

05/11/21

NANPEAN SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



ATTENDANCE

Eden - 100%

Hendra - 98.43%

Prosper - 87.50%

Karslake - 92.92%

Melbur - 100%

Drinnick - 96.11%

Rosemellyn - 96.71%

WORD OF THE WEEK



Eden - "Celebration"

Hendra - "Extraordinary"

Prosper - "Vast"

Karslake - "Wreck"

Melbur - "Intrepid"

Drinnick - "Wander"

Rosemellyn - "Nebulous"

REMINDERS

Friday 19th November 2021 will be Children in Need day and on this day, children can wear spotty clothes or pyjamas to school, as their non-uniform, in return for a voluntary donation of £1 that will go to Children in Need.

Please remember packets of sweets are not acceptable as a snack for 'treat Friday'. These are a choking hazard. Chocolates/ Cakes etc are acceptable.

HEAD TEACHER WEEKLY UPDATE

Welcome back after the half term break, which I hope you all enjoyed. It was lovely to see all the children back at school and smiling with friends this week. On Monday morning, I visited each class to welcome them back to school, and it was delightful to see how settled and productive the children already were following their week off. On Tuesday, I met with Miss Morrison and Class Teachers about Provision Mapping.

This is where we discuss children's progress and Teachers are able to highlight positives as well as any concerns. The positives are of course celebrated, and the concerns are noted so that they are monitored, and if the concerns continue, we then endeavour in future to provide further support for these children, often through interventions, when spaces are available.

On Thursday I enjoyed working with Mr Tonkin to monitor Maths teaching and learning throughout the school. Maths was praised in our recent OfSTED inspection, and Mr Tonkin and I were able to highlight positives as well as further areas for improvement.

At the time of writing (Thursday evening) I am looking forward to teaching French as part of our Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) provision to Years 3 to 6 tomorrow afternoon. I have been delighted with how the children have responded to these sessions and their French language learning thus far this academic year.

As you will see on the final page of today's Newsletter, there is further information about Covid-19 as, from Monday (8th November), we will be reverting to class bubbles for safety within the community. I profusely apologise that this impacts things such as extra-curricular 'clubs', but I hope you understand that this ensures we minimise contact between children in different class bubbles.

I hope you have had a lovely week and that you enjoy this half term. I enjoy working in school all of the time but the lead up to Christmas is always particularly special. Have a good weekend but stay safe. 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 - Elijah - for painting a fantastic picture of a penguin.

Hendra - Zane - for super effort and concentration in all areas of learning.

Prosper - Halle - for excellent use of exciting vocabulary in a class discussion!

Karslake - Henry - for caring for everyone and everything.

Melbur - Leo - for excellent verbal reasoning in Maths.

Drinnick - Ivy - for fantastic effort with her artwork and sharing her techniques and ideas with the class.

Rosemellyn - Ollie - for excellent understanding of our arithmetic in Maths.



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:

Jacob (Melbur) - for being very thoughtful and helping a new child to settle in.



BUSY BEES



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

Florence (Karslake) – excellent column + (Maths).

Toby(Prosper) – excellent ideas in relation to his English work.



SPORTS STAR AWARD



This Weeks Sports Star Award goes to:

China (Rosemellyn) - for following instructions and coaching others in netball.

HOUSEPOINTS

Class	Godrevey (Green)	Lizard (Yellow)	Pendeen (Blue)	Trevose (Red)	Wolf Rock (Purple)
Eden	17	18	16	19	18
Hendra	16	13	15	16	15
Prosper	18	13	17	21	14
Karslake	15	20	11	17	15
Melbur	47	58	52	51	53
Drinnick	30	24	41	32	39
Rosemellyn	23	28	22	34	18
Whole School	166	174	174	190	172
Term Total	1,145	1,309	1,134	1,373	1,271

This week Trevose (red) are still holding their lead with an impressive 1373 points, and Lizard (Yellow) are maintaining second place with 1309 points.

PARENTS FORUM

MEETING

A date for your diaries, the next Parent Forum meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st December at 2.30pm.

If you would like to attend to give your views (positive and areas for development) at Nanpean School please make a note of this date and time in your diary. Arrangements for this meeting will be communicated nearer the time and depend on Covid cases.

PARENTS EVENING

This year, Parent Consultation Meetings will be virtual meetings, these will be held on **Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th November**, using 'school cloud', which is a program that schools are beginning to use for such purposes. This system will go to live to parents at 3pm on Friday 5th November.

