



Nanpean Community Primary School



NEWSLETTER

29/11/2019

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.

Head teacher Weekly Update:

It has been another wet and windy week, although as it hasn't been as bad as last week, there hasn't been an impact on playtimes / lunchtimes and children have still been able to gain some fresh air and exercise outdoors.

Once again, my week has involved many meetings in the mornings so I haven't been there to welcome children and parents to school each morning. My apologies for this, I always endeavour being outside to greet you all each day. However, the meetings were all positive in working together with other local schools for the benefit of Nanpean School and the wider community. During these meetings, many events were discussed for the Spring and Summer Terms, of which more information will be provided in future.

This week, I enjoyed covering colouring club on Monday after-school, and it is clear we have some budding artists in school. I also enjoyed seeing a little bit of the sports fixtures on Tuesday (see reports elsewhere on the newsletter), and was delighted that our Football Team performed so well and came so close to beating a strong St Stephen team who won the large schools league last year.

It was also great to have our half termly visit and support from the English Hub South West who were in school this week to focus on the development of Phonics and Early Reading, which we firmly believe underpins the whole Curriculum.

Finally, I would also like to congratulate the children who took part in the St Austell Festival of Music and Speech to perform their poem this week. Our children achieved some excellent scores from the adjudicators/ judges, and we also had some success with some winners in different categories (see report elsewhere on the newsletter). This is something that I have been involved with for many years across many different schools that I have worked at. It is just a shame that this year, due to other commitments, I couldn't get to watch every performance.

I hope you enjoy the weekend and I look forward to seeing you next week when December (and the busy festive season) is officially upon us!

Best wishes,

Mr M Nicholls,

Head teacher

ATTENDANCE

w/c 25/11/2019			
Eden	95.45%	Karslake	96.15%
Hendra	98.72%	Melbur	90.74%
Prosper	92.24%	Drinnick	96.88%
		Rosemellyn	96.25%

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 - Skye for really good blending during Read, Write, Inc sessions.

Hendra - Maisie for her lovely writing done at home.

Prosper - Will for fantastic effort in English this week.

Karslake - Travis for working hard during English and Maths.

Melbur - Linsey for increasing independence in all her lessons.

Drinnick - Archie for great attitude to his independent writing.

Rosemellyn - Lia-Mai for an excellent work ethic towards her Maths learning.

BUSY BEES

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

There were no Busy Bees this week.



SPORTS STAR AWARD

This weeks Sports Star award goes to:

Josh (Drinnick) - for excellent commitment and determination in the football match this week.



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:

Henry (Karslake) for being a responsible citizen in the community and picking up litter in the area.

REMINDERS

- ⇒ There will be no mindfulness colouring club on **Monday 2nd December.**
- ⇒ London Residential Trip 2020 interest slips need to be returned to the Office no later than **Wednesday 4th December.**
- ⇒ There is no longer festival of music and speech club on Thursdays. If your child attended this club, please ensure that they are collected at 3.10pm on a Thursday.
- ⇒ There will be no KS1 Football club on **Monday 9th December.**
- ⇒ **There will be no clubs w/c Monday 16th December as it is the last week of term.**

