

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 week our stars are:

Eden - The Whole Class for settling in well to school life in their new class.

Hendra - Halle for her delightful recital (with actions!) of "The Little Red" - delivered with confidence and enthusiasm.

Prosper - Siena for a consistent positive attitude and work ethic.

Karslake - Elodie for consistent effort in her work and excellent behaviour for learning.

Melbur - Owen, Auden, Maisie and Sofia for settling in so confidently to a new classroom and school.

Drinnick - Charlie for outstanding learning behaviour. Always listening, always ready. Fantastic!

Rosemellyn - Autumn for settling into her new class and school with confidence.



BUSY BEES

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

Toby (Karslake) for excellent behaviour, super effort in his work, and confident use of articles ('a' or 'an') this week.



SPORTS STAR AWARD

This weeks Sports Star award goes to:

Rhys (Prosper) - for his brilliant aiming and throwing skills in PE lessons this week.

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:

Logan (Melbur) for being extremely welcoming, helpful and supportive to the new children in his class.

ATTENDANCE

w/c 07/09/2020		Karslake	98.73%
Eden	100%	Melbur	100%
Hendra	95.45%	Drinnick	97.37%
Prosper	97.73%	Rosemellyn	98.68%

Head teacher Weekly Update:

Welcome back to school everyone for the 2020-21 academic year. It was a strange and abrupt end to 2019-20 due to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak. As a result, we have had to put many things in place, alongside the guidelines issued by the Government, to ensure the safety of staff, children, their parents and the general community. From speaking to a variety of people this week, our detailed plans seem to have gone well. Hopefully the use of cones outside has helped children and parents locate entrances being used easily, and I feel that as people now know the entrances being used, we won't need to continue placing cones.

One amendment we have had to make, is that due to Year R and 1 children sharing an outdoor area, these classes will now become one 'bubble'. They will still have separate lessons, but they are classed as one bubble (Covid-19 related) due to the sharing of the play area.

In school, I have been visiting each class on a daily basis and have enjoyed seeing all children again. It is always lovely to hear their interesting stories and I have also enjoyed greeting children as they arrive at school each morning. However, I won't be able to do this each Friday as I am teaching our Year 3 (Karslake) Class then.

When visiting classes, I was very impressed with the focus and concentration of our Year 1 (Hendra) class as they took part in their English lesson with Miss Crossley and Miss Rosevear on Tuesday morning. I also enjoyed seeing some word of the week and place value Maths work in our Year 3 (Karslake) class with Mr Parker and Ms Grindrod this week. I have also enjoyed visiting Year 4 (Melbur) class to 'check in' with them and especially the 4 new children that have joined their class from other schools.

Finally, I hope you enjoy hearing about the Assembly focus and Word of the Week elsewhere in our Newsletter and that these things become the basis of interesting conversations at home between children and parents.

Have a lovely weekend - hopefully we get some lovely weather but please continue to follow Government guidance to stay safe. Best wishes,

Mr M Nicholls (Head teacher)

WORD OF THE WEEK

From now on, we will include this 'word of the week' section on the Newsletter. This will detail the word of the week in each class. The purpose of this is to improve children's vocabulary which will benefit them socially as well as academically. Please try to encourage your child to use their word of the week in the correct context! This week our "Words of the Week" are:

Eden - "Hello"

Hendra - "Delighted"

Prosper - "Enormously"

Karslake - "Occasionally"

Melbur - Individual adjectives to describe themselves

Drinnick - "Atmosphere"

Rosemellyn - "Unprecedented"

⇒ **Head Boy, Head Girl and their Deputies**
Congratulations to the following Year 6 (Rosemellyn Class) children who have been nominated for these roles. Reece is our Head Boy for this year and Polly is our Head Girl. Their Deputies are Ollie and Gracie-Mai. This was a very difficult decision as every child in this class and at Nanpean School is amazing. We are extremely proud of the start that our Year 6 children have made this year, so this was one of the most difficult decisions we have had to make. Due to them being so sensible and responsible, other children will be utilised for roles as well.

⇒ **Assembly Focus**
This week, children have been focusing on Reading and links to Roald Dahl where possible (it is Roald Dahl day this weekend). I am sure that many adults will also recall reading books by Roald Dahl when they were children. Some interesting facts about Roald Dahl and his books are: he was born near Cardiff (Wales) in 1916; his parents were Norwegian and he was named after a famous Norwegian Explorer called Roald Amundsen; he served in the RAF during World War 2; his books are well known for the unusual humour and interesting endings; he had 5 children; he has said some famous quotes, Mr Nicholls likes the following quotes as they made him smile: 'Don't gobblefunk around with words' and 'Grown ups are complicated creatures, full of quirks and secrets'.

⇒ **Breakfast**
As we are currently unable to provide 'Breakfast Bagels' each morning, Mr Nicholls has ensured we are eligible for breakfast deliveries as happened during lockdown. When these arrive (likely to be next week) they will be distributed so each child can take home a 'breakfast pack'. We expect this to be every two weeks and should include cereal, porridge and bagels.

⇒ **PE Kit**
As you are aware we have decided to allow children to wear their PE Kit to school on the days that their class have PE. We have considered this and will allow this at this time as it makes sense to help limit what is brought in from home, and also will save time (that it takes for children to change in school). They are permitted to wear appropriate PE shorts and T-shirt, or jogging bottoms and sweatshirt on cooler days, as well as appropriate footwear.

We hope this also allows parents more time with the regular washing of PE kit and school uniform. PE days are as follows:

Eden – Tuesday and Friday
Hendra – Monday and Thursday
Prosper – Monday and Wednesday
Karslake – Wednesday and Friday
Melbur – Tuesday and Friday
Drinnick – Monday and Thursday
Rosemellyn – Tuesday and Thursday.

⇒ **Library Books**
If you still have library books at home from last term, we would appreciate it if you could return them to the office.

⇒ **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 conviction may result in a fine of up to £2,500, a prison sentence of up to three months, or both. Alternatively, 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.

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.

⇒ **Social Distancing**
We are disappointed to have noticed that some parents are not adhering to social distancing guidelines and have been congregating in areas having conversations. The government are really specific with regards to social distancing so please could you ensure you drop/collect your child(ren) and leave the school site promptly.

DIARY DATES

Autumn Term 2020

Wednesday 23rd September - Tempest Photography, Individual Photographs.

Monday 26th October—Friday 30th October - HALF TERM

Yours Sincerely,
Mr M Nicholls, Headteacher

