



Lucy Gambier
Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a week to remember for all who take a keen interest in the performing arts as the curtain rose on our Penrice Academy production of Matilda Jr. We'll be sharing photos throughout this week's Parent Update as we celebrate the dedication and hard work of our young actors and actresses, backstage crew, set designers and our performing arts teachers. I'll now hand over to Mr Goodlad for more on Matilda Jr!

- Lucy Gambier



Mr Laurie Goodlad
Director of Performing Arts

Matilda Jr. took to the stage this week in three sell-out performances! Full to the brim with catchy songs and high energy dance numbers, audiences gave standing ovations every night. The story centres on Matilda, a young girl with wit and intelligence far beyond her years. She outsmarts the mean Miss Trunchbull and leads the children of Crunchem Hall School to victory.

The cast and crew have worked incredibly hard, committing almost 90 hours since rehearsals began back in September, and let's not forget the hard work of the set design team! This commitment was rewarded with an after-show party and awards ceremony on Friday afternoon where students were presented with their much sought-after Matilda 2023 pin badges.

School productions are community events and we are hugely grateful to the students, staff and parents who have supported this production, as well as the audiences who filled the hall each night.



GHANA FUNDRAISING NON-UNIFORM DAY & EASTER EGG RAFFLE

We'll be running a **non-school uniform day next Friday (24 March)** as part of our fundraising for the Ghana trip.

If your child would like to take part, we are asking for a voluntary donation of £1 or a donation from the list below:

Pencils, chalk, paintbrushes or colouring pencils, deflated ball, large story books, cones or skipping ropes, old good condition sports kit (e.g. football shirts).

We will also be holding a raffle for Easter Eggs on the same day. Tickets will cost £1 and there will be a prize in every tutor group! Easter Egg donations are also welcome!

[Parent Letter \(PDF: 197KB\)](#) 



PE KIT DONATIONS WANTED

On top of our recent work regarding Penrice Pre-Loved, we are particularly short of spare PE Kit and PE Shorts. If you have any old PE Uniform that you would like to donate then such items would be gratefully received.

Simply ask your child to drop off items at reception during the school day. Thank you.



SONGFEST 2023 REVIEW

On Tuesday 7th March 2023, Penrice Academy participated in the Launceston staging of SongFest 2023. SongFest is an annual event where children from all over Cornwall participate in a two-week festival with performances in a range of towns which this year included Launceston, Liskeard, Bodmin, Truro, Falmouth and Penzance.

Students at Penrice had been practising for weeks for this performance and were incredibly excited to participate!

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PARENT APPS REMINDER

Do you benefit from the best possible tracking of your child's progress at Penrice?

We're reminding all parents of our school mobile phone apps that enable you to access timetables, attendance, merits, school communications and more, all at your fingertips.

Please click the link below to learn more about the apps (School Gateway and Satchel: One).

[Learn More](#)



YEAR 8 - SAVE THE DATE

Year 8 Options Evening
Thursday 4th May 2023

Further information to follow.

YEAR 10 - NEXT WEEK

Year 10 Virtual Progress Evening
Thursday 23rd March 2023
3:30pm - 6:00pm

[Parent Letter \(PDF: 184KB\)](#)



Mr Kev Toms
New Head of Year 10

Introducing Mr Toms to Year 10 Parents

Earlier this week we sent out a letter regarding a change to your child's Head of Year. Mr Toms is looking forward to working closely with Year 10 and he brings a wealth of experience to the role.

Mr Toms will also continue in his current role as Head of Year 11 and Year 11 parents have been informed accordingly.

As stated in the letter, if you have any questions then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

[Parent Letter \(PDF: 183KB\)](#)



Ms Tanya Coleman
Deputy Headteacher

Scholarships Spotlight

This academic year we launched a new scholarship programme to push the most academically able and give them greater opportunities to develop further.

We have welcomed a plethora of different visitors over the last term as part of the programme including representatives from Cambridge University and Imperial College.

We are also very proud of our newest Penrice Plus 'Medics Society' which we are running in conjunction with Exeter University Medical School.

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