

12/03/21

NANPEAN SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



ATTENDANCE

Eden - 94.83%

Hendra - 96.97%

Prosper - 98.44%

Karslake - 96.00%

Melbur - 100%

Drinnick - 94.44%

Rosemellyn - 100%

HEAD TEACHER WEEKLY UPDATE

WELCOME BACK!

It has been a strange Spring Term thus far, and it seems unusual for me to be welcoming you back to school when the Easter holiday is only a few weeks away. However, with the Government decision to close schools as part of lockdown being made as children were due back to school at the beginning of January, this is where we find ourselves, with me welcoming children back for a few weeks before the next school holiday period. In early January, I tried my utmost to inform parents quickly, and keep parents updated as the situation unfolded, and I hope that you found these social media posts and letters helpful. Although school was open during this time for vulnerable children and those with critical worker parents, it was strange being in school every day with a limited number of children split into three small groups. For those who continued with remote learning at home, I would like to express my gratitude to the children for completing tasks and parents for supporting their children's education at this time.

Since reopening for the whole school on Monday, it has been lovely to see all children, their parents and our school staff each day. I have ensured I have visited every class each day this week to ensure the children are settled. It is clear that children are settled, and have returned to school happily, but I am also aware that some of the children are tired this week, as I think any change to routine can be tiring. I am sure this will cease over the next few weeks as the routine becomes normality again.

This week has also been British Science Week, with a focus on Aspirations / Careers, and in particular job roles relating to Science and the NHS, which is so pertinent at this time. This also links to a whole school priority that has been implemented this term, whereby each class will focus on a career each term in relation to their curriculum learning. While visiting classrooms I have seen some 'experiments' and tasks that children have been completing, and these looked really exciting - it even brought back memories of my time at school and experiments in secondary school science labs! It has been a lovely way for children to return to school! Thank you to Mrs Jago for organising this.

I have also enjoyed seeing children being supported again individually or in small focus groups, as part of interventions to support their learning and progress. Our interventions generally focus on pastoral support and basic skills support for the children, so that they are happy and make progress in relation to their ability, especially with key skills such as reading. As expected, we are now implementing our Recovery / Catch up Curriculum, to hopefully ensure that any lost learning (from school lockdowns) is quickly caught up. Have a lovely weekend but please ensure you continue to follow guidelines for the safety of everyone in our community. Best wishes,

Mr M Nicholls (Headteacher).



WORD OF THE WEEK

Eden - "Emergency"

Hendra - "Alien"

Prosper - "Ramshackle"

Karslake - "Sanguine"

Melbur - "Abrasive"

Drinnick - "Contemplate"

Rosemellyn - "Affluent"

REMINDERS

Friday 19th March -
Year 1 Hearing Screening

Friday 2nd April -
Friday 16th April -
Easter Holiday

Monday 19th April -
INSET DAY

HOUSE POINTS

Class	Godrevey (Green)	Lizard (Yellow)	Pendeen (Blue)	Trevose (Red)	Wolf Rock (Purple)
Eden	10	9	10	14	12
Hendra	117	29	24	34	19
Prosper	23	24	25	22	27
Karslake	41	93	69	58	39
Melbur	22	38	34	38	40
Drinnick	94	106	66	114	27
Rosemellyn	23	17	15	15	22
Whole School	330	316	243	295	186
Term Total	330	316	243	295	186

These housepoints are from the Spring Term thus far, so include some housepoints given to children who were completing Remote Learning (both in school and at home during the recent lockdown), as well as those given on their return to school this week.

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 - Brodie for using fantastic mathematical language.

Hendra - Kian for showing excellent readiness to learn and trying his best with all his work.

Prosper - Riley for excellent enthusiasm across the curriculum.

Karslake - Leah for her positive, mature attitude towards returning to school.

Melbur - Logan for his excellent learning attitude and confident return to school.

Drinnick - Kieran for his fantastic, mature approach across all lessons.

Rosemellyn - Sophie for her continued outstanding commitment to reading at home.

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:

Siena (Prosper) for always being kind to others and doing all she can to support her peers.

