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Dear Parent/Carer,

What a fantastic week it has been here at Penrice! The Assembly Hall was filled to capacity on all three nights of *Mary Poppins* and every show was greeted with rapturous applause by each audience.

This was the first school production since pre-Covid times (2019) and it was certainly worth the wait with classics including *Step in Time*, *Jolly Holiday*, *Feed the Birds* and so many more. We were also delighted to see the audience join in the singing to *Let's Go Fly a Kite*, waving their custom-designed programme booklets that turned into kites!



From the cast to the backstage team, the set design team to the sound and lighting technicians, plaudits must go to everyone involved in the school production; it was truly exceptional and you can all be very proud of your performances.

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All of the pictures can be found in an [online image gallery](#) on the Penrice website here. Alternatively, you can find them on the school's Facebook page.



Eden Project Trip

Also taking place this week was the Year 8 Geography and Science trip to the Eden Project.

Back after a two-year break due to Covid-19, we were delighted to get back to normality and run this field trip again. Fieldwork is a great way for students to get a hands-on experience of learning outside and where better to do that than on our very doorstep.

For Geography, students investigated the impact of visitors to the site by carrying out pedestrian counts, environmental surveys, as well as listing their observations on the customer experience.

In the afternoon, for Science, it was all about how plants adapt to their surroundings. The biomes present a perfect opportunity for students to put down the textbooks and see evolution with their own eyes.

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With the sun shining, there was also time for Year 8 to enjoy some ice cream from the Eden café towards the end of the day. Students will next analyse their results and write up their findings in class.



Cuddly Toys for Ukraine Appeal



Can you help with phase two of our Ukraine appeal as we begin our search for cuddly toys?

If you have cuddly toys at home, please donate them to your tutor and we will help them reach displaced Ukrainian refugees fleeing the conflict in Eastern Europe.

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If you can help, please check these rules:

Requirements

- Your donated cuddly toy **MUST** be clean OR freshly washed.
- Your donated cuddly toy should not be bigger than 30cm, which is the size of a long ruler. This is because she or he will be shipped with other important items such as food and too big won't be sent.

Desirable

- If you can include a small (40g) packet of sweets with your cuddly toy then that would be greatly appreciated by the child. Please make sure they are gummy sweets and nothing that will melt (chocolate).
- You could put a gift tag around your toy's neck or wrist with his or her name. A small child would love this.

Thanks in advance for your continued support. We will provide regular updates to the Penrice community in these letters and on social media.

Non-Uniform Day for Ukraine – Friday 8th April

On Friday 8th April we will be holding a non-uniform day with the donations going towards the St Austell Ukraine Support Group. The non-uniform day has been arranged by the school's student-led Academy Council.

We are encouraging students to wear blue and yellow in support of Ukraine. Donations can be either £1 or an item that can be given to those in need.

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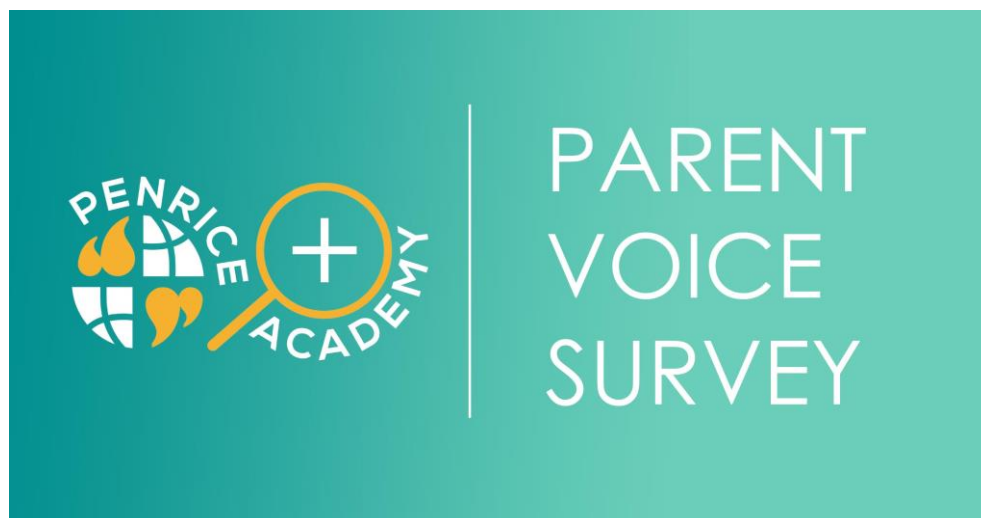
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Parent Voice Survey



