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# NANPEAN SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



### ATTENDANCE

Eden - 99.17%

Hendra - 96.97%

Prosper - 95.45%

Karslake - 90.67%

Melbur - 100%

Drinnick - 100%

Rosemellyn - 97.26%

### HEAD TEACHER WEEKLY UPDATE

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a lovely, restful Easter and enjoyed eating (not too much!) chocolate! It has been amazing to see all of the children (and families) back at school and smiling again this week.

In the Summer Term, I just want to remind you that in PSHE lessons, the focus is on Relationships Education. A letter has gone home in relation to the teaching of this. This week, and due to things I am sure you will have seen highlighted in the media, each class has also been spoken to (by Teachers and myself) in relation to 'inappropriate behaviour towards others'. This also links to Relationships Education and could involve inappropriate use of hands, or hand gestures, or verbally saying inappropriate things to peers. Children have been told to think carefully about what they say, and ensure it is respectful at all times, and to keep their hands to themselves. I expect this to ensure that there continues to be no inappropriate behaviour.

On Tuesday afternoon this week, I took half of our Year 6 class to their sailing session at Polkerris Beach. They have another 5 sessions, before the remaining half of the class attend sessions after half term. I enjoyed seeing them smiling, enjoying the sailing activities and being in the water, while they learnt sailing skills in a safe environment. The weather was also kind to us and hopefully this continues! Apologies to parents of these children as we were about 20 minutes late back to Nanpean. However, this may be the case every week, as we want to maximise the children's time 'on the water' and traffic has clearly increased since the lockdown was eased, this was also not helped by the fact there are many roadworks on the route to Polkerris.

On Wednesday morning, I enjoyed visiting our Year 5 (Drinnick) Class as they took part in the live Spaceport broadcast which was extremely interesting (see information from Mrs Jago elsewhere on the Newsletter).

On Thursday afternoon, we had our monthly meeting with the Student Welfare Officer in relation to attendance. Attendance at Nanpean School (whole school) remains excellent, and is currently above 97%, with the National Expectation being 96%. The attendance of most individual children is also excellent (anything above 96%), and is stated on the termly report being sent home next Friday (30th April). Where there are concerns about the attendance of individual children, I continue to contact parents via letter or phone call to ensure attendance improves. Thank you to children and parents who have excellent attendance.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and continue to follow Government guidelines.

Best wishes,

Mr M Nicholls (Headteacher).



### WORD OF THE WEEK

Eden - "*Fierce*"

Hendra - "*Overgrown*"

Prosper - "*Acquire*"

Karslake - "*Menacing*"

Melbur - "*Cacophony*"

Drinnick - "*Contention*"

Rosemellyn - "*Trepidation*"

### REMINDERS

Please can we remind parents to check their ESchools account regularly and ensure outstanding payments are settled.

## **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 - Sennen** - for always being kind and helpful to everyone.

**Hendra - Bailey** - for super effort with sorting his pictures for how to plant a bean.

**Prosper - Rhys** - for fantastic recall of the properties of 2D shapes.

**Karslake - Archie C** - for always coming to school with a positive attitude.

**Melbur - Jowen** - for working hard during maths.

**Drinnick - Tegen** - for high levels of engagement and taking notes attentively during our Zoom video call with Spaceport Cornwall.

**Rosemellyn - Ollie** - for a conscientious start to the new term.



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:

**HalleMay (Rosemellyn)** for her continuous kindness and support to her peers.



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

**Lacie and Toby (Karslake)** – for excellent engagement and progress in RWI (Phonics) sessions.

**Cayden (Drinnick)** – for an excellent response to a new text in Guided Reading: Cayden had impressive ideas.

**Reggi (Eden)** – for excellent Maths, Reggi was counting in groups and could identify square numbers.



This Weeks Sports Star Award goes to:

