

Nurturing Children's Passion to Succeed

# **Head teacher Weekly Update:**

As always, it has been another busy but enjoyable week, culminating in our Valentine's Disco which I am looking forward to attending and seeing the children at this evening. At the beginning of the week, I attended a Cluster Headteachers meeting for the Brannel Cluster. I now Chair these meetings and it is always exciting to attend and discuss ideas, events and opportunities that we can provide for our children and the community. An example of this is the Midsummer Night's Dream production that Year 5 (Drinnick Class) are taking part in with other school's this term. It was incredible to see their enthusiasm and confidence when Rob Lane (Project Leader) visited on Tuesday.

It was also enjoyable for me on Tuesday to watch the Sports fixtures (see reports elsewhere on the Newsletter). I have a passion for sport and organise these leagues and fixtures for the local schools. These fixtures were against my previous school and it was nice to see the children and staff again, and being competitive, I really wanted us to do well in these fixtures! Well done to all of the children who took part in these fixtures.

I would also like to thank parents who attended the Parents Forum meeting on Wednesday morning. Yet again, it was lovely to hear many positives about our school, and also some ideas for further improvement. We aim to action many of these ideas over the next couple of months, and further details will be given when appropriate.

On Wednesday, I also enjoyed visiting some classes and was exceptionally impressed with the RE work being completed in Year 6 (Rosemellyn Class). These children were designing Islamic Prayer Mats in this lesson and had some amazing ideas related to their creative designs. It was also exciting to hear ideas Miss Morton has gained through taking part in the Oracy Project. Further information will be shared about this over the coming months, but the ideas we have already gained and are beginning to trial in classes are very exciting, and should lead to increased confidence and skills for the children, which over time should positively impact outcomes. Throughout the week, it has been great to see various classes utilising our vast library, and I can't highlight enough the importance of all children reading regularly, which we expect them to do with parents at home to support their learning.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and the poorer weather doesn't arrive so that everyone can be outside enjoying our local area. Best wishes,

Mr M Nicholls, Head teacher

**REMINDERS** 

No Fit 4 Life club on Friday 14th February.

# 07/02/2020

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 equity policies.

# STARS OF THE WEEK

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 - Oakley for brilliant number work (Maths).

Hendra - Brodie for working really hard during writing.

Prosper - Ottilie for fantastic Maths work, focusing on multiplication.

Karslake - Henry for working hard during lessons and following instructions with care.

Melbur - Imogen for excellent contributions to group work in creative writing.

**Drinnick - Polly** for great understanding of historical facts.

Rosemellyn - Kadie for thoughtful and mature participation during children's mental health week discussions.

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



Cooper (Karslake) for excellent work related to the 8 times tables (Maths).

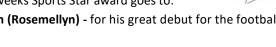
Olivia (Prosper) for great improvement in handwriting and presentation.

Connor and Tegen (Melbur) for excellent use of verbs and related explanation.

# **SPORTS STAR AWARD**

This weeks Sports Star award goes to:

Jason (Rosemellyn) - for his great debut for the football team.



# **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:

Bobby (Karslake) for being extremely helpful around the dinner hall this week.

# **ATTENDANCE**

w/c 03/02/2020		Karslake	99%
Eden	96.74%	Melbur	95.37%
Hendra	90.34%	Drinnick	95.83%
Prosper	98.21%	Rosemellyn	91.88%

#### SCHOOL DISCO - Friday 7th February 2020

Our February school disco organised by the FANS group will be taking place tonight. Unfortunately if you have not provided a consent form and paid for your child they will not be able to attend. There are no tickets for the disco but Mrs Houston will be on the door with a list of children who are paid for. Children will need to enter through the hall doors at 6pm and then be collected from the playground at 7:30pm. We will get all the children lined up in the playground in their class lines where they will each be ticked off the list as they are collected. We understand that parents would like to collect their child/children and leave as quickly as possible but can we please ask that parents are patient and ensure their child is marked as collected before leaving. There will be class signs in the playground so parents are asked to stand by their child's class sign to help ease the collection process. There will be a tuck shop offering sweets/crisps and drinks, a cake stall, glitter tattoos as well as artificial roses and glow sticks to buy. If your child has some money in a purse or envelope please ensure they are named. It would be really helpful if children could bring their money as coins rather than notes if possible. We look forward to seeing everyone there for an enjoyable evening.

