

27/01/23

NANPEAN SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



ATTENDANCE

Eden - 93.68%

Hendra - 95.33%

Prosper - 96.52%

Karslake - 94.45%

Melbur - 94.45%

Drinnick - 99.00%

Rosemellyn - 93.34%

DATES FOR THE

DIARY

- Friday 10th February - Valentine's Disco - 5:30 - 7pm (Letters sent home this week)
- Monday 13th - Friday 17th February - HALF TERM
- 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)
- Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April - Easter Holidays.

HEAD TEACHER WEEKLY UPDATE

After much rain and then extremely cold weather, it was finally nice for the children to be outside this week and not getting wet or freezing cold. Playtimes and fresh air are important for children and the difference in their concentration is noticeable when they are unable to have time outside.

As always, it has been a busy but enjoyable week, with Monday bringing some time in Year 5 (Drinnick Class) for myself, which I immensely enjoyed during their Maths lesson, and an enjoyable afternoon at Brannel, where we experienced sporting success by playing extremely well in the football tournament and winning this (getting the most points, scoring the most goals and conceding the least goals).

On Tuesday, I attended a Cluster Heads meeting at Brannel School. This was a very positive meeting that discussed sporting events that Brannel School and myself are planning for the schools in the Cluster, as well as a Poetry Festival being planned by Laura Hocking for the Summer Term. More information will be shared in the future, with children invited to attend events being organised for various year groups. After school, we had a football match at Treverbyn School. This included two closely fought matches and almost a great comeback from our Year 5/6 team who started slowly, probably due to their excellent efforts in winning a tournament the previous day (see report from Dylan elsewhere on the Newsletter). On Wednesday, one of our Governors, Patricia Greet, attended for our termly monitoring of Safeguarding. She spoke to myself and staff and was positive about processes and procedures. After this, I also had a Parents Forum Meeting. This was a positive meeting whereby we discussed academisation and Ofsted, we were then rudely interrupted by an unplanned fire alarm. Waldon's, who service our alarm system, came out on Thursday morning and found a fault with a smoke detector which had caused the false alarm. This has now been replaced and we hope for no further issues! On Thursday, I had a meeting to begin the day. Then, when I arrived at school, I worked with other Leaders in School in relation to English, Maths and SEND monitoring across the school. This was positive in identifying strengths of provision, as well as some more tweaks for further improvements. At the time of writing (Thursday evening), I have just planned my next French lessons. However, these will be delivered next Friday (3rd February) due to myself having to attend a meeting on Friday afternoon this week.

I hope that the weather stays dry and you all have a lovely weekend. Best wishes to all children and families,

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 - Imogen M - for forming letters on the line in Read, Write, Inc.

Hendra - Brody - for super understanding of flags of the United Kingdom.

Prosper - Leyton - for good use of texture in art.

Karslake - Logan - for his improved attitude to learning and work ethic.

Melbur - Henry - for excellent usage of expanded column multiplication.

Drinnick - Kelvin - for resilience across all his lessons this week and being a supportive learning partner in Maths.

Rosemellyn - Esme - for her exemplary attitude towards all learning.

🏆 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:

Stacey (Rosemellyn) - for supporting and helping with KS1 children.

🐝 BUSY BEES 🐝

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

Freddie (Hendra) – for excellent effort when writing.

🏆 SPORTS STAR AWARD 🏆

This Weeks Sports Star Award goes to:

Thomas (Hendra) - for an excellent gymnastics routine.

HOUSEPOINTS

Class	Godrevey (Green)	Lizard (Yellow)	Pendeen (Blue)	Trevose (Red)	Wolf Rock (Purple)
Eden	15	14	16	14	16
Hendra	22	18	17	19	16
Prosper	21	15	19	18	19
Karslake	11	15	14	21	16
Melbur	13	20	11	22	20
Drinnick	46	63	56	53	52
Rosemellyn	12	11	14	13	16
Whole School	140	156	147	160	155
Term Total	549	563	534	576	547

This week, Trevose (Red) are in the lead with 576 points, followed by Lizard (Yellow) with 563 points in second and Godrevey (Green) in third with 549 points.

