# NANPEAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



#### Thursday 28th March 2024



#### **Dates for the Diary**

- Monday 15th April Staff INSET day, school closed to children.
  - Tuesday 16th April first day of the Summer Term. We look forward to welcoming children back to school then.

#### **Head Teacher Weekly Update**

As we finish school for Easter (and the Bank Holiday Good Friday) today, Thursday 28th March, it has been a lovely week to end the term, with lots of celebrations of children's work, including parents visiting classrooms on Tuesday afternoon and a Showcase of work being shared by each class during the week. Despite this, it was a rush to fit it all in to a shorter week!

During the week I also spent a lot of time with our Year 6 class during their assessment week. This was done in very similar conditions to how their KS2 SATs will take place in mid May. We were impressed with the children's application, effort and attainment and also have a few areas that have been raised now that we intend to give further focus to when the children return after Easter.

At the beginning of the week, I enjoyed organising an indoor football tournament for Year 5/6 children in the local schools. It was a very close tournament, and I thought we would win the tournament at one point, but St Dennis ended up just beating us to the trophy. There was also an information session in relation to the Dartmoor Residential in the Summer Term on Monday, and I hope children and parents feel further informed following this. On Tuesday, I enjoyed seeing the Year I Showcase for this term, which was a practical reenactment of the Great Fire of London. The children enjoyed seeing some of their work completed in DT 'go up in flames', and were able to give reasons for this following their learning in History this term.

On Wednesday, we completed Monitoring of the Curriculum, with a focus on our FAB Curriculum which can be seen on our website. This was very positive and I was very impressed with the children's knowledge and understanding in relation to their learning, linked to our FAB Curriculum (more information available on the website) as well as things such as British Values and how these link to their learning.

Finally, as I write this on Thursday morning, I am looking forward to various Attendance Rewards today. Children who have above 96% attendance (the national expectation) for this term are able to have some extra playtime with me, and an Easter Egg will be presented to a child who has 100% attendance for this term from January until today (randomly drawn) during our Assembly.

I hope you all have a lovely Easter and don't eat too much chocolate. A final reminder that Monday 15th April is a Staff INSET Day (focus on Mastering Number and First Aid). Therefore, children are due back to school on Tuesday 16th April and we look forward to seeing everyone then. Best wishes to all children and families,

Mr M Nicholls (Headteacher).

## **ATTENDANCE**

Eden - 100% Hendra - 91.7% Prosper - 90.5% Melbur - 93.6% Drinnick - 98.1% Rosemellyn - 98.6%



#### **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 Aurora for her effort and enthusiasm when makina Easter crafts.
- Hendra Noah for using his phonics well when spelling.
- **Prosper Evie -** for working hard and persevering in Maths.
- Melbur Ethan W for wonderful ideas in creative writing and working hard on using paragraphs correctly AND Sennen - for exceptional efforts in presentation and improved handwriting.
- **Drinnick Jade -** for amazing reading in Phonics!
- Rosemellyn Lyra for taking a mature & motivated attitude to self study in preparation for SATS.



#### 🍸 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:

Ashton (Melbur) - for showing compassion and helping another child in need.



#### **Busy Bees**



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

No Busy Bees this Week



#### **Sports Star**



This Weeks Sports Star Award goes to:

Riley B (Rosemellyn) - for fantastic performances in goal at the 5-a-side tournament.

#### Housepoints

Class	Godrevey (Green)	Lizard (Yellow)	Pendeen (Blue)	Trevose (Red)	Wolf Rock (Purple)
Eden	11	12	10	9	8
Hendra	13	14	15	13	13
Prosper	11	10	11	10	10
Melbur	38	33	46	32	34
Drinnick	12	13	8	10	12
Rosemellyn	9	10	8	12	11
Whole School	94	92	98	88	88
Term Total	1,273	1,231	1,352	1,300	1,207

AT THE END OF THIS TERM, PENDEEN (BLUE) FINISH IN THE LEAD WITH 1352 POINTS, FOLLOWED BY TREVOSE (RED) WITH 1300 POINTS IN SECOND AND GODREVEY (GREEN) IN THIRD WITH **1273 POINTS.** 

#### Star of the Half Term

At the end of each Half Term, we randomly select one of our Stars of the Week to be our Star of the Half Term. For this Half Term, the winner is: Lyra (Rosemellyn) who will receive a £5 Amazon Voucher, Well Done!!

#### Welcome!!!

A huge welcome to Mrs Montgomery-Smith who will be joining the Team at Nanpean as Year I Teacher and Assistant Headteacher as she begins covering Miss Morton's maternity leave after Easter.