### ⇒ Cornwall Air Ambulance - Wear Red Day

We are delighted to say we are supporting Cornwall Air Ambulance's "Wear Red Day" on **Friday 14th February**. Children are invited to come to school in non uniform but wearing something red in return for a suggested minimum donation of £1. Its up to the individual how adventurous they want to be, whether they choose to kit themselves out in full red attire or simply wear a red pair of socks, there are no rules! The important thing Is that we raise as much money as possible for this extremely worthy cause.

# ⇒ World Book Day - Thursday 5th March

This year World Book Day falls on the same day as St Piran's Day (Thursday 5th March). We would like to celebrate both of these events and therefore our theme for World Book Day this year will be: 'Cornish Stories'. Children are invited to dress as Cornish characters (e.g. pirates, mermaids, miners etc.) or in Cornish colours. The kitchen will also be doing a St Piran's Day Menu comprising of Cornish Pasties. At the end of the day at 2:40pm for the last 30 minutes, we are inviting parents into class to enjoy a Cornish treat (scone with jam and cream) and read with their child. We have created this as an 'event' on Facebook. Could parents please let us know whether they are attending on this page (so we know rough numbers of scones). There will also be a sign-up sheet outside your child's class after half term in case you do not have Facebook. On this day, please could children bring in their favourite story to share with their parents or friends during this time.

# ⇒ February Half Term - Go Active Holiday Club

Final reminder that Go Active will be running a holiday club on **Thursday 20th February 2020.** This club will be a packed day of fun sports, team games, and the opportunity to try new activities. Booking forms for this need to be returned to the office by Monday 10th February with payments to be made vis ESchools by Monday 10th February.

#### ⇒ CoronaVirus

The government is 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

# Football/Netball matches 'v' Bugle

"On Tuesday Bugle visited for our latest round of fixtures. Our Year 3/4 team battled well but fell to a 3-0 defeat. It was an even game but the away side were more clinical in front of goal. Our 5/6 team continued their good form and remain undefeated since the opening fixture as we won 1-0 courtesy of a free kick from Reuben. The teams are in action again next Tuesday as we welcome St Dennis". *Mr M Tonkin* 

"After a long wait in the cold, the girls played really well. Mia, Ava and Chloe marked well and stood out as great players. We scored twice. Well done girls."

Miss J Brotherhood

### Share a story in the clays

Were you lucky enough to find one of the books that had been hidden around the community as part of Brannel School's share a story in the clays book hunt? If so, you could be entered into a prize draw to win a book voucher by simply emailing a photo of your completed bookmark to: <a href="mailto:share-a-book-in-the-clays@brannel.com">share-a-book-in-the-clays@brannel.com</a>.

Brannel are asking for any books that have been read to be returned to them direct or to the office here asap so that they can be used again in the next phase of the project. If your child has one and would like to keep it, that is fine also. Brannel are also accepting donations of any

### London Residential Consents

Please can consent forms be returned and deposits paid by **the morning of Monday 24th February**, slightly earlier than original deadline because we need to confirm theatre ticket numbers and book that day. Deposit payments should be made via ESchools.

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# **DIARY DATES**

#### Spring Term 2020

Tuesday 11th February, 3pm - Football/Netball v St Dennis (H)
Friday 14th February - Wear red for Cornwall Air Ambulance
Monday 17th February - HALF TERM
Thursday 20th February, 9am-3:30pm - Go Active Holiday Club

Yours Sincerely, Mr M Nicholls, Headteacher