PLAYER OF THE

MATCH AWARD

To give the rest of the children a fair chance to receive the 'Sport's Star Award' each week, we have now created a 'Player of the Match Award' for both our Netball and Football teams each week they have had an inter-school match.

This week our Year 5 / 6 Football Player of the Match goes to:
Alfie (Drinnick) - for excellent play to drive us forward, and scoring and creating goals.

This week our Year 3 / 4 Football Player of the Match goes to:
Mason - for some tremendous tackles when it looked like Treverbyn would score.

ACADEMISATION -

TPAT

As previous letters sent to parents have stated, we are in the process of academisation to join Truro and Penwith Academy Trust. Originally, we were aiming for 1st January, 2023. However, there was a slight delay to this due to the time required to complete consultation periods, and the date of conversion has now been set for 1st February. As stated previously, children and parents shouldn't notice any changes to the day to day activity at Nanpean School. However, the intention of joining TPAT is to give us better support to continue to make further improvements at Nanpean School.

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.

GOVERNOR PEN

PORTRAIT

Bex Dyer

My name is Bex, I am parent Governor at Nanpean School. I have been a Governor for almost 3 years. I have 2 children that currently attend Nanpean School. I am dedicated to supporting the school, the children, school staff and most of all the community that I grew up in.

I gain great satisfaction from the Parent Governor role and would recommend this position to other parents when vacancies become available.

CARETAKER

We are still on the lookout for a caretaker to work part time (5-10 hours per week).

The ideal candidate would need to have a good knowledge of DIY and be happy to work early mornings.

Please share the following link with any one who you think may be suitable for the role:

<http://lhrc1a.rfer.us/CORNWALLqJ63ye>

WEEKLY HOME DEBATE

Each week a new debate becomes available from the Smart School Council Community (SSCC) for children and families to discuss. This week, it asks if it is better to be honest and poor or dishonest and rich. I am certain the children will find this very interesting to discuss. Please use the link below and I look forward to hearing your views:

<https://bigdebateclub.com/debate/is-it-better-to-be-honest-and-poor-or-dishonest-and-rich/>

Last week, the debate asked if education should always be free. The overwhelming response was that it should be free as children have a right to an education. However, some did say that if children decide to further their education, such as at university, this is their choice so they understood why there is a cost associated with this.

LANDSCAPERS OF THE FUTURE!

On Mondays after school, a group of children from Years 3, 5 and 6 come together to explore the skills a Landscaper might need to use. The children have looked at sketches created by landscapers and had a go at creating their own using ideas for an area of land outside Years 2 & 3. This isn't their only project.

This week, we ventured over to the cemetery and met up with Simon, who works for the Parish Council and is responsible for maintaining the village cemetery. He kindly showed us around the area, shared some of the equipment and tools he uses and talked us through areas of land that we could help with.

In the coming weeks the group will get involved with planting trees, wildflower bulbs and keeping the area tidy by helping remove any weeds. Simon also has some very special, commemorative trees that he would like us to plant, and we'll share photographs in a future newsletter. In the meantime, here's some thoughts from some of our club members:

Mia, Year 6: 'I'm looking forward to planting the spring bulbs.'

Sophia, Year 6: 'I enjoyed learning about the different types of plants and trees.'

Corey, Year 5: 'I enjoyed looking at the machinery.'

Halle, Year 3: 'I really liked seeing the monkey tree.'

Joel, Year 3: 'I can't wait to plant some trees.'



FOOTBALL VS TREVERBYN

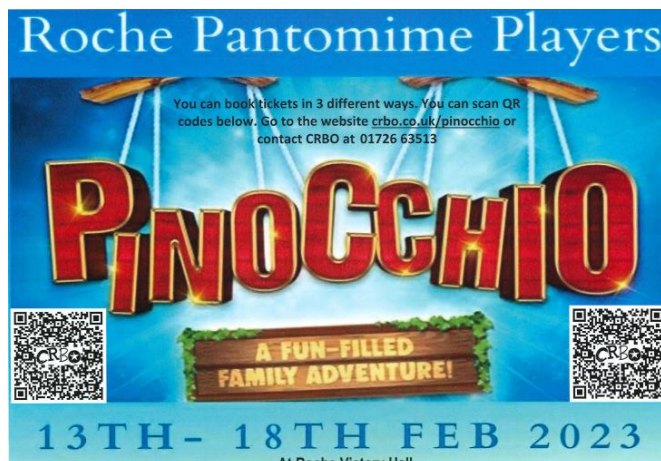
This week the school football teams were back in action as we made the trip to Treverbyn. Despite the game finishing goalless, the Year 3 & 4s played our a really entertaining match with both teams going close to scoring a decisive goal. The game ended in dramatic fashion as we hit the post with the final kick of the game!

In the Year 5 & 6 match Treverbyn started well and scored a quick goal. We improved soon after but we couldn't quite break through their defence. We conceded another goal just before half-time but felt we could still get back in to it. Our spirits were dampened slightly as Treverbyn scored another goal just after the break. After this setback, though, we kept our heads up and, soon after, Alfie in Year 5 scored a brilliant goal, but, due to a lack of marking Treverbyn scored soon after. We replied with 2 goals in quick succession but just ran out of time at the end. Final-score: Treverbyn 4-3 Nanpean (by Dylan H and Alfie B)

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT AT BRANNEL

'On Monday 23rd of January we went to a football tournament at Brannel. It was a close tournament but we emerged victorious with ten points. We won our first game 1-0 and had the same score line in the second game. We had a minor setback in game 3, drawing 1-1 with St Dennis. In our last game, though, we won 1-0 (again!). Arwen and Esmee did brilliantly in defence! A copy of the final table is shown below. Well done everyone!' - By Dylan, Esmee and Arwen (Rosemellyn)

Name	POINTS
1. Nanpean	10
2. St. Dennis	8
3. Whitemoor	6
Winners:	NANPEAN!



WILD SWIMMING FOR

GEORGIA'S VOICE

One of our school parents, Hannah Holcroft, is currently wild swimming each day, for 100 days, for Georgia's Voice, a local Cornish charity supporting young women with mental health challenges.

As of Monday this week, she had reached 95 swims, so should be completing swim 100 today! If any parents are able to support Hannah by way of a donation through the following link, it would be greatly appreciated. I'm sure you'll all agree it's a worthy cause!

<https://gofund.me/b324ae57>





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Tuesday 24th January, 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

As you may be aware from the News, one of the main Education unions, The National Education Union (NEU) have voted to take industrial action on the following dates:

Wednesday 1st February 2023

Thursday 2nd March 2023

Wednesday 15th March 2023

Thursday 16th March 2023

The advice being given to schools is for parents to put a plan in place for childcare for these dates, should your child's class be affected.

As Headteacher and Chair of Governors, we must respect the right of staff to take industrial action following a properly conducted ballot. Government guidance requires us to take reasonable steps to keep the school open, but decisions will be made taking into account health and safety and other factors. Staff can be asked, but do not have to inform us, of their intention to strike or not. Therefore, it is likely that you may only be informed on the morning of the above dates of any school / class closures, and some element of disruption is highly likely in schools.

We will provide further details as soon as we are able to do so, but please begin to consider alternative childcare arrangements for the dates listed above should this be required.

We apologise for any inconvenience but thank you for your support and understanding. Best wishes,

Mr M Nicholls (Headteacher)

Mr M Tucker (Chair of Governors)

