# 10/02/23

# NANPEAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



#### **ATTENDANCE**

Eden - 90%

Hendra - 93.33%

Prosper - 95%

Karslake - 90.95%

Melbur - 95.56%

Drinnick - 96.33%

Rosemellyn - 92%

# DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Monday 13th Friday 17th February - HALF TERM
- Monday 20th February First day back after half term.
- Monday 6th March World book Day - More information elsewhere on this Newsletter.
- Wednesday 8th March Snell Cup (Football and Netball) at Brannel
- Tuesday 14th March -Songfest Bodmin
- Monday 20th March -Rescheduled Year 6 Bingo -5:30pm (more details to follow soon)
- Tuesday 21st and
  Wednesday 22nd March Parent's Evening (more
  details to follow soon)
- Wednesday 29th March -Parent's Forum - 9:00am
- Monday 3rd April Friday
   14th April Easter Holidays.

# **HEAD TEACHER WEEKLY UPDATE**

Half term is now here and I have been delighted with the effort and progress of the children thus far this term. Whenever we have visitors to our school, I am always proud to show them around as the children are superb, always showing good behaviour and attitudes to their learning.

This week, two other Headteachers visited as part of support given to schools in TPAT. The focus on this occasion was Monitoring of History and Science. Three of our Governors also attended so that they are well informed. This was very positive, with them praising the process we have been through to develop both subjects. There are a few action points for us to now consider that will inform future planning but this was very positive about the work of Mr Prince and Mrs Jago as Subject Leaders.

On Tuesday, my Assembly focus was Children's Mental Health Week, and further information is included in relation to this elsewhere on this Newsletter. Myself and Mrs Houston also completed our monthly Attendance Monitoring, reviewing attendance in January alongside the Student Welfare Officer (Caroline Hunt). Where required and where we have concerns, usually where attendance has decreased / dropped, letters have been sent to parents this week. In the evening, we had our Governors Meeting for this half term. This was a positive meeting with the ultimate aim of providing support and challenge for further improvements at Nanpean School.

On Wednesday, I began meeting Staff to review and set Appraisal objectives for this calendar year. Again, these link to school priorities. We also had our weekly staff meeting which was a focus on the Core Subjects of English and Maths.

At the time of writing (Thursday evening), I am looking forward to covering Year 6 on Friday and the Valentine's Disco in the evening. This is a lovely event and way to end the half term which I thank Mrs Houston and Miss Tucker for organising. I hope that the children enjoy attending and then have a lovely half term. See you all on Monday 20th February, have a lovely week,

Mr M Nicholls (Headteacher).





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 - James -** for showing independence and progress in all subjects. **Hendra - Jade -** for excellent remembering of facts in Geography.

Prosper - Poppy - for excellent addition using place value.

Karslake - Ethan W - for his phenomenal research into Martin Luther King.

**Melbur - Elliot -** for an excellent improvement in the quality of his cursive handwriting.

**Drinnick - Ellie -** for consistently high standards in her work and always striving to do better.

**Rosemellyn - Bobby -** for excellent understanding and art work relating to emotions.



#### 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:

Alfie (Drinnick) - for being a good citizen through sportsmanship.



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

**Halle (Karslake) –** for superb independent use of exaggerated language to persuade.

Mason (Melbur) - for wonderfully neat handwriting.

Harrison, Brody, Jade, Kitty and Olivia (Hendra) – for persevering with a spider sculpture.

Ashton (Karslake) – for excellent handwriting.

Elissa (Hendra) – for excellent independent use of a question mark.

Dylan (Melbur) – for excellent writing completed at home.



This Weeks Sports Star Award goes to:

**Skye (Karslake)** - for excellent close control and dribbling skills in football

# HOUSEPOINTS

Class	Godrevey	Lizard	Pendeen	Trevose	Wolf Rock
	(Green)	(Yellow)	(Blue)	(Red)	(Purple)
Eden	41	24	30	32	32
Hendra	11	18	17	20	12
Prosper	16	13	15	16	15
Karslake	14	14	12	17	13
Melbur	19	28	18	19	26
Drinnick	34	49	40	36	38
Rosemellyn	17	18	20	21	24
Whole School	152	164	152	161	160
Term Total	828	875	833	886	842

This week, Trevose (Red) are in the lead with 886 points, followed by Lizard (Yellow) with 875 points in second and Wolf Rock (Purple) in third with 842 points.

#### PARENTS FORUM

Advance notice for your diary / calendar, that the next Parents
Forum meeting will be at 9.00am on Wednesday 29th March, 2023. I look forward to discussing many things related to Nanpean School with parents then.

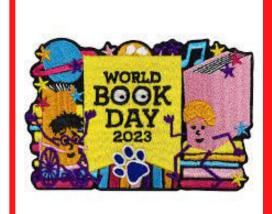
# **SAFER INTERNET DAY**

Tuesday 7th February (this
Tuesday) was the annual Safer
Internet Day (SID). Each class
had a focus on this during the
day and throughout the week. A
Safer Internet Day specific
Newsletter was sent via Class
Dojo and Tapestry on Tuesday
and is included at the end of our
school newsletter.

## **WORLD BOOK DAY**

We will be celebrating World
Book Day on Monday 6th March
this year. Children are welcome
to come dressed as their
favourite book character or come
in non-school uniform.

Our theme for this year is: Books that celebrate diversity.
Children will work in groups from year 1-6 in their house teams.
They will work with teachers across the school enjoying lots of diverse picture books and completing activities about them.



# **GOVERNOR PEN**

# <u>PORTRAIT</u>

<u>Bryony Tucker</u>

Most of you will know me as Miss
Tucker and I am one of the 2
secretaries we have here at
Nanpean School. I am currently a
non-teaching staff Governor,
however, I joined the board as a
parent Governor back in December
of 2019.

I am very passionate about the children and the school, and this is why I initially took up the role of Governor so I could give the views of parents in a non-biased way.

I grew up locally, and enjoy living in the area.

Before coming to work at the school, I have worked for a high street bank for 9 years, and then as a bookkeeper for 4 years, so am able to offer my financial knowledge to the Governing board and school.

If you ever have any questions for the Governing board, please feel free to pass them on through me!

# <u>(STRIKES)</u>

As you will be aware, Nanpean School was not affected by the industrial (strike) action last week on Wednesday 1st February, 2023. However, I would like to remind you that there are a further three dates when the NEU have announced further industrial action. These dates are: Thursday 2nd March. Wednesday 15th March. Thursday 16th March. We cannot guarantee that we will not be affected by these future dates, and we would still advise that provisional alternative childcare arrangements are put in place for these dates, in the event that we need to make the decision to close classes, and / or the school.

### **WEEKLY HOME DEBATE**

Please find the link below for this week's weekly home debate from the Smart School Council Community (SSCC), which I always send at the beginning of the week (via Class Dojo) and again on the weekly Newsletter. This week, it asks if parents should be able to access their children's social media accounts.

https://bigdebateclub.com/debate/should-parents-be-able-to-get-into-their-childrens-social-media/

I hope you enjoy discussing and debating this and I look forward to hearing your views.

Last week, the debate asked if a year in the army would create better citizens. From people I spoke to, it is clear that being in the forces isn't what everyone would choose to do. However, most people did agree that due to their routines and expectations, this could help to create better citizens. Some children also knew about how some sort of national service is compulsory in some countries.

### <u>CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK</u>

Assembly on Tuesday this week was a focus on Mental Health as it is Children's Mental Health Week (6th - 12th February). Children were taught that Mental Health is all about how we are feeling, the thoughts we are having and how this affects the choices we make and how we behave. It is also about how able we are to cope with what is happening in our daily lives. We discussed ways we can look after our minds and bodies. The theme this year is 'Lets connect' so the main focus of this assembly was making connections with others to support our Mental Health and Wellbeing. We discussed and emphasised the importance of making connections with other people to benefit our Mental Health. Please see some links below which contain relevant resources for parents to support children's mental health:

https://www.dragonflyimpact.com/MHweekvideos https://www.widgit.com/resources/health/wellbeing/index.htm https://www.afpe.org.uk/physical-education/childrens-mental-health-week/

## **ATTENDANCE**

Following a meeting with our Education Welfare Officer, we have taken advice from the NHS website, and have shared the below advice.

Should you need to keep your child home due to illness, when advising the school of the reason for your child's absence, please be specific with the reason given. If you report that they are 'unwell' we may call you back to obtain more details.

If your child is absent from school, you must contact the school with a reason for the absence. If we do not receive any verbal or written communication from you then the School Office Staff will telephone home. If no response is received, other contacts held for your child will also be contacted. If we have not heard from any contacts, then a home visit may be conducted. If no response is received to this home visit your child may be referred to the Local Authority as a Child Missing Education. Contact may also be made with Children's Services and/or the police in line with safeguarding procedures. The absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

#### **Holidays in Term Time**

Please be reminded that the school's stance on holidays in term time still remains the same, that an absence from school will only be authorised in 'exceptional circumstances'. This will be at the Head teacher's discretion and if he is satisfied that exceptional circumstances exist.

#### The law states:

If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a penalty notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A of the said Act. Penalty notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may result in legal action. Absence not authorised by the school may result in prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444 (1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Acct 1996, leading to a fine of up to

Section 444 (1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Acct 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to court.



# Online Safety Newsletter Safer Internet Day

Established by the UK Safer Internet Centre (UKSIC), Safer Internet Day is celebrated around the world. This year, on Tuesday 7th February 2023, it will be celebrated with the theme:

'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'

Safer Internet Day provides us with a great opportunity to have a conversation with our children about their online lives as well as provide us with an opportunity to brush up on our own knowledge of all things online with lots of resources and online activities available.

#### How can I get involved?

#### The UK Safer Internet Centre (UKSIC) Resources

As usual, the UKSIC have created some fantastic resources, which includes top tips, guizzes, how to talk about difficult topics and what to do if something goes wrong. Find out more here:

https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internetday/safer-internet-day-2023/parents-and-carers

#### Ask the Experts from Internet Matters

On Safer Internet Day, Internet Matters will be hosting a Q&A session on Instagram and Facebook. You can send them your questions and then an expert will answer them throughout the day. You can find out more here:

https://www.internetmatters.org/safer-internetday/

#### Let's Chat

The NSPCC provide fantastic advice on how to start conversations about Online Safety with your child, including how to tackle difficult conversations. You can find out more here:

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/

#### Join an online safety webinar

For Safer Internet Day 2023, Webwise will be hosting two online safety webinars in February supporting young children online and supporting teens online.

https://www.webwise.ie/trending/t alklistenlearn-parent-events/

#### **UKSIC** join LFC

Learn about what happened when UKSIC joined up with Liverpool FC. You can also watch a video stream at 10am on SID.

https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog /uksic-join-liverpool-fc-inpreparation-for-safer-internetday

#### Create a Family Agreement

LGFL have created a Digital Family agreement to help you set ground rules such as how much time your child can spend on devices. Find out more here:

https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/digitalfamily-agreement

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