

05/05/23

# NANPEAN SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



### ATTENDANCE

*Due to technical issues this week, we are unfortunately unable to update attendance.*

*We will bring you up to date with this as soon as we are able to.*

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Monday 8th May - Coronation Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th May - Year 6 SAT's week.
- Wednesday 17th May - Family Worker Drop in sessions - More details elsewhere on this letter.
- Parents Forum - Wednesday 24th May - 2:30pm
- Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June - May Half Term
- Friday 9th June - INSET day.

### IT ISSUES

As we have previously communicated, we are having major technical issues at the moment, meaning we cannot access most of our computer based materials at all. We are trying our best and hope these issues will be resolved within the next few days. In the meantime, thank you for your patience and understanding.

### HEAD TEACHER WEEKLY UPDATE

It was strange to begin the working week on a Tuesday following the Bank Holiday Weekend, which I hope you enjoyed, and of course, there is another Bank Holiday this weekend due to the King's Coronation which takes place on Saturday, so we have a day off in lieu of this on Monday. Hopefully the weather is reasonable again and families can enjoy time outdoors to celebrate the Coronation.

This week, I had some meetings on Tuesday, while I also did Assembly about Sir David Attenborough as it is his birthday this coming weekend. I then took our Year 5 class to their swimming session. The children were excellent and we were complimented by Polkyth Leisure Centre Staff on their behaviour. On Wednesday, I had some meetings. On Thursday, I met with Miss Morton about upcoming events and school improvement priorities.

Finally, at the time of writing, I am looking forward to meeting our Chair of Governors (Mark Tucker) tomorrow (Friday) afternoon, as we usually meet every few weeks to catch up in relation to Nanpean School and making continual improvements. We will also be visiting the children as they enjoy their celebrations in relation to the King's Coronation.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend, enjoy the historic moment of the Coronation of King Charles and then also enjoy the extra day due to Monday (8th) being a Bank Holiday.

Next week, our Year 6 (Rosemellyn Class) children have their SATS tests, and, as per the note elsewhere on this Newsletter, I wish them every success.

Best wishes to our families and the community, have a lovely (longer) weekend!

Mr M Nicholls (Headteacher).

## 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 - Elliott** - for always participating in our morning handwriting challenge.

**Hendra - Olivia** - for enthusiastic singing of our coronation song.

**Prosper - Sennen** - for exceptional effort in handwriting.

**Karslake - Logan** - for his outstanding contributions to learning this week.

**Melbur - Mason** - for excellent knowledge of money and application during problem solving.

**Drinnick - Freya** - for a positive attitude and improvements in her Maths learning.

**Rosemellyn - Dylan** - for demonstrating a fantastic attitude towards reading and completing the Reading Challenge.



### 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:

**Rio (Drinnick)** - for always being polite and respectful to adults around school.



### 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 AWARD



This Weeks Sports Star Award goes to:

**Charlie (Eden)** - for participating in our PE sessions and for following the rules.

### HOUSEPOINTS

Class	Godrevey (Green)	Lizard (Yellow)	Pendeen (Blue)	Trevose (Red)	Wolf Rock (Purple)
Eden	59	47	52	51	49
Hendra	14	13	12	14	12
Prosper	20	15	20	26	21
Karslake	19	22	16	28	21
Melbur	17	18	21	15	22
Drinnick	17	24	22	18	22
Rosemellyn	14	12	15	13	11
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>158</b>
<b>Term Total</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>369</b>

This week Trevose (Red) are in the lead with 391 points, followed by Wolf Rock (Purple) with 369 in second and Godrevey (Green) in third with 368.

## YEAR 6 SATS

Our Year 6 (Rosemellyn) Class will undertake their Key Stage 2 SATS tests next week, from Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th May. I wish every child success, and I thank them in advance for the effort they are due to give next week and have done so throughout their time at Nanpean School. I really hope that all children do extremely well and achieve their highest potential during next week, but also understand that we are proud of them anyway and that they will leave our school as rounded individuals, ready for the next stage of their learning (and life), and not children purely judged on a week of tests. I would suggest though that in order for the children to be able to give their maximum effort and achieve their potential during these tests, that they are well rested next week, including ensuring they sleep well each night so they are ready to focus the next morning.

## MORNING ROUTINE

As you will be aware, school is open from 8.45am and Teachers are available to welcome children, and for quick conversations, until 9am. This time in classrooms is covered by HLTA's and TA's. However, Teachers do need to be in class promptly at 9am. Please bear this in mind when speaking to Teachers at this time. The purpose of this period of time is for quick messages to be passed on, relevant to the day. If a longer meeting is required, please see the administrative staff (Mrs Houston or Miss Tucker) to arrange an appointment with your child's Class Teacher.

