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NANPEAN SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



ATTENDANCE

Eden - 95.79%

Hendra - 100%

Prosper - 95.65%

Karslake - 95.91%

Melbur - 93.33%

Drinnick - 96.67%

Rosemellyn - 91.38%

DATES FOR THE

DIARY

- Tuesday 17th January - Year 3/4 and 5/6 Football and Year 5/6 Netball Match - Home vs Bugle - 3:10pm
- Tuesday 24th January - Football and Netball match - Away vs Treverbyn - 3:10pm (more details to follow)
- Wednesday 25th January - Parents Forum - 2:30pm
- Friday 10th February - Valentine's Disco - 5:30 - 7pm (more details to follow soon)
- Monday 13th - Friday 17th February - HALF TERM
- Monday 20th March - Rescheduled Year 6 Bingo - 5:30pm (more details to follow soon)

HEAD TEACHER WEEKLY UPDATE

Our first full week of the Spring Term is nearly over, and as I write this (Thursday evening) I have just finished recapping my planned lessons for French tomorrow (Friday), and I look forward to teaching these lessons to Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6).

On Monday, we began our monitoring of Science and the foundation subjects, following work completed in the Autumn Term. Mrs Jago (Science) and Mr Prince (History) were looking at Key Stage 2 books and talking to some children from these classes this week. I was also present for some of this, but also took our Girls Football Team to an event at Brannel (see report elsewhere on the Newsletter).

On Tuesday, we had a Staff Meeting (moved from our usual Wednesday session) to accommodate a guest speaker about 'Mastering Number', an initiative to focus on basic number skills that all children will be taking part in each day once this is set up.

On Wednesday, we had a Wellbeing Team meeting, where our wellbeing team (comprised of 5 staff members) met to discuss the wellbeing of all stakeholders. Some ideas and initiatives were discussed which we hope to implement in future. I also attended a session in relation to teaching Fundamental British Values in school, and I am delighted that during assembly earlier in the week, children were able to talk more confidently about British Values.

Throughout this week, I have also been liaising with Governors and agreeing their monitoring for this term (related to school priorities). Myself and staff look forward to working with them throughout the coming months and in future, so that they are more aware of processes in school and are able to support and challenge in order to ensure continual further development, especially in relation to school improvement priorities. Hopefully this will also ensure that children and parents are more aware of the Governors and their role in our school. .

On Thursday, I had further meetings about various things.

We have our monthly attendance meeting with Caroline Hunt (Student Welfare Officer) tomorrow (Friday) and letters will therefore be sent to parents (of children we have attendance concerns about) next week.

I hope that you all have had a positive week and can now enjoy a lovely, relaxing weekend with family. Best wishes,

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 - Dominick - for sharing his experience in class of visiting the rocket launch this week.

Hendra - Eli - for excellent spelling using Fred Fingers

Prosper - Reggi - for his amazing improvements in reading this week.

Karslake - Paige - for her caring nurturing attitude towards her peers.

Melbur - Ethan - for fantastic creativity and ambition during our work on figurative language.

Drinnick - Lexi - for an improved positive attitude to learning. Keep up the hard work Lexi!

Rosemellyn - Owen - for his excellent understanding of Mesoamerican culture in our art lesson.

🏆 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:

Ivy (Rosemellyn) - for being really caring and supportive with KS1 children this week.

🐝 BUSY BEES 🐝

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

Antoni and Olivia (Hendra) – for excellent understanding of number / place value.

Imogen G (Eden) – for excellent reading of sounds in Read, Write, Inc Phonics.

🏆 SPORTS STAR AWARD 🏆

This Weeks Sports Star Award goes to:

Leah (Drinnick) and Esmee (Rosemellyn) - for their fantastic goal scoring skills at Brannel.

HOUSEPOINTS

Class	Godrevey (Green)	Lizard (Yellow)	Pendeen (Blue)	Trevose (Red)	Wolf Rock (Purple)
Eden	96	78	80	89	79
Hendra	21	19	18	23	26
Prosper	16	16	17	18	19
Karslake	18	19	17	23	20
Melbur	38	39	26	34	24
Drinnick	19	28	25	23	23
Rosemellyn	10	11	11	11	12
Whole School	218	210	194	221	203
Term Total	218	210	194	221	203

As we start a new Term, Trevose (Red) take the lead with 221 points, followed by Godrevey (Green) with 218 points in second and Lizard (Yellow) in third with 210 points.

