



Nanpean Community Primary School

Nurturing Children's Passion to Succeed

Head teacher Weekly Update:

It has been a busy couple of weeks since I last wrote to you via a newsletter. My apologies for this as our intention is to provide a weekly newsletter, but things such as illness can not be helped. Therefore, I am writing comments about the last two weeks.

It was amazing to visit our Year 6 (Rosemellyn) Class during their Skype call with Jay Blades. The children were extremely excited to ask him questions, and were delighted with some ideas he has for them, although their excitement was bettered by Mrs Jago who I hear was even dancing with delight at one point! I was also impressed with the super description and vocabulary used in their writing this week. I heard Xander's and Talik's versions and these were so vivid I felt like I was actually part of it! I was also intrigued when I visited our Year 5 (Drinnick) class. Children need playtimes at school to let off some energy, and when they didn't have a playtime due to the weather on a couple of occasions, Mr Barritt had put on a dance video that they were all enjoying! I tried to join in myself but failed to keep up with the moves! I was also impressed to see the children planning and completing parts for their film trailer this week and they were clearly excited about this. This week, I enjoyed attending the Melbur (Year 4) wedding. It was amazing to see how the hard work of staff had transformed the hall into a wedding venue, it looked fantastic with all the decorations. I enjoyed the humour and songs, some of which were personal to me as Ed Sheeran was played at my own wedding to my wife, Kate. During songs, the children's dancing was 'a-maz-ing' as they explained during the ceremony, and this really was a great show, as the final song suggested! Thank you to children, staff and parents for your contributions towards this.

This week, Karslake (Year 3) children were also excited by their experience of making fossils. These looked superb and I know the children can give lots of details about fossils and how they are formed.

I also enjoyed visiting Prosper (Year 2) class when the children were completing 'Wanted' posters. Luckily I wasn't the 'bad guy' in any of their wanted posters which linked to their topics and they had used interesting adjectives.

When I popped in to see our Hendra (Year 1) children I was blown away with how their writing is improving. I am very impressed with the presentation and neatness which is something they have been working on. Keep it up Hendra class!

I also went to see our Eden (Year R) class this week as they had a visitor they were all excited about that links to their Topic. The visitor was sleeping when I went in but was enjoying having a story read to him, and the children were enjoying the story and being quiet so they didn't wake their visitor as well!

I also know that there are some children taking part in pantomimes over half term. I would like to pass on my best wishes to them for these performances and I look forward to hearing about them.

I have immensely enjoyed getting to know children, staff and parents during my first half term at Nanpean School and am extremely proud to work with you all every day. I thank you for your support so far and hope you all have an enjoyable, relaxing and well deserved half term break.

Take care and see you all on Monday 25th February when we have our Breakfast Bagel Launch Event! Further details of this can be found elsewhere on the newsletter and on previous newsletters. Best wishes to you all.

Mr M. Nicholls (Headteacher).

NEWSLETTER

15/02/2019

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.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Each week, Nanpean School staff choose one pupil from their class who has shone to be their class star. This could be due to their consistently good behaviour, putting a lot of effort into their work, or their super learning.

'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— Dylan for his excellent contribution in class.

Eden—Oliver for his good Maths work.

Hendra— Lexi for showing great maturity and effort during lessons.

Hendra—Eseme for following instructions with thought and care.

Prosper— Bobby for his super concentration during independent learning tasks.

Prosper—Jessie for her perseverance with reading comprehension work in class.

Karslake— Emily for her good understanding of division with remainders.

Karslake—Ruby for her great learner attitude with her intervention work.

Melbur— Lily for her independent thinking and consistent hard work.

Melbur—Sam for writing and delivering 'wedding vows' with confidence and sincerity.

Drinnick— Elina for her consistent hard work during lessons.

Drinnick—Kaito for his brilliant 'director' work during our film-making.

Rosemellyn— Macy for speaking with confidence and giving a clear, concise response to a question during our skype call this week.

Rosemellyn—Emily-Jayne for her consistently high standards in handwriting across all her work and a fantastic attitude to working as part of a team to support her friends.

LUNCHTIME AWARD

Each week we present a child with a Lunchtime Award. This is to recognise and reward a child who has been notably kind, helpful or well behaved during lunchtimes for the week. This week our Lunchtime Award goes to:

Anya (Eden) for her great interaction with her peers.

Xander (Rosemellyn) for his excellent grown up behavior in the dining room.

ATTENDANCE

w/c 11/02/2019		<u>Karslake</u>	92.59%
Eden	97.37%	Melbur	94.32%
Hendra	96.43%	Drinnick	97.5%
<u>Prosper</u>	<u>99.07%</u>	Rosemellyn	94.44%

REMINDERS

- ⇒ **There will be NO Fun Fit on Monday 25th February because of our Breakfast Bagel Launch Event taking place.**
- ⇒ **The window for booking Parents Evening Appointments online has now closed. If you have not yet made an appointment, please speak to Office Staff to select an appropriate time. Please log in to eSchools to check the time allocated to you.**
- ⇒ **There will be no clubs from Monday 4th March to Friday 8th March due to Parents Evening consultations taking place.**
- ⇒ **Comic Relief will be taking place on Friday 15th March. Our non-school uniform theme for the day is 'Wear Some Red'. This can be any item of clothing, face paint, or head to toe red! We are asking for a £1 donation towards Comic Relief fundraising.**

BUSY BEES

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



This week, Busy Bees were achieved by:

Alfie and Harrison (Hendra) for creating an excellent lighthouse and confidently talking about his Topic work.