## PARENTS FORUM

Advance notice for your diaries / calendar, the date of the next Parents Forum meeting, where parents can speak to Mr Nicholls to discuss anything in relation to Nanpean School, is **Wednesday 24th May at 2.30pm**. Further reminders will be given prior to this.

## FAMILY WORKER SESSIONS

The Early Help Team will be running some Family Drop in Sessions here at school. The next session is on 17th May 2023 at 9:30 until 11:00am, and then again on 28th June 2023.

These sessions are open to any parents / carers of children who attend Nanpean School.

## PERSONAL BELONGINGS

As we move into the Summer and (hopefully) some warmer weather, it is important that all children have their drinks bottle at school. Some children aren't bringing their water bottle (school has provided two in the last year) but it is important for them to drink at school to stay hydrated which helps them to concentrate. Also, due to unpredictable weather, it is also important that children have their coat at school as well, in case this is required.

## HIRE OUR SCHOOL

Did you know, you can hire the school hall, playground and field from as little as £10 per hour? Suitable for parties, sporting events and much more. Please contact Mrs Houston or Miss Tucker in the school office (01726 822447) for more information.

## WEEKLY HOME DEBATE

Please see the link for this week's debate, which asks if there is more that unites us than divides us. An interesting debate and I am sure people will have many opinions, arguments and reasons, which I look forward to hearing over the next week.

<https://bigdebateclub.com/debate/is-there-more-that-unites-us-than-divides-us/>

Last week, the debate asked if people who commit minor crimes should give back (to society) or go to prison. I spoke to some children about this at school and originally they were very much of the thinking that for a crime, people should go to prison. However, when I talked about more minor crimes, they still felt a punishment was required, but that this could be something 'community' related (we discussed cleaning streets, etc...)

## KING'S CORONATION CELEBRATION

On Friday afternoon, we put on a Royal Tea Party in the hall so the children could celebrate the Coronation of our new King, HRH King Charles III.

The children came in two sittings (Years R, 1 and 2 followed by Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) and were treated to finger sandwiches, scones, cakes and all the trimmings!

They then received their commemorative money boxes, which were very kindly donated by St Stephen-in-Brannel Parish Council.

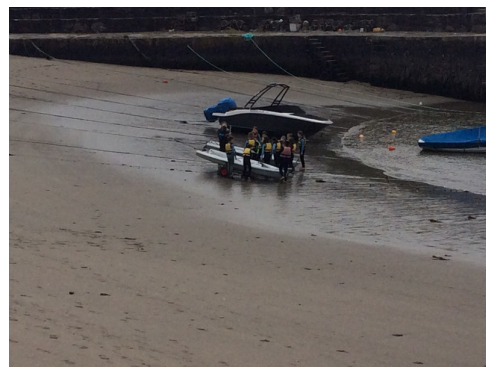
Finally, they all took part in different 'Royal themed' crafts and activities to finish off a fantastic afternoon of celebration!



## YEAR 5 GO SAILING!!



Last Tuesday, Year 5 (Drinnick) class started their annual sailing lessons at Polkerris Beach. These lessons are very kindly funded by The Roseland Youth Sailing Trust so are completely free to students! Mr Nicholls takes them each week on the mini bus and has managed to get some great action shots of the fun from last week....





## Online Safety Newsletter

May 2023

### Snapchat update: My AI

You should be over 13+ to use Snapchat.

Snapchat have announced that My AI will now be available to all users, it was previously only available to paid subscribers of Snapchat+. My AI will show as one of your chat contacts and users will be able to ask it questions and have a conversation with it.

Snapchat are planning to incorporate an overview in their parental tools (Family Centre) to allow you to see if your child is chatting with My AI, but there is no confirmed date as to when this additional tool will be available.

There were concerns with My AI when initially released, for example it was providing responses that weren't always age appropriate. Snapchat have stated that 99.5% of responses now conform to their community guidelines, but we would recommend talking to your child about their use of My AI.

At present the only way to delete My AI is to become a Snapchat+ subscriber.

You can find out more here:  
<https://help.snapchat.com/hc/en-gb/articles/13266788358932-What-is-My-AI-on-Snapchat-and-how-do-I-use-it->



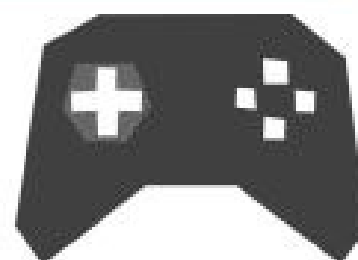
### Fortnite

Fortnite is rated PEGI 12 for frequent mild violence which means it is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age.