**Marlow** - for super effort in sailing.

## **PARENTS FORUM**

A parents forum meeting (via Zoom, see link below and hopefully technology doesn't hold us back!) has been set for Thursday 6th May at 9.30am. Any parents are welcome to attend via Zoom. Unfortunately, since April 2020, following the first lockdown, it has been extremely difficult to hold the parents forum meetings that I used to enjoy and value as they provided regular feedback to me about our school. I have tried to ensure feedback has still been given, by regularly talking to families at drop off / collection times, and through the survey that was sent out electronically before Christmas. Another one of these is being planned for the next couple of weeks as I like these to coincide with 'Parent Consultations'. Although information about children is being sent via a shortened 'report' as face to face consultations can't happen within Covid-19 related guidelines, a survey will still be set up at the same time (early May). Mr Nicholls is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting: 'Parents Forum Meeting via Zoom' on Thursday 6th May, 2021 at 09:30am.

Zoom Meeting (link to join the meeting)

<https://zoom.us/j/93529984769?pwd=Z2RlVXhDaFB0UWZ4MDVMVFVRc1VMZz09>

Meeting ID: 935 2998 4769

Passcode: UrRNm4

## **TRAFFIC CALMING**

Following much communication with various people, these have now been fixed and are working again. I am still very aware that the size and positioning of them are not good, and I gave this feedback when consulted, but we at least have something in place (and working again) along the busy road outside of school.

## **CLASS QUIZ**

During lockdown, each class was setting an end of the week quiz to review learning and allow parents to engage with children about their learning. It has been decided that we will continue to implement these, beginning today (Friday 23rd April). These will be posted via Class Dojo / Tapestry. The quiz will contain 6 questions each week so shouldn't be onerous. This will include the child's name, 3 questions related to work completed in afternoons (often linked to foundation subjects), one question related to a class assembly from the week, and one question related to the class story that is being read by adults in the class to the children in the daily timetabled slot. I hope that children and parents enjoy engaging with the class quiz again!

## **FEEDBACK TO**

## **PARENTS**

Information about children's academic and social attainment and progress will be sent to parents next Friday, the 30th of April. As I like to do during Parent Consultations, which aren't possible due to guidelines at this time, a survey will be created for the beginning of May which will replace the usual parent questionnaires available at Parent Consultations. These provide valuable feedback about strengths and areas for development at Nanpean School and I thank you in advance for the time spent completing this if you are able to do so.

# IMERYS TRESPASS

## WARNING

With improved weather on the horizon and lockdown restrictions eased, Imerys Minerals is calling on residents and visitors planning walks and others leisure activities in mid-Cornwall to ensure they keep off operational and former clay sites.

Members of the public are being reminded that, unless clearly indicated, Clay Country sites are subject to strict mines and quarry regulations, are not open for public access and are not suitable for recreational purposes.

Imerys will be stepping up patrols and working closely with Devon and Cornwall Police to enforce the rules and if necessary, bring prosecutions against anyone found cutting fences, damaging gates or illegally entering Imerys land on foot or with vehicles or motorcycles.

Anyone trespassing on Imerys sites is putting themselves at serious risk of harm, with these areas harbouring many hidden dangers such as steep drops, deep cold water, and large vehicles and machines that pose a significant threat to life.

There have been numerous incidents over the years including a boy who was airlifted to hospital after sliding down the side of a pit; another boy who had to be rescued by the fire service after getting stuck in wet clay and many near misses involving motorbikes and large mobile plant vehicles and machinery working in the clay pits. Not only are trespassers risking their own safety, but that of Imerys and emergency service workers who have to respond through rescue operations.

Anyone witnessing trespassing on Imerys sites is asked to call Imerys Clay Control on 01726 828800.

## HOUSE POINTS

Due to the inset day on Monday, and this week being shorter than usual, Housepoints will begin to be collated and added to the newsletter from next week (30th April). This will give the children time to settle back into school for the Summer Term after the Easter break.

## ATTENDANCE

We would like to highlight the importance of attendance, as always, because all children are expected to be in school. If there are instances where we may have concerns we will have to contact the Student Welfare Officer.

We would like to remind everyone that at our school we place huge importance on the value of good school attendance in improving both a child's academic and social development. Not only this, but it is a parent/ carer's legal obligation to ensure that a child of school age receives an efficient and full time education. If parents or carers take their children out of school without permission, they will be committing an offence under the.

Education Act 1996. This year, we will continue to take advice from our Student Welfare Officer, and would like to remind all parents/ carers of our procedure regarding unauthorised absences. If a child reaches 10 sessions of unauthorised absence (the equivalent of 5 school days), then we will refer the matter to our Student Welfare

Officer: Caroline Hunt, who will issue a first warning letter. If that child accrues any further sessions of unauthorised absence within a 10 week period, then we will refer the matter to Cornwall Legal Services who may decide to prosecute. A penalty notice may be issued under Section 444A and 444B of the Education Act 1996.

This carries 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 court action. Alternatively, a conviction may result in a fine of up to £2,500, a prison sentence of up to three months, or both. No leave of absence will be authorised except for in exceptional circumstances and this is at the discretion of the Head teacher. Additionally, if you report that your child is absent due to illness, but we have reasonable reason to doubt the accuracy of this statement, we will be within our rights to request evidence from your child's doctor confirming the illness. If your child is having any problems that you feel are affecting their attendance, please speak with your child's class teacher or Mr Nicholls.

## YEAR 6 SAILING

The first group of Year 6 children have really enjoyed their first visit to Polkerris for their sailing lessons. This week involved quite a bit of theory work to get them on the water safely – the biggest challenge proved to be the children getting into their wetsuits!!





# SPACEPORT BROADCAST

On Wednesday, Year 5 took part in the Inspiration Space Broadcast involving UK Space Agency, Spaceport Cornwall, Virgin Orbit and Goonhilly Earth Station.

Olivia: "4.6 million years ago the solar system formed. We learned about theories the scientists have on how the solar system was formed. We did an experiment to help us understand how the planets formed. We used pepper to represent the big ball of gas and how it formed the sun. From the sun, the order of the planets is Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, (asteroid belt), Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and then the dwarf planet Pluto."

Isla: "Scientists believe that the sun took 10 million years to form."

China: "Did you know it would take around 42 seconds for a rocket to travel from Newquay to London?"

Blake: "Mercury and Venus have no moons, but all the other planets have 1 or more."

James: "Although diagrams make it look like the planets are all lined up, planets never normally line up. They are in orbit and you would be amazed at the distance between them."

Eden: "Venus is roughly the same size as Earth but they spin in different ways and it rotates in a slower way."

Our class also asked Spaceport a question: "What qualifications do you need to become an Engineer?" There were hundreds of questions coming in from other schools on the chat, so we were delighted to get a response to our question. We have been told that there are different options including both college/university routes as well as apprenticeships. There are about 37,000 University courses to pick from. What we need to do now though, is really focus on our Science and Maths skills in school if we want to become an Engineer in the future.

As well as the information videos, speaking to experts and the live experiments and workshops, we also met Palores (the Astrochough) and Lorell (the satellite) who told us about some of the amazing things happening in Cornwall. Palores and Lorell are Spaceport mascots designed by local school children from Launceston.

Palores and Lorell helped us understand more about satellites and the possible job roles of the future. We learned that many of the satellites launched from the UK will be used for observing our planet. These satellites gather all types of data including mapping the depths of the world's oceans, monitoring air quality or weather patterns and providing information that is essential to improving our understanding of climate change and human impact on the planet. Before we can launch in the UK, there's lots of planning and preparation that needs to be done. Virgin Orbit will be launching their rocket from Cornwall next year. Launching from the UK could create hundreds of exciting new jobs in Cornwall and across the country. Especially around the Spaceports. Members of our community may even end up helping become part of helping to get rockets launched here in the UK in the future!

Over the next ten years, there will be over an extra 30,000 people needed to work in the UK space industry. These could be people from our very own school here in Nanpean! Job roles such as designing rockets, using space data or engineers.

We would like to say a massive thank you to David Pollard from Spaceport Cornwall for allowing us to be involved in the live Zoom call as well as all the other experts who joined the call. It's really given us a great opportunity to expand the children's ideas on their future careers, including the possibility of a career in space!

Thank you for taking the time to read our Science update. Year 5 loved it!