- ⇒ **Football Match against St Stephen**
"On Tuesday our Year 5 & 6 team hosted St Stephen in the St Austell District Knock Out cup in what was set to be a difficult fixture, especially as we were missing some regular players and our defensive rock Charlie had to leave just 10 minutes into the game. Against the pre-match odds, we went ahead when Reuben drilled a thunderous shot into the top corner. St Stephen then equalized before Jake restored our lead with a deft header from a corner. St Stephen then scored two quick goals to go 3-2 up but we drew level immediately as Reuben scored direct from the re-start. At half time we were unlucky not to be leading and St Stephen were clearly rattled. After a discussion about being able to score direct from a kick off, the second half began and St Stephen took advantage of some indecisiveness to score. The rest of the second half was extremely even and both teams could have scored again. With the final kick of the game St Stephen scored another to seal a 5-3 win. I was really proud of our performance and we gave one of the competition's strongest teams a really good game. This was our last fixture of the Autumn term; league fixtures will resume in January".
Mr M Tonkin
- ⇒ **Netball match against St Stephen**
 Our year 5/6 netball team went out with a positive attitude to play against St Stephen. They worked well as a team and gave it their all but unfortunately lost against an excellent (and very tall and strong) opposing team.
- ⇒ **Misleading information around finance in Schools**
 We have been made aware that there is some information on Facebook linked to the election and school finances and budgets (sourced from www.schoolcuts.org.uk if you were wondering) that may concern parents/ carers. School Budgets are very strict and difficult to manage in all schools, not just ours: we are expected to do an awful lot with funding that does not keep pace with inflation. However, this information does not take into account our school's specific context as a growing school. Governors and school staff work hard with Cornwall Council employees to ensure our budgets are distributed, within set boundaries, to best benefit our pupils. Please remember that these sites have an agenda, and as such may not always tell the complete story. By all means use tools, such as this website, to lobby for improved funding for our schools; all schools would benefit from this, but remember that it does not show the complete picture!
- ⇒ **Clay Schools Book Hunt**
 Brannel School have kindly purchased a large number of books. Some are being distributed to Primary Schools to hide around their school and school grounds, and some have been hidden out and about in the Clay Area. All books are in a sealed bag. Children are encouraged to be observant and keep an eye out for these books. If one is found the children are expected to read the book and write five related words to describe the book (instructions in the 'bag' containing the book). An assembly is planned for next Thursday, 5th December, where more information will be given to the children.

- ⇒ **A Note from our Chair of Governors**
 On Tuesday this week we had our Full Governors Meeting there were lots of important agenda items. I'm excited for the arrival of our school mini bus in Spring. We are looking to recruit a co-opted governor so if you know of anyone who may be interested please let me know. Our Christmas Fair plans are coming on really well and we are looking forward to this. If you have any teddy bears that are no longer needed we would be grateful for donations for our teddy adoption stall. Also, if anyone is able to help out at the fair, please make myself or the office aware.
Mrs Lee Watts, Chair of Governors
- ⇒ **Governor monitoring**
 At the end of last week, Governors completed their first round of data and assessment monitoring. We met with Mr Nicholls and looked at the School's priorities in improving attainment and progress across the school and had the chance to challenge School Leadership on what the school is doing to improve outcomes for our pupils. It was a very positive meeting, with Mr Nicholls clear on the school's future direction, strengths, and potential gaps in pupil's knowledge. Already, we could see the positive impact that changes have had on our school's data and that staff are proactive in establishing where our pupils need further support and implementing additional or alternative provision where needed.
- ⇒ **St Austell Festival of Music and Speech**
 Well done to all the children who have taken part in the Festival of Music and Speech this week and good luck to those who are competing tomorrow. We are very proud of the effort they have put in to learning their poems and the confidence which they have shown on the stage. All children achieved amazing scores and are a credit to our School.
- ⇒ **Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 4th December**
 This year's Christmas dinner will be served on **Wednesday 4th December**. On this day children are invited to get into the festive spirit and wear their Christmas jumpers/non uniform in return for a small donation of a £1. The money raised from this will go towards the cost of running our Christmas Fair.

DIARY DATES

Autumn Term 2019

Wednesday 4th December, 9am - Parent's Forum meeting
Wednesday 4th December, 12pm - Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 10th December, 2:30pm - KS2 Carol Concert
Wednesday 11th December, 9am - Parent Friends Meeting
Thursday 12th December, 12pm - Cross Country at Par
Friday 13th December, 2pm - Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Monday 16th December, 2pm - Nativity performance
Monday 16th December, 5:30pm - Nativity performance
Wednesday 18th December, 1:30pm - Christmas Fair
Monday 23rd December—First day of the Christmas Holidays
Monday 6th January 2020—INSET day, school closed to pupils
Tuesday 7th January 2020—First day of the Spring Term

**Yours Sincerely,
 Mr M Nicholls, Headteacher**

