

07/05/21

# NANPEAN SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



### ATTENDANCE

Eden - 90%

Hendra - 91%

Prosper - 90.48%

Karslake - 100%

Melbur - 100%

Drinnick - 97.60%

Rosemellyn - 97.69%

### HEAD TEACHER WEEKLY UPDATE

I hope that you all had a lovely (slightly longer due to the Bank Holiday) weekend and have returned to school refreshed as I know the extra day can make a difference.

Luckily the weather was generally good over the weekend, but it is a shame that the weather on the extra day (Monday) wasn't good. I hope that families were able to enjoy time together within the permitted Covid-19 related guidelines.

On Tuesday afternoon, the after effects of the poor weather (strong winds) meant that the Year 6 sailing group were only able to take part in beach based activities, and were unable to get onto the water. The children still enjoyed the 'team building' activities, and hopefully the weather will allow them to return to the water next week.

On Wednesday, I had many meetings, including as part of my role with the Youth Sport Trust, where we were thinking about possible activities for the next academic year (Covid-19 guidelines permitting), and also a meeting about the possibility of gaining funding for future holiday clubs. If this funding is forthcoming in any way, I will communicate holiday club opportunities to parents as soon as possible.

On Thursday, we were due to have a Parent Forum meeting. Unfortunately, no parents attended the virtual meeting which is a great shame for me as I always feel that parents feedback (related to school strengths and areas for improvement) is invaluable. I intend these to happen each half term, from now on, and they will be via Zoom (virtual meeting) until guidelines allow for face to face meetings. However, before setting a future date, I will try to talk to parents who previously attended these to try to ensure that some parents attend. More information will follow on future newsletters.

As I am writing this on Thursday, I am unable to comment on Friday, but I am looking forward to us taking part in the NSPCC 'Number Day' on Friday. This day is aimed at ensuring children continue to enjoy Maths and develop a love of Maths and Numbers. I know that each class have some exciting activities planned and I am looking forward to working with Year 3 on this day. I also look forward to seeing some inventive number related non uniform that children wear for the day!

I hope that you have all had a good week and have a great weekend. Best wishes,

Mr M Nicholls (Headteacher).



### WORD OF THE WEEK

Eden - "*Setting*"

Hendra - "*Fragrant*"

Prosper - "*Sensational*"

Karslake - "*Captivating*"

Melbur - "*Ethereal*"

Drinnick - "*Rebellion*"

Rosemellyn - "*Contentious*"

### REMINDERS

Our final INSET day for this school year is Friday 11th June, 2021. This was originally planned to coincide with Royal Cornwall Show Friday, and although the Royal Cornwall Show dates have been changed due to Covid-19, the INSET day remains the same date (Friday 11th June) as originally planned.

## ★ 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 - Maya** - for brilliant independent writing.

**Hendra - Mitz** - for a beautiful picture of garden flowers about our story 'The Secret Sky Garden.'

**Prosper - Henry** - for being a kind and caring member of Prosper Class.

**Karslake - Kody** - for working hard in Maths.

**Melbur - Owen** - for some great outdoor artwork.

**Drinnick - Imogen** - for resilience and effort across all her lessons. She has worked very hard to improve her pace.

**Rosemellyn - Jess** - for settling in well to her new class.

## 🏆 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:

**Kahlan (Rosemellyn)** - for always acting with integrity and showing exceptional politeness.



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:

**Ebrel (Eden)** - for excellent enthusiasm in P.E this week.

## HOUSEPOINTS

Class	Godrevey (Green)	Lizard (Yellow)	Pendeen (Blue)	Trevose (Red)	Wolf Rock (Purple)
Eden	12	12	12	12	12
Hendra	19	12	14	12	17
Prosper	14	11	12	11	12
Karslake	25	35	33	27	30
Melbur	11	10	12	13	10
Drinnick	38	40	31	48	30
Rosemellyn	12	14	11	17	15
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>126</b>
<b>Term Total</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>310</b>

These house points are from the Summer Term so far! The house team / group currently in the lead is Lizard (Yellow), closely followed by Trevose (Red).

## PHONES, TABLETS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

As parents, I politely ask you to keep a very close watch on your child's phone / tablet device and social media activities. Many sites should not be accessed by children, but even those that can be accessed can cause distress to children if they are not used correctly. I have dealt with an issue this week which I was disgusted and very saddened by, due to how some children were commenting to another child.

Luckily, this is extremely rare at Nanpean School as our children and families behave excellently and meet our high expectations. It has been dealt with this week with children and parents being spoken to where their children were involved, and a letter went to all parents in our Year 6 class. However, I politely encourage all parents to be vigilant where children are taking part in such activities to ensure the written content of messages or social media activity is appropriate and not upsetting to other children.