#### 5-a-side Football

"On Monday, our Year 5/6 5-a-side football team took part in a tournament at Brannel. The team played fantastically and the highlight of the tournament was beating Bugle 7-1! Unfortunately, St Dennis defeated us in the final match, but we still placed 2nd overall!' - Alfie (Rosemellyn)

### **Weekly Home Debate**

This week, the weekly debate asks if graffiti as an art form is as worthy as classical paintings as an art form.

This was also posted on Class Dojo at the beginning of the week.

https://bigdebateclub.com/debate/is-graffiti-artjust-as-worthy-as-classical-paintings/

I hope you enjoy discussing and debating this and I look forward to hearing your views. I will comment on any views I hear in the following week's newsletter and will also share a new debate topic to discuss then!

Last week, the debate asked if the amount of fast food people are allowed to eat should be restricted.

Overwhelmingly, everyone said that as it is so unhealthy, it should be restricted to help with people's health. However, nobody that spoke to me really had any ideas for how this could be enforced!

# **INSET Days 2024/25**

This term, I have started to think about INSET Days for the next academic year (2024–25). I always like to share these with parents as soon as possible. These are not set yet, and won't be until May or June, but advance notice that I expect our INSET Days for 2024–25 to be: Tuesday 3rd September, 2024; Wednesday 4th September, 2024; Monday 4th November, 2024 (TPAT INSET Day); Monday 6th January, 2025; and Friday 6th June, 2025. I hope this advance notice of our expected INSET Days helps parents to plan childcare, etc... on these days when school is closed to children.





# Attendance Policy / Strategy

Last week, Governors approved the TPAT attendance policy and strategy, which have had some slight adaptations at school level whereby we were required to add information relevant to Nanpean School. This can now be seen on our school website:

http://www.nanpean.cornwall.sch.uk/website/key\_pol icies /538453. It would be useful for all parents to read this so that they are aware of expectations for attendance at Nanpean School. One of the main changes for us is how we will look at attendance. Previously, we simply considered the child's attendance percentage, and, of course, we will continue to do this. However, in future, we will also be considering 'broken weeks' of attendance, with a broken week being a week whereby the child is not at school for each of the five school days. If this is over a certain level in a half term or term, letters will also now be sent to parents. This is because nationally, the Department for Education expect children to be in school, and feel it is extremely rare for children to be too unwell to attend school frequently, such as absent one week, then again the next week or week after, for example.

## **Melbur Class Farm and Country Trip**

On Thursday 21st March, Melbur class set off for a fun filled day of hands-on learning at the Royal Cornwall Showground in Wadebridge. We learned all about how the foods we eat travel from field to plate, right here in Cornwall! It gave the children a chance to find out more about the farming industry and the essential role it plays in our everyday lives.

One of the best things about our trip was that the children had a chance to learn directly from people working in the local farming sector. We saw the huge scale of the machinery used to farm. We even got to learn about the milking process and how this is done with machines. They met, and fed, a variety of animals. We also got to speak with an auctioneer about how animals are sold. Several of our stops explored foods produced in Cornwall and how the seasons affect what can be grown.





























#### **Aspiration's Afternoon**

On Friday 22nd March, we held our Termly Aspirations
Afternoon. The children had a fantastic time learning about
different career paths available to them.

Eden Class met Phil Pomeroy, a mountain explorer. Hendra
Class were due to meet St Dennis Fire Brigade, but they were
called to a fire in St Austell the night before, so all needed to go
and get some much needed sleep! Prosper Class met Brad Kirk,
a Royal Naval Medic. Melbur Class met Barry West, a local
Historian. Drinnick Class met Megan Rowe, a Pharmacist.
Rosemellyn Class met Colin Pringle, an Environmentalist.
This certainly ignited the children's passions in these subjects,
and hopefully inspired the workforce of the future!





# Parking Around School Site

A reminder that there should be NO PARKING on the Zig-Zag lines at the front of the school site. These lines have been marked to keep ALL visitors to the school site safe, including children coming and going each day. Please do not park in this area and cause an obstruction.

#### **Adult Behaviour**

A reminder that parents are expected to behave in a respectable manner while on and around the school site. Actions of verbal and or physical aggression will not be tolerated. Anyone seen acting in this way will be asked to leave the school site and could be barred permanently from returning to the school site.

A copy of the parent and visitor code of conduct policy can be found on the school website, or a printed copy can be supplied on request.

#### **Roche Cricket**