PARENTS FORUM

Advance notice for your diary / calendar, that the next Parents Forum meeting will be at 2.30pm on Wednesday 25th January, 2023. I look forward to discussing many things related to Nanpean School with parents then.

FLOODING

We would like to apologise (once again) for the continuous flooding in the main car park. We have now contacted multiple companies in an attempt to get the issue resolved. The issue now is that we need the drainage system to have a CCTV survey, but this cannot be done while the drains are full of water, as the cameras used will not work under water. The way to resolve this would be to have a drainage tanker on site to take away the excess water, however, the only place to dispose of the excess water is South West Water, who currently have no more room at their treatment plants due to the amount of rain we have had!! So as you will understand, we are in a 'catch 22' situation.

As soon as we are able to, we will provide further updates and hopefully a resolution to the issue.

ADMISSIONS

DEADLINE

A reminder that Primary School applications for children born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018, must be completed before THIS Sunday (15th January) to secure your child's place for Reception Class in September 2023.

<https://cornwall.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/SynergyWeb/Parent/s/default.aspx>

CLUB REMINDERS

A reminder that the 'Book Club' with Mrs Sharp that was advertised for Monday afternoons has now moved to Tuesday afternoons.

Also, both Football and Netball club will officially start on Tuesday 31st January as there are matches scheduled for both 17th and 24th January.

INSET DAY REMINDER

A reminder that we have one INSET Day remaining now for this academic year, which takes place on Friday 9th June, 2023.

Our INSET Days for the following Academic year (2023-24), have been provisionally set as follows:

Monday 4th September, 2023

Tuesday 5th September, 2023

Monday 30th October, 2023

Thursday 4th January, 2024

Friday 7th June, 2024

I hope you find this advance warning about these days (when school is open to staff for training but closed to children) helpful.

YEAR 5/6 GIRLS

FOOTBALL

On Monday afternoon, Miss Tucker went with a group of Year 5 and 6 girls to an inter-primary school girls football event at Brannel. The girls played 6 mini matches in total, 2 each against St Stephen, Whitemoor and Foxhole. The Nanpean team did come in fourth place, but they gave an amazing performance, drawing 2 of the 6 matches, even though they were up against schools who had existing girls football teams in place! A special 'Well done' to Leah (Year 5) and Esmee (Year 6) who each scored a goal, resulting in the 2 draws.

WEEKLY HOME DEBATE

Please find the link below for this week's weekly home debate from the Smart School Council Community (SSCC). This is the first one for this term and it asks if fancy dress in schools should be banned.

<https://bigdebateclub.com/debate/should-we-ban-fancy-dress-in-schools/>

As always, I look forward to hearing your views. Once I have heard some views, I will give some information on next week's newsletter, as well as giving the link for the next debate.

CORNWALL AIR AMBULANCE

Before the end of the Autumn term, Mrs Miskowicz and Mr Nicholls took a group of our Year 6 children to the Cornwall Air Ambulance base in Newquay to hand over the funds (£120) we had raised from our 'Wear Red' day.

The children had a great time seeing the Air Ambulance, and the team there gave us a collection pot to bring back to school. This will be located in the main reception area and the Air Ambulance would gratefully receive any further donations.

We would also like to give a special mention to Esmee (Rosemellyn class) who, very kindly, made the decision to donate all of her change from the Christmas Fair, straight to the Air Ambulance! Thank you Esmee!!



Online Safety Newsletter

January 2023

Broadband set up

Have you set up appropriate settings on your broadband/Wi-Fi? Most broadband providers include parental controls for free as part of their broadband package, which means that any device that connects to your Wi-Fi will be protected by any controls you set up. Find out how to set yours up here:

Sky:

<https://www.sky.com/help/diagnostics/sky-broadband-buddy/sky-broadband-buddy>

BT:

<https://www.bt.com/help/security/how-to-keep-your-family-safe-online-with-bt-parental-controls-an>

Talk Talk:

<https://community.talktalk.co.uk/t5/Keeping-your-Family-Safe/bd-p/kfshub>

Virgin:

<https://www.virginmedia.com/broadband/parental-control>

Remember, children may have devices that use mobile data, so they won't always be connected to your wifi. Ensure you set up parental controls on these devices too.