## PARENTS SURVEY

As promised, and as usually happens when parents complete a paper based questionnaire during Parent Consultation Meetings in the Autumn and Spring Terms, please see a link below for a survey about Nanpean School. I hope you can spare 5 minutes to access this link and complete the questions (most are a number, but the final few questions require a written answer about strengths and areas for development). This survey will be available until Thursday 20th May, 2021 so please complete it before then.

<https://freeonlinesurveys.com/s/7BMhAg90#/0>

# THE CLAYS SCOUT

## GROUP

The Clays Scout Group are looking for more members! They are located at Roche school and run a group for Beavers (6-8 year olds) on Monday evenings from 6pm-7pm. Cubs (8-10.5 year olds) also meet on Monday evenings from 6:30pm – 7:30pm and Scouts (10.5 years and up) meet on Thursday evenings from 6:30pm-8:30pm. For further information, please contact their Facebook Group: The Clays Scout Group – where they will be happy to answer any questions and provide further information.

## QUOTES FROM

## CHILDREN

This week, as it was something covered on Newsround which many classes use for an Assembly focus each week, I asked the children about their views on 'bubbles' which have been implemented due to Covid-19 guidelines. Research in our country has come out recently saying that most children prefer working in bubbles, and that it has had a positive effect on behaviour and socially in schools. Personally, I have seen some positives and negatives to working in bubbles, but these are some views from children in Year 5 (taken when I covered their class for 30 minutes on Wednesday). Georgia said that she 'enjoyed having a separate play area to other classes'. China agreed and stated 'I like bubbles as it means I get to spend all my time with friends in my class'. However, Maisy and Tegen disagreed, both stating 'We don't like bubbles as we like to spend time with children from other classes'. Connor summed it all up by saying that he didn't like bubbles as 'school just doesn't feel the same'. Obviously, we will continue to follow Covid-19 related guidelines in relation to this.

# ASDA COMMUNITY GRANT - COMMUNITY LARDER

We have been donated food and wellbeing items (such as soap etc...) as Mr Nicholls applied for the Asda Community Grant. We thank Asda for this provision. As a result, we felt it best to provide a 'School Community Larder'. This will take place next Friday, 14th May, from 2.30pm. The items will be left at the front of the school (near Reception area), weather permitting (if it is too wet, we will change the date and inform parents). At this time, parents can come and take items.

However, we politely request that families only take a maximum of 1 of each item, so that this can be shared amongst the community.



# SMART SCHOOL COUNCIL COMMUNITY - WEEKLY

## 'HOME DEBATE'

Please see the link below to access this week's 'home debate', which is centred around the following question: Should children be allowed to vote in elections? This is also available on Class Dojo and Tapestry.

<https://homedebateclub.com/debate/should-children-be-allowed-to-vote-in-elections/>

I hope your family enjoy discussing this and taking part in the debate.

Quotes from Children -

As mentioned on previous newsletters, we are now part of the 'Smart School Council Community (SSCC)'. Personally, I have been delighted with this new format as it involves ALL children in the school, instead of selected children only attending meetings. The children agreed, with Charlie (Year 5) stating: 'I like the SSCC as everyone in the school is involved in each meeting, not just a few children from each class'. James and Katie agreed as they felt it was nice to hear a variety of different ideas across the school.

# SCIENCE FEEDBACK - YOUR OPINION COUNTS!

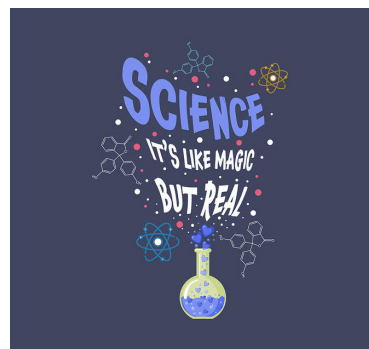
We regularly review our curriculum and as part of a science review, we want as many people as possible to complete this statement: "Science is good when..."

For your feedback to reach us, we'll need you to follow this link:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/97S58K7>

Your ideas will help us to shape our science vision, as we strive to create the best possible teaching and learning experiences for our school. We want a clear statement and the best way to create one is with the voice of staff, students, parents, governors, and our wider community.

Thank you for your time everyone.

Mrs Jago



# INSET DAYS FOR 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

Around this time of year I always like to decide the INSET days for the following Academic year, and to therefore give plenty of notice to parents about these. The INSET days for 21-22 school year are as follows:

Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th September, 2021 (first two days of the Autumn Term).

Tuesday 4th January, 2022 (first day of the Spring Term).

Monday 25th April, 2022 (first day of the Summer Term).

Friday 10th June, 2022 (Royal Cornwall Show Friday).

On these days, school is open for Staff, but is closed to children.

This week we have also found out that all Cornish schools are due an extra day off next year in lieu of the platinum jubilee, the official date for this is during half term but schools have been told to take an additional day. This will be Monday 13th June 2022.