It is important to remember that when rating games, PEGI do not take into consideration the communication features of a game. Fortnite does include a chat facility, which adds further risks.

#### What is Fortnite?

There are different versions of Fortnite, including a free-to-play Battle Royale game (although money can be spent within the game) where up to one hundred players compete against each other.



#### What do I need to be aware of?

- **Chatting to strangers and inappropriate language:** Fortnite contains voice and text chat. Due to the nature of the game, your child may be chatting to strangers and may hear inappropriate language. Ensure your child knows how to report players for any inappropriate behaviour.
- **In app purchases:** All users can purchase V-Bucks directly through the game. This currency can be used to purchase items in the Fortnite store so make sure you don't store your payment details within the game/device and restrict purchases.

#### Parental Controls

Fortnite includes several parental controls to help you make it a safer environment for your child including disabling voice chat, filtering language and setting privacy settings. **Also, remember to set up age-appropriate parental controls on the device your child is playing on.**

#### Further information

Virgin Media outline how to set up the different parental controls available:  
<https://www.virginmedia.com/blog/parental-controls/gaming-fortnite>

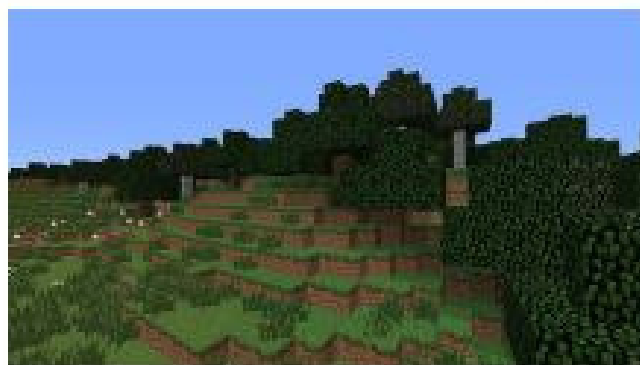
### From the Financial Times – 'Capture: who's looking after the children?'

This is a 15-minute drama produced by the Financial Times looking at online harm, regulation and responsibility. The drama features Jodie Whittaker and Paul Ready. You can watch it here:

<https://www.ft.com/video/ea39f3a9-8993-477d-a763-317ba51c2e75>

## Minecraft Legends

Minecraft Legends was released last month and is available across a variety of platforms. It is rated as 7+ by PEGI with a further content descriptor of 'violence.' As



mentioned earlier though, when rating games, PEGI do not take into consideration the communication features of a game. Minecraft Legends does include a chat facility, which adds further risks of seeing inappropriate language/content. This can be switched off.

### What should I be aware of?

- **Multiplayer** – children can interact with others (including strangers), you can switch this option off within settings or choose to play offline.
- **Additional purchases** – be aware of in app purchases and the purchase of additional items to support (although not needed) game play. You can set up appropriate parental settings to restrict/prevent purchases.
- **Block and report players** – if your child is playing with others, make sure they know how to block and report players within the game.

You can find out more in this article:

<https://www.esrb.org/blog/what-parents-need-to-know-about-minecraft-legends/>

## Rocket League

Rocket League is rated as 3+ by PEGI. In Rocket League, players use cars to play in football matches and is available for free across a variety of platforms.

### What should I be aware of?

If your child is under 13, then their account will have chat and purchases disabled (unless you override these settings). For children over 13, you will need to disable/restrict these settings as appropriate. There is the option to play online with others as well as make purchases to enhance your car. You can set up appropriate parental controls by setting up an account with Epic Games and applying settings on your child's device as well.

### Further information:

You can find out more in this article:

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/newscentre/smart-living/digital-parenting/digital-parenting-pro/rocket-league/>

## Microsoft Family Safety app

Does your child have a Microsoft device e.g. an Xbox? If so, you can access the Microsoft Family Safety mobile app, which provides you with a variety of free features including:

- The ability to set screen time limits to devices, apps and games.
- Set content filters and block inappropriate apps/games.

Additional features such as location sharing are available as part of a paid subscription.

To access the app, you will need to enter your mobile number or email address at the link below and Microsoft will send you a download link:

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/family-safety>

## Tackling Online Hate

One way in which we can tackle online hate is ensuring our children learn about what it is and how they can stop it. Internet Matters have created a quiz that you can complete with your child. As you progress through the questions, you will be given advice as well as questions to discuss and help you have a conversation with your child. The quiz is available here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/theonline-together-project/tackling-online-hate-quiz/>

### What is Online Grooming?

This is a really informative article from Thorn:

<https://www.thorn.org/blog/online-grooming-what-it-is-how-it-happens-and-how-to-defend-children/>