

Manpean Community Fringery Sci

Head teacher Weekly Update:

As another week comes to an end I reflect again on how January and February have passed so quickly and can't believe that we are already in March.

This week has been particularly busy. At the beginning of the week (Monday and Tuesday) I tried to ensure that I visited all Phonics and Reading groups, as I can't emphasise enough how important these key skills are. This also leads me to politely remind parents to ensure that children are in school before 9am so that they don't miss out on valuable learning time in these groups.

I also enjoyed visiting most classes in the hall during their 'class photo' session with a photographer on Tuesday. I am sure that the finished photographs will be pleasing and details of how to order these will be sent out in due course. On Wednesday, we had a monitoring visit from Debbie Tregellas, a local Headteacher, who focused on Maths alongside Mr Barritt and myself. She was positive about our school and about the teaching of Maths, while also giving a couple of ideas for further development.

It was also a pleasure to meet parents again during the monthly parents forum meeting on Wednesday morning. Yet again, they discussed many positives and gave some further ideas for our school from a parental perspective.

During my visits around the school, it has been wonderful to be greeted on entry into each classroom by our newly appointed Class Ambassadors, who were chosen as I want children to be polite and welcoming to visitors and explain the lesson content and learning that they are focusing on.

On Thursday it was lovely to see the children in non uniform, either dressed as a book character or in the Cornish colours, as we celebrated both World Book Day and St Piran's Day. As we wanted to celebrate both, the focus for World Book Day activities was Cornish stories. It was also a pleasure to see so many parents visiting classrooms at the end of the day when they were able to read with their children and enjoy a Cornish treat in the form of a jam and cream scone! Thank you to all staff who planned exciting, interesting and engaging activities for the children and particularly to Miss Morton for overseeing the organisation of this.

Finally, it was great to use the minibus officially for the first time on Friday. The signage was completed this week, and it was excellent to take the children on it to the Football tournament on Friday.

Myself and my wife are planning to take our daughter Thea to Lydford Gorge this weekend as we enjoy family days out involving walks: I hope that the weather is kind and that children and parents are able to enjoy our local area as well. Have a lovely weekend, best wishes,

Mr M Nicholls (Head teacher)

REMINDERS

No Clubs in **w/b Monday 16th March** due to Parent Consultations.

NEWSLETTER

06/03/2020

We hope you feel that you are always treated fairly, and feel able to come into school to discuss issues. We are always open to reviewing our

STARS OF THE WEEK

equity policies.

Each week, Nanpean School staff choose one pupil from their class who has shone to be their class star. Star of the Week' texts will be sent home every Thursday. Please ensure we have the correct mobile number on record for you.

This week our stars are:

Eden - Bailey for fantastic demonstration of skills in PE.

Hendra - Mason for his brilliant effort during RWI sessions.

Prosper - Duane-Lee for improved quantity and quality of work completed.

Karslake - George for his huge improvement in his spelling and handwriting.

Melbur - Blake for a huge improvement in his learning attitude and trying his best in his Maths lessons.

Drinnick - Kahlan for her excellent understanding of fractions and decimals.

Rosemellyn - Lia-Mai for outstanding effort and learning attitude.

BUSY BEES

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

Blake (Melbur) for super effort in Maths, Blake shared how he got his answer in our fractions lesson.

Lindsey (Melbur) for excellent independent work related to reading and giving instructions.

SPORTS STAR AWARD

This weeks Sports Star award goes to:



Kian (Eden) - for his brilliant bat and ball skills in PE.

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:

Kiya (Melbur) for being a kind and supportive soul who always looks to help those in need of assistance.

ATTENDANCE

| w/c 02/03/2020 | | Karslake | 96% |
|----------------|--------|-----------------|-------------|
| Eden | 91.30% | Melbur | 99.07% |
| Hendra | 97.73% | <u>DRINNICK</u> | <u>100%</u> |
| Prosper | 95.54% | Rosemellyn | 98.13% |

New Bingo Date

Our next bingo fundraiser will be on **Friday 20th March.** Doors will open at 6pm with eyes down at 6:30pm. Given the time of year the bingo will have an Easter theme and there will be some lovely prizes. Please share this date with your family and friends. Any donations of Easter eggs for prizes would be gratefully received.

⇒ <u>Coronavirus</u>

The government is still closely monitoring the spread of Coronavirus and is taking action at home and abroad. The overall risk of Coronavirus to the UK remains moderate. However we understand that people may be concerned where there are children, students or staff returning from or visiting China. You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching Coronavirus. There is no reason why your child should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal. If anyone is planning on travelling to China please follow the FCO's guidelines which can be found by following this link: https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/china Guidance can be found in full online here: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-

A full list of affected areas, including maps, can be found online here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas

⇒ Parent's Evening

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Parents' Evening will take place on **Tuesday 17th March between 1:30 and 3:30pm** and **Wednesday 18th March between 3:30 and 6:00pm**. Appointments are still available to book on ESchools. If you are having difficulties booking your appointment please speak to the office for assistance. If you do not book an appointment before Thursday 12th March, an appointment time will be allocated for you. If your appointment time becomes inconvenient, or if you have not received an appointment time at all, please speak to Mrs Houston or Miss Pascoe in the office who will be able to assist you.

Parents Evening is an important opportunity for parents/ carers to meet with their child's class teacher to discuss their child's progress over the year and what the school is doing to support it's pupils. Therefore, we expect all parents/carers to attend. Please note, however, that the slots are 10minutes long, and so it is vital that everyone arrives on time for their appointment. If you feel that there is more you wish to discuss with your child's class teacher, please make a separate appointment to meet with them. For all appointments please enter via the Hall doors, and not via the main entrance. Mr Nicholls will be on hand to greet parents/carers and to hand out a parent questionnaire. Please note that there will be no after school clubs during the whole of next week. This includes Karate.

Go Active Easter Holiday Club

Go Active will be running a holiday club on **Tuesday 7th April 2020, 9:00am– 3:30pm.** The cost for the day will be £10. This club will be a packed day of fun sports, team games, and the opportunity to try new activities. Letters have been sent out this week. If your child would like to attend please return the booking form to the Office before Wednesday 18th March and ensure payment is made via ESchools by Monday 23rd March 2020.

⇒ <u>Bagels</u>

Unfortunately, circumstances out of our control have led to all schools being directed by "Magic Breakfast" to not provide bagels to children for the rest of this week and all of next week. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and will keep you updated.

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Following advice from our Student Welfare Officer, and based on DfE guidelines, if your child has a headache or is feeling unwell, this is not a good enough reason for them to be off school. The suggestion is to give them some calpol, for example, and send them into school. Staff always monitor children and if we feel they are too unwell to be here, we will contact parents and ask you to collect children. As a result, we are also having to be much stricter with authorising absences, which may result in us asking for medical evidence. If this is provided, an absence can still be authorised, but if not it may have to be recorded as unauthorised.

Year 1 Parent's information session

In June, Hendra (Year 1) class will be taking part in a phonics screening check. Mr Barritt will be holding an information session to explain this and provide parents with more details. This session will be held on Wednesday 11th March from 9am - 9:30am.

⇒ Sports Relief

The week commencing Monday 9th March is Sports Relief Week. On Friday 13th March Children can come to school dressed as a sports person or in a 'disco dancing' outfit for a donation of £1. In the afternoon, all classes will be taking part in a 'Danceathon', a relay between the classes, where they dance and be active for 15 minutes!

DIARY DATES

Spring Term 2020

Wednesday 11th March, 9am - FANS meeting
Tuesday 17th March, 1:30-3:30pm - Parent's Evening
Wednesday 18th March, 3:30-6:00pm - Parent's Evening
Thursday 19th March - Year 6 trip to Theatre Royal
Friday 20th March - Snell Cup at Brannel School
Tuesday 24th March - Sing Up performance at Wadebridge
Thursday 26th & Friday 27th March, 3pm - pre loved uniform

Friday 27th March - Last day of term

Yours Sincerely, Mr M Nicholls, Headteacher