Further information:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parental-controls-offered-by-your-home-internet-provider>

Test Your Internet Filter

SWGfL have created a tool to test your filtering to give you an indication that your broadband is blocking certain categories. Access it here: <http://testfiltering.com/>

Minecraft

Check the age ratings: Minecraft is rated by PEGI as 7+ or 12+ depending on which game version you are playing. The App store rate it as 9+ and the Google Play store rate it as 10+.

It is important to remember that when rating games, PEGI do not take into consideration the communication features of a game. Minecraft does include a chat facility, which adds further risks of seeing inappropriate language/content. This can be switched off.

Minecraft remains ever popular and can be a great learning tool that is often used in schools to teach planning skills, recreate famous buildings in 3D and coding. Players use building blocks (a bit like Lego) to create their own worlds.

Which mode?

You can choose between Creative or Survival mode - creative mode removes the survival elements of the game (no mobs appearing at night) so may be a more appropriate mode for your child to play.

What else do I need to be aware of?

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

In addition, protect your child's privacy by using a nickname (don't include their age/birth year) rather than their real name for their profile and chat to your child to make sure that when playing online they know not to share personal information.



Also, make sure they know they can talk to you or a trusted adult if anybody or anything is making them feel uncomfortable.

Do not forget to make sure you have set up appropriate parental controls on the device your child is using to play Minecraft as well.

Further information

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/is-minecraft-safe-for-children/>

WhatsApp

You must be at least 16 years old to register for and use WhatsApp. WhatsApp is a free messaging app that allows you to send messages, voice notes, photos and videos.

What are the features of WhatsApp?

Group chats: One of the key features is the group chat function. Everybody in the group, even if they are not one of your child's phone contacts, will be able to see all messages within that group. *If your child is added to a group with someone that they have previously blocked, that person can still see their messages and send them messages within the group chat.*

In settings, you can change who can add your child to groups, for example, you can change it to 'my contacts', which means that only those in your child's contacts can add them to a group. You can leave a group chat at any point so talk to your child and encourage them to leave any chat that makes them feel uncomfortable. You can leave groups silently (only the admin will be notified).

Location sharing: you can share your location on WhatsApp. Talk to your child about when this would be appropriate to use but also the potential danger of sharing their location, for example with strangers.

Blocking/Reporting: Show your child how to block and report.

Online Bullying: WhatsApp has been used in instances of online bullying, e.g. to send nasty messages or share images of other children without their permission. It is important to have regular chats with your child about their online life and that they understand that they must talk to you or another trusted adult if they are being bullied. This is a helpful article from Family Lives, which talks about what to do if you are being bullied:

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/advice/bullying/cyberbullying/what-to-do-if-you-re-being-bullied-on-a-social-network>

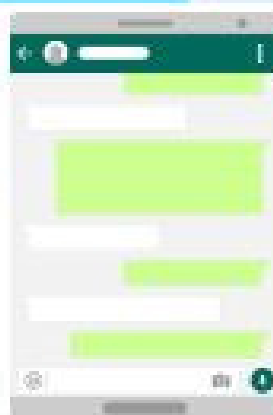
Disappearing messages: With disappearing messages, you can control how long a message can be seen for before it is deleted – 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days (once set, this will only work for new messages).

View once messages: when sending a photo or video, you can set it so it can only be viewed once by respondents. Screenshots are also blocked when using this function.

Choose who can see your profile pic and when you're online: In settings (privacy), you can choose who can and can't see when you're online and your profile pic. You can choose either Everyone, My Contacts, My Contacts except and nobody.

Further information

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/whatsapp>



Whizz – Make new Friends App



Whizz is a social networking platform and is rated for 'Teens' on the Google Play store and as 12+ on the App store. It is free to download but does have in-app purchases ranging from £0.89 to £44.99.

Users swipe through the app to find people who are currently online and who they would like to chat with. Users will be chatting with strangers, which can present risks. Internet Matters have produced advice around chatting with strangers here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/connecting-safely-online/advice-for-parents/tackling-the-hard-stuff-on-social-media-to-support-young-people/chatting-to-strangers-online/>

Is YouTube safe?

The NSPCC have produced this article discussing the risks associated with using YouTube and the safety settings and features that are available depending on how old your child is and what they do on YouTube. You can access the article here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/how-to-keep-your-child-safe-on-youtube/>

TikTok refresh

Parent Zone have worked with TikTok to produce a series about safety when using TikTok. You can find out more here:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/tiktok>