

NANPEAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 22nd March 2024



Dates for the Diary

- Tuesday 26th March – 2:45–3:15pm – Book Look – More details elsewhere on this Newsletter.
- Thursday 28th March – last day of the Spring Term.
- Monday 15th April – Staff INSET day, school closed to children.
- Tuesday 16th April – first day of the Summer Term.

Head Teacher Weekly Update

This week has been our termly Assessment week at school. I always say that school is generally very calm, but due to the Assessment week, it has been even quieter and calmer than usual. The purpose of this is to expose children to test situations, and to inform Teachers in relation to what children know and can remember in a test situation, thus highlighting what needs to be a focus again for the whole class and children as individuals.

This week has also seen us monitor Design and Technology in school. Miss Brotherhood leads DT and has been looking at children's work in lessons, and speaking to children, each Monday afternoon which is when our wider curriculum (subject) monitoring takes place. This has been positive and we also have a few next steps for further improvement following this. I am also in the process of developing this subject on the website, and our next steps will be noted in the 'impact' section for this subject.

On Tuesday, we welcomed Mrs Montgomery-Smith to school, as part of our handover process, before she begins in April (after Easter) to replace Miss Morton during her maternity leave. She met with myself about the Assistant Headteacher role, and also met with Miss Morrison (SENDCo and Year 1 partner Teacher). She also met other staff and children throughout the school and we look forward to Mrs Montgomery-Smith starting in the Summer Term.

On Wednesday, Mr Prince monitored Mastering Number sessions in the younger classes. This has been implemented this year to improve understanding of basic number. Our INSET Day is a focus on this after Easter (Monday 15th April, 2024).

On Tuesday and Wednesday, it was also pleasing to see many parents showing a keen interest in their children's learning when they attended Parent Consultation meetings. I hope these were useful in terms of knowing about your child's progress, as well as their future targets for the Summer Term. We also look forward to welcoming parents into classrooms next week (Tuesday at 2.45pm) for your children to share their work.

At the time of writing (Thursday afternoon), I have just returned to school following an educational visit to the Royal Cornwall Showground related to farming for our Melbur Class. They had a lovely day and learnt a lot in relation to this area of the curriculum.

I am also looking forward to Bingo this evening, which is one of our fundraising events, which this time is for Year 6 end of year celebrations before they move to secondary school. Thank you to Mrs Houston and Miss Tucker for organising this, and thank you to parents and families for your donations, these events would not be able to run without you!

Finally, a reminder that next week is a four day week at school (Monday to Thursday) as Friday is Good Friday (Bank Holiday) and is therefore the beginning of the Easter holiday. School reopens to children on Tuesday 16th April as Monday 15th April is a Staff INSET Day. Have a lovely weekend everyone, best wishes,

Mr M Nicholls (Headteacher)

ATTENDANCE

Eden – 98.6%

Hendra – 91%

Prosper – 91.5%

Melbur – 93.9%

Drinnick – 94%

Rosemellyn – 95.7%



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 - Phoenix** - for being an excellent helper all week.
 - **Hendra - Oliver** - for great effort in story writing.
 - **Prosper - Antoni** - for applying himself in comprehension sessions.
 - **Melbur - Ashton** - for a positive attitude to learning and great effort in Maths assessment this week.
 - **Drinnick - Ava** - for showing kindness and compassion towards her friends and determination in her assessments this week!
- Rosemellyn - Kelvin** - for showing a committed and determined attitude in his studