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NANPEAN SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



ATTENDANCE

Eden - 99.37%
Hendra - 97.73%
Prosper - 99.43%
Karlsruhe - 100%
Melbur - 96.76%
Drinnick - 97.92%
Rosemellyn - 98.96%

HEAD TEACHER WEEKLY UPDATE

This week has been immensely busy as I have spent much of the week trying to organise opportunities that were suddenly offered to us this week (many of which can be seen in further information contained in the newsletter).

As always, I have tried to ensure I see every class each day, either in their classroom or at lunchtime. This week, I enjoyed circulating the school each morning during Phonics sessions. I was extremely impressed with the children and hearing their phonics skills continue to develop through our use of the Read, Write, Inc scheme. At this time, other children complete Guided Reading activities in their classes, following our VIPERS approach linked to questioning. These things all ensure we are constantly focusing on Reading, as it is so important, underpins the whole curriculum covered in school, and is a basic life skill.

On Tuesday evening, we had our most recent Governors meeting where all elements of school are discussed. This was a positive meeting with lots of support and challenge to school leaders, as is the role of Governors.

On Wednesday, we had our weekly staff meeting. Currently, staff meetings are generally focusing on information being given to staff in relation to two new initiatives in school: Smart School Council Community (who provide the 'Home Debates' uploaded to Class Dojo and Tapestry each week, which are designed to get families discussing topical issues), and 'The Power of Reading' English scheme, which is something we are preparing now and over the Summer Term to be implemented in September (next academic year). Further information will be provided about these initiatives in future Newsletters.

Today (Friday), it was also great to see everyone dressed as a Superhero or wearing red, in relation to Red Nose Day (Comic Relief). Despite children being dressed as Superheroes today, I see all of the children as Superheroes every day, as they demonstrate their knowledge, skills and powers of learning. I feel it is important to support such events and charities, but always try to give children and parents a couple of choices for what can be worn as I know that being a parent and expecting to provide 'costumes' can be stressful. I haven't been told the total yet, but I know that our efforts have raised over £100, which will go to this worthwhile cause.

Next week, Miss Tucker will begin in our school office as a secretary, who will be able to support children, parents and staff. We look forward to her being part of our team. Best wishes to you all, I hope that you have a wonderful weekend and stay safe,

Mr M Nicholls (Headteacher).



WORD OF THE WEEK

Eden - "Perilous"

Hendra - "Astronaut"

Prosper - "Enchanted"

Karlsruhe - "Sanguine"

Melbur - "Infinite"

Drinnick - "Windswept"

Rosemellyn - "Perpetrator"

REMINDERS

Friday 2nd April -

Friday 16th April -

Easter Holiday

Monday 19th April -

INSET DAY

(School closed to children
for staff training).

HOUSE POINTS

Class	Godrevey (Green)	Lizard (Yellow)	Pendeen (Blue)	Trevose (Red)	Wolf Rock (Purple)
Eden	14	11	11	12	14
Hendra	38	27	13	25	30
Prosper	13	20	17	14	16
Karslake	80	114	126	94	92
Melbur	9	19	16	17	19
Drinnick	34	35	29	41	28
Rosemellyn	11	14	9	10	12
Whole School	199	240	221	213	211
Term Total	529	556	464	508	397



STARS OF THE WEEK



Each week, Nanpean School staff choose one pupil from their class who has shone to be their class star.

This week our stars are:

Eden - Bethany for always trying her best in everything she does.

Hendra - Ashton for his outstanding work ethic in all his learning.

Prosper - Florence for settling in well and working really hard in her new class.

Karslake - Dalton for trying his very best daily and exceptional phonics work.

Melbur - Maizie for her excellent answers in every lesson.

Drinnick - Ollie for being a tremendous learning buddy in Maths.

Rosemellyn - Willow for excellent Biology knowledge throughout our British Science Week investigations.



CITIZENSHIP AWARD



Each week we present a child with a Citizenship Award. This is to recognise and reward a child who has been notably kind, helpful or well behaved during the week.

This week our Citizenship Award goes to:

Polly (Rosemellyn) for initiating the Year 6 outdoor are project.



BUSY BEES



Busy Bees are awards given out to children to acknowledge that an aspect of their learning or behaviour is exceptional.

Austin (Hendra) for excellent Maths work. He found a pattern in numbers when completing addition.

Bailey (Hendra) for excellent independent Maths work (counting back for subtraction).



SPORTS STAR AWARD



This Weeks Sports Star Award goes to:

Kieran (Drinnick) for his fantastic tennis skills and helping his partner in PE this week.

TRAFFIC CALMING

We have been told this week that the signs have had to be switched off to be reset, and then they should work again. However, they were not due to be switched on again until the end of the week. As I teach Year 3 on a Friday morning, I will be unable to monitor these then, but I will have a look on Monday to check if they are working again (hopefully!) If not, we will make further contact to ensure these are working as soon as possible.

INSET DAY REMINDER

Our 4th INSET day of the school year is **Monday 19th April** where school is closed to children for staff training (children return on Tuesday 20th April, 2021). The main focus on this day for staff is 'The Power of Reading', which is an English scheme that we are utilising from September 2021. Further details will be given to children and parents over the Summer Term. Also, a reminder that our 5th and final INSET day of the school year is **Friday 11th June, 2021**. This was originally planned to coincide with The Royal Cornwall Show, so that parents and children could attend on this day (when it is slightly quieter as most children are in school). I am aware that The Royal Cornwall Show dates have been changed, but our INSET day, as previously advertised, will remain on Friday 11th June, 2021.

FREE SCHOOL

MEALS

The Government aren't providing money to schools to procure food or vouchers for children eligible for benefits related FSM over the Easter holidays. However, Cornwall Council, utilising a Winter Grant Scheme, are willing to provide money to schools to cover the cost of this. As a result, Caterlink will be preparing food parcels which will be given to eligible children (who qualify for benefits related FSM) on Thursday 1st April (final day of the Spring Term). I hope that these parcels are useful to the families and you enjoy the food provided over Easter.

YEAR 6 SAILING

Once again, we are delighted to be able to offer provision of sailing at Polkerris Beach, whereby children work towards a level 1 sailing qualification, for the Summer Term. Year 6 children will be attending in the Summer Term on a Tuesday afternoon beginning on Tuesday 20th April, 2021, and Mr Nicholls will drive them on the School Minibus. Letters have been prepared this week and will be sent out to Year 6 children / parents when some final details are confirmed.

HEADLICE

We have had reports of a couple of children with Nits (Headlice). The parents have been spoken to so that they are aware. To limit the passing of head lice, please can all parents/carers ensure that children's heads are checked regularly and outbreaks treated promptly.

EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

Mr Nicholls has been liaising with Cornwall Council in relation to providing activities for children in the Easter Holidays. Cornwall Council have a grant that they are able to access to cover part of the costs of this for children who are eligible for benefit related Free School Meals (FSM). As a result, we (Nanpean School) have been selected as one of 10 schools in Cornwall who can host these sessions over Easter, for children at our school only, and this will be available each day from Tuesday 6th to Friday 9th of April, 2021, from 10am - 3pm. For children who are eligible for benefit related FSM, there is no charge. However, for other children, there is a small charge of £10 per day (or £35 for all four days). Payments would need to be made via E-Schools before

Tuesday 30th March, 2021, and parents would need to provide their child(ren) with a packed lunch and drink. Following the Covid-19 related guidelines, this group of children would be classed as a bubble during this week, and would then have 10 days before school reopens to children on Tuesday 20th April for the Summer Term, when we will resume class group bubbles. The company providing this opportunity have done so at Nanpean School previously, prior to Covid-19. They ensure that their staff are fully trained, have completed the relevant employment checks and have relevant safeguarding knowledge for their role. If you would like your child to attend, please complete the booking form sent home with your child today and return. Payment for children not eligible for FSM will then be added to E-Schools. PLEASE NOTE: if we do not have enough interest to cover the costs, this will not be able to go ahead. Parents will be informed in the final week of term.

YEAR 6 OUTSIDE AREA

Well, what started off with our Head Girl, Polly, pulling up a few weeds in the Year 6 flower beds (Polly loves a job!) has progressed to a full scale project and Rosemellyn could not be happier!

The two flower beds, situated in the Rosemellyn outdoor area, were looking sorry for themselves: full of weeds and old bulbs, soil that was like cement and an old rose bush, which took pleasure in jabbing the children! As this academic year has proved to be unique and with the cancellation of SATs, this seemed the ideal opportunity to indulge in extra outdoor learning during the afternoons. So the big dig commenced!

The children had very grand expectations, which bordered alongside the Chelsea Flower Show. Without crushing their super plans, they needed reminding that there was no budget and no gardening tools but resilience was shown, when some of the children found two tablespoons in the class sink and proceeded to try to dig up the compacted weeds!

The only thing left was for them to beg for donations of tools, soil and plants. Bring on the army of supporters, led by Jen Harris and Ben Sanders, who set up a funding page within Nanpean community and also provided equipment and gardening knowledge and to Melissa Brands for sourcing some free paint from Wilko and dedicating her time to paint the area. Nanpean Community Fund also donated money to go towards our project and local villagers have kindly handed over donations of money and flowers. Thank You all.

The flower beds are very much a work in progress, with every member of Rosemellyn being involved. Hopefully, by the time the current Year 6 leave us, the beds will be blossoming with flowers and vegetables.

Any further donations of plants will be greatly received and once again, a huge thank you to Reece and Isaac's family (Jen, Ben and Melissa) for helping us so much. We will provide pictures of the finished area in future newsletters.

Best wishes,
Rosemellyn Team.