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Thank you to everyone who has completed our Parent Voice Survey so far. We've received some really useful feedback at this point and we would like to continue encouraging parents to complete the questionnaire so that we have the largest sample size possible.

This is an opportunity to get your voice heard and we welcome all feedback. The survey [can be accessed here](#) and takes 7 minutes to complete on average. All data is anonymised.

Covid-19 Update – Lateral Flows No Longer Being Provided

As part of the government's 'Living with Covid' plan, please be aware that Penrice Academy will no longer be supplied with free lateral flow test kits for students. This is the case for all mainstream state schools/academies across England.

Free Lateral Flow test kits can still be ordered directly through [the government website](#) up until 1st April.

A Reminder to Bring Water Bottles

As we enter Spring and enjoy a spell of warmer, sunny weather, please ensure that your child brings to school a water bottle in order to keep themselves hydrated. There are various water fountains around the school where students can refill bottles.

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Reduced Penrice Plus Timetable Next Week

Next week (week beginning Monday 28 March), we will be running Staff Wellbeing Week here at Penrice. The week offers our teachers and support staff a wide range of activities after school with everyone encouraged to try something new and set some time aside to focus on personal development.

Due to Staff Wellbeing Week, there will be a reduced Penrice Plus timetable. All Arts, Wellbeing and Academic activities will not take place. However, the following sports training/fixtures will still go ahead:

Day	Club	Year Groups	Venue	Changing Room
Mon	Girls' Elite Strength and Conditioning	Invite Only (HS-SSK)	The Zone	Zone Hall Changing Rooms
	Activate	Invite only (NS-SSH)	Sports Hall	Sports Hall Changing Rooms
Tues	Football Fixture (Penryn Away)	Years 7/8/9/10 (Selected Students)	N/A	Sports Hall Changing Room
	Netball Fixture (Wadebridge Away)	Years 9 & 10 (Selected Students)	N/A	Zone Changing Rooms
	Hockey	All Years	Astro	Normal Location
Wed	Girls' Active	All Years	The Zone	Zone Changing Rooms
	Athletics Training	All Years	Playing Fields	Sports Hall Changing Rooms
Thurs	Football Training	Years 7/8/9/10	Playing Fields	Sports Hall Changing Rooms
	Rugby 7s	Year 10	Playing Fields	Zone Changing Rooms
	Girls' Netball Fixture (Sir James Smith Home)	Years 7 & 8 (Selected Students)	Sports Hall/Courts	Sports Hall Changing Rooms
	Boys' Gym	All Years	The Zone	Boys' Changing Rooms
Fri	Girls' Rugby	All Years	Playing Fields	Sports Hall Changing Rooms
	Athletics Training	All Years	Playing Fields	Sports Hall Changing Rooms

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Penrice Plus – Summer Activities Released



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Finally, as we approach the end of Spring Term, we are delighted to share with you our [new list of Penrice Plus activities](#) that will be available in the Summer Term. Please ask your child to speak to their tutor in order to sign up for activities.

For other enquiries related to Penrice Plus and sports clubs, please contact our Director of Sports, Aaron Marks via amarks@penrice.org.uk

Final Words

That's all from me this week. Enjoy the weekend – the weather looks marvellous, and remember to change your clock on Saturday night as we enter British Summer Time!!

Kind regards,

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