BUSY BEES

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

Rhys (Prosper) for being a great friend: supportive, kind and caring to a peer in his class.

Ellie-Mae (Karslake) for excellent effort and presentation in her Maths work related to division.

Elizabeth (Melbur) for her excellent acting skills.

Jacob (Melbur) for improved handwriting.

Olivia (Drinnick) for excellent presentation in her written work.

SPORTS STAR AWARD

This Weeks Sports Star Award goes to:

Charlie (Karslake) for his excellent basketball skills in PE this week.

TRAFFIC CALMING

We have been made aware that the traffic calming speed signs currently don't seem to be working on St George's Road outside of school. These were put in place for safety reasons and should work for 45 minutes at school drop off and collection times. This is something that I personally have 'campaigning for' since I started at Nanpean. We have logged the issue, and it isn't completely clear yet who is responsible for checking / maintaining them (either Cornwall Council or the company that supplied them). I will provide further updates as and when they arrive, and hopefully these will be working again very soon.

NEW APPOINTMENT-

SECRETARY ROLE

Unfortunately, Miss Pascoe has recently handed in her notice and leaves us today (Friday 12th March). She wanted to make it clear that she has thoroughly enjoyed her time at Nanpean School, but now wishes to leave as a further career opportunity has arisen. I would like to thank Miss Pascoe for all her support during her time at Nanpean School, and we will miss her immensely. Miss Tucker has been appointed and will officially begin on Monday 22nd March so we welcome her to the team at Nanpean School. She will be available in the office, alongside Mrs Houston, to support children, parents and staff at school.

BRITISH SCIENCE

WEEK

What an exciting week to return to school:

British Science Week!

To honour our fantastic NHS every class across the school has focused on the science needed to carry out different job roles in the NHS. It's been everything from bionic hands to investigating how blood congeals. The children have had science passports and ticked off skills such as teamwork, patience and leadership throughout the week. Watch out on our website, Dojo and Tapestry for photos from a fantastically fun first week.



YEAR 1 HEARING SCREENING

Year 1 hearing screening will be taking place next Friday 19th March. Consents for this will have been completed when your child joined in Reception class.

The lady that comes to carry out the screening will be wearing full PPE, as per government guidelines. If you no longer want your child to be part of this screening, please let the office know before Wednesday 17th March. If we don't hear from you we will assume that the previous completed consents still apply and will include your child.

RETURN TO SCHOOL

This week has seen a successful return to school for all children. I am delighted with how this has gone and it has been lovely to see children, parents and staff smiling. Children seem to be enjoying seeing their friends and school staff, and I am sure parents are also now appreciating the 'break' from having children permanently at home! At the beginning of the week, cones were used again as reminders for entrances / exits being used, and I thank everyone for following the procedures set out in the letters sent to children / parents. These cones don't seem necessary as everyone knows the procedures so they haven't been used at the end of the week and won't be in future, unless changes are made to plans.

BREAKFAST CLUB - NIPPERS PRESCHOOL

Since returning to school, I am aware that due to us following Government / DFE guidelines in relation to social distancing and therefore the staggered start and finish times to the school day for different classes, this can make it difficult for parents who need to go to work. Unfortunately, as we are required to follow the guidelines, there isn't a lot we can do. However, I wanted to remind parents that children can attend Nippers (onsite Nursery) as they provide wrap around care before and after school, and can be utilised (at a very reasonable cost) by parents who need this extra care for their children. For more details please contact Lee /Donna at Nippers preschool on 01726 823641.

PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS

Our Parent Consultations for this term, when we comment on progress and further targets, were scheduled for this month (March). However, due to the recent lockdown enforced school closures and children only returning this week, it seems ridiculous to comment on progress straight away. However, we don't want to leave this too long, so the Parental Consultations, which due to guidelines will again contain comments on a sheet as opposed to face to face meetings, will be sent to parents at the end of April (beginning of the Summer Term) as this gives us 5 weeks of the children being in school since reopening. These will be followed at the end of the Summer Term by the formal written report, as happens at the end of every academic year. Further details will be sent on future newsletters.

