www.bbc.com/ownit/its-personal/when-you-something-online>



SATs Timetable for Year 6

Monday 13th May

Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar - Paper 1

Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar - Paper 2

Tuesday 14th May

English Reading

Wednesday 15th May

Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic)

Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)

Thursday 16th May

Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

Pupil of the Week

- FS1/LK: Poppy
- FS2/1FM: Noah
- 1/2SH: Kizzy
- 1/2CHT: Peggy
- 2SD: Freya
- 3S/T: Jonah
- 3/4RT: Romy
- 4DS: Florrie
- 5/6PB: Keiron
- 5/6MW: Emily
- 5/6MD: Tiara



Blue Cards

2SD: Emily, Amelia, Israel, Travis, Reade, Kaycee, Jack, Henry, Ellie, Amber, Walter, Dovydos

3/4RT: Harvey, Markus, Romy
Pen Licenses for Mrs Sadler's class : Ella, Kyden, Lucy, Fineas, Rio, Jayden, Miller, oliver, Amy, Callum V, Finley, Phineas



Weekly Diary Dates

Monday 6th May—School Closed, Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7th - Crofty Sports Taster Day at Cornwall College
Tuesday 7th - 3.15pm School Council fundraising in hall
Wednesday 8th - 8.45 -10am Clothes Bank/Toy Library in the Open Drop In room
Wednesday 8th - Porthpean Residential Camp
Thursday 9th May—10.30 am in school hall Mrs Morris ' Class assembly
Friday 10th - Brighter Smiles to see Reception children

Term Dates

Summer term - 23rd April - 25th July, **please note that the 25th July is a Training Day - NO After School Care available on that day.**

Half term - 27th May - 31st May (**school finishes at usual time**)

Training day - 3rd June - **After School Care will be available, please book in advance**

24th July - School finishes at 2.00pm
After School Care available until 6.00pm.
Please book in advance.

Advance Notice of Forthcoming Events

May

1st—Table tennis workshop at Redruth School
7th—Crofty Sports Taster Day at Cornwall College
8th - 10th - Yr3/4 Porthpean residential camp
8th—Plymouth Argyll Boys Football at Pool Academy
9.00—3.30pm
13th - Yr6 SATs week
21st - 3.30pm Isles of Scilly camp meeting in Miss Dunstan's room

June

10th - 14th Yr5 Isles of Scilly residential camp
17th - 21st Yr6 London residential camp

July

8th - EYFS sports day
10th - Reports being sent home
11th - KS1 sports - am - **CHANGE OF DATE**
11th - KS2 sports - pm- **CHANGE OF DATE**
12th - Summer fayre tbc
22nd Whole school Awards Evening—By Invitation Only
23rd - Yr6 Leavers and Presentation evening—By Invitation Only
24th - Thank You assembly—By Invitation Only

The Class with the highest attendance this week is Mrs Sadler's

WELL DONE

Position	Class	%
1st	4DS	98.4
2nd	3/4RT	97.6
3rd	1/2\CHT	96.8
4th	5/6 MW	96.7
5th	5/6PB	96.6
6th	3S/T	95.9
7th	FS2/1FM	95.8
8th	5/6MD	95.7
9th	FS2/LK	94.2
10th	2SD	93.3
11th	1SH	93.0

Throughout the year, we will distribute fliers and magazines offering family services or post details of local activities on the newsletter. Whilst we think that parents might like the information and find it useful, the school does not endorse these services.