Linsey (Karslake) for her excellent knowledge of features related to Newspaper Reports.

Ollie (Melbur) for his excellent use of detailed sentences in his homework.

Maisie (Eden) for her lovely handwriting focusing on the letter 'r'.

⇒ Mrs Sewell is Off!

Unfortunately Mrs Sewell, who is an important and much-loved member of our team, will be leaving us in March. We are currently advertising for a new admin assistant and we hope to keep the transition as smooth as possible but Mrs Sewell will be very much missed. Please bear with us while we recruit and train a new member of staff.

⇒ Going Cashless

We will no longer be accepting cash or cheques at the office for school meals, trips or equipment. We have taken this decision for a number of reasons: Firstly, as Mrs Sewell will be leaving us, we will only have one administrator in the office. It is recommended by the Local Authority Finance Auditors that we demonstrate effective segregation of financial duties and this will not be possible with one administrator handling and banking cash/ cheques. Secondly, we are currently running two systems: one for cash payments and one for online payments. This is confusing, difficult to maintain, and unnecessarily time consuming. Finally, we are paying for a system that is designed to benefit parents/ carers but that is not being used as it should be. Please take the time to check your child's eSchool account (ePay is currently only accessible through the desktop/ internet website but not the eSchools app) and ensure that payments for school meals and trips are paid for promptly. If you are struggling to use the site, please pop into the office and we can run through it with you. As charity collections (such as Comic Relief) are dealt with differently, these can still be made in cash.

⇒ Football / Netball Fixture

On Tuesday our KS2 football teams visited St Dennis for our latest fixtures. For our Year 3 & 4 match we handed debuts to 4 children as we fielded an outfield team entirely made up of Year 3s. Our opponents, who play together at a club outside of school, were strong but our children never gave up and showed good levels of improvement once again. Marlow played well again in goal as Ollie and Jowin defended with strength and determination. Emily, Fynlay and Cameron showed good positional awareness and made good tackles. Kieran and Corey covered lots of ground in midfield and China was very composed in possession. Our 5 & 6 team put in a super performance but were left frustrated as St Dennis won the match 3-0, scoring twice in the final minute. Jake 'Safehands' Kemp was in great form as goalkeeper again, with Charlie and Lauren solid in their defensive duties as we looked to play football from the back. Mackenzie and Xander protected our defence well and were comfortable on the ball. Reuben, Clark and Talik posed an attacking threat throughout the match and only some desperate defending prevented us from scoring deserved goals.

⇒ Homework over the Holidays

Feedback from parents/ carers has suggested that there is currently inconsistency in homework set over the holidays. So that children can enjoy their holidays and so that there is consistency across all classes, the homework expectation over the holidays is that children will continue to read the expected number of times per week and may practice handwriting, spellings or times tables if they wish but these are not expected to be brought into school.

Article 24: Every child has the right to the best possible health. Government must provide good quality healthcare, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and wellbeing so that children can stay healthy.



The National School Breakfast Programme

Our school has joined the government's National School Breakfast Programme (NSBP), which is being delivered by the charities Family Action and Magic Breakfast. As a NSBP School we are pleased to offer a healthy school breakfast, available to all, and enjoy the benefits that brings, with children settled and ready to learn at the start of the school day.

Research has shown that children who have a healthy breakfast achieve more at school!

Top quality bagels will be on offer to all Nanpean School children, free of charge! Trays of warm bagels will be available at the entrance doors as children come into school. Any child who wants one, can take a bagel back to class with them to enjoy every day. Only bagels will be on offer and consideration has been given to dietary requirements.

Open to *all* children, and it's totally free!

Launch event

To launch this exciting Breakfast programme, we are inviting parents and carers to join us. When doors open at 8.45am on **Monday 25th February**, you are welcome to take a bagel with your child and go to class to read with them until 9.15am.



⇒ World Book Day

World Book Day will be taking place this year on Thursday 7th March. Children are invited to come to school in fancy dress based on our literary theme, which this year is Comic Books. This is a theme with a lot of scope for children to choose characters from: From Marvel or DC superheroes, to TinTin and Dennis the Menace, to Pokemon. We hope that children have a lot of fun choosing and dressing up as their characters and we can't wait to see them! There will also be a variety of themed activities for the children to participate in. There will be no charge to parents/ carers for the non-school uniform.

DIARY DATES

Spring Term 2019

Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February—Half Term

Monday 25th February—Bagel Breakfast Launch Event

Tuesday 5th March and Wednesday 6th March—Parent Consultations

Thursday 7th March—World Book Day

Friday 8th March—Year 6 visit to Brannel School

Monday 11th March—Snell Cup

Friday 15th March—Comic Relief—RED Fancy Dress

Friday 22nd March—Clay Schools 5-a-side Indoor Football

Tuesday 26th March—Indoor Cricket Tournament at Brannel

Thursday 4th April—Easter Service

Monday 8th April—Easter Holidays

Yours Sincerely,

Mr M. Nicholls
Head teacher