To access the program, you will need to go to:

nanpean.schoolcloud.co.uk

this will take you directly to the booking system. Here you will be asked for your personal information.

To verify the correct person is logging on, your details MUST match exactly to what we hold in school. Should you have any issues, please contact the school office who will be able to help and check the details we have on the system.

Please access the program at your earliest convenience to ensure you get the desired timeslot for your child/ren.

If your child has 2 class teachers, only one of the teachers will show when you are trying to book, please do not worry, both of your child's teachers will join the virtual meeting.

SCHOOL CLOSURES

At this time of year, I always refresh my memory and communicate to parents the process for school closures (in case of an emergency, for example poor weather such as snow). The main thing for children and parents to know is that a decision will always be made as early as possible, discussed with Governors, and communicated to children and parents via social media platforms and our eschools text message services. As Headteacher, I always inform staff as well as the Local Authority, and this in turn ensures school closures are also added to the Cornwall Council website and local radio stations.

TIMES TABLES

ROCKSTARS

On the Friday before half term our school launched our new online Maths programs; Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars. The children looked fantastic in their Rock Star fancy dress and I know many of them have already been using the online games. All children have been sent home with log in details however, if anybody was absent, please let the office know so we can ensure you have the details needed to access both programs. Further details about Numbots and TTRS can found on our ClassDojo feed.

MUD KITCHENS

We are hoping to create Mud Kitchens for the children to use at playtimes and during Outdoor Learning (when appropriate). If anyone knows of any wooden pallets that could be donated to school with no cost, please let Miss Tucker or Mrs Houston know.

WEEKLY HOME DEBATE

This week's Weekly Home Debate from the Smart School Council Community discusses if 'You Tube is a good or a bad thing'. Again, I can see positives and negatives in relation to this, so am finding it difficult to give an exact answer. I would be interested to hear any children's views after you have debated this as a family using the link below.

<https://bigdebateclub.com/debate/is-youtube-a-good-or-bad-thing/>

MRS WADE

It is with great sadness that I received a letter of resignation from Mrs Wade this week. Mrs Wade currently works in our Year R (Eden) Class, and supports children across the school with Speech and Language needs. She will be continuing in this role until the end of this Autumn Term (Christmas holiday). I would like to thank Mrs Wade for her dedication to Nanpean School and wish her well in her future career which is in relation to her photography degree. Best wishes Mrs Wade and keep in touch, we would love you to come back and visit us! Further information in relation to staffing will be communicated on future newsletters.

HARVEST ASSEMBLY

This week, Years 4 and 6 performed an Assembly to the rest of the school related to Harvest. This was very informative and enjoyed by all children. Thank you and well done to Years 4 and 6. Further information has been provided from the children (below).

'Y4 and Y6 were thrilled for the harvest festival, with only three rehearsals we managed to pull it off. Some children were anxious about performing but we were amazed how it went, everyone was wonderful and we are so proud of how it went. We hope you all loved it as much as we did! Thanks to everyone for the support, all we could see was a bunch of smiles! We are looking forward to the next play/assembly when we see the school's beautiful smiles again. We hope you enjoyed the class posters and information. We loved being taught our parts and songs, some of the songs made us really hungry! I cannot say how much we are looking forward to our next harvest festival, thank you for making our day.'

Leah and Elodie
Melbur (Y4)

COVID 19 AND CLUBS UPDATE

As always, we have been keeping a close eye on the number of Covid cases in the local community and within the school. Although we have had very few children who have a confirmed Covid test result, we are now hearing that the rates in the local community (including parents of the school) are getting to a dangerous level. As a result of this, with effect from Monday (8th November) we will be re-introducing the 'bubble' system within the school. This means there will be no mixing between year groups at any time within the school day, especially indoors. This will also mean all extra-curricular clubs will be cancelled. At present, we will NOT be re-introducing the staggered drop off and collection times. However, we urge parents to be proactive and think of their own safety and that of the community, and we would prefer parents to wear facemasks on the school premises. As many of you will be aware, such things have been put in place at other schools, and we are aware that some other schools have had to close class bubbles or year groups.

We do understand this will be a disappointment to some, however, we feel we are taking the necessary precautions to protect both our staff, our pupils and the community to hopefully avoid closure of the school if cases continue to rise as they are.

We hope these measures are only needed for a short period of time, but will continue to monitor the situation and will continue to rapidly communicate any further information as we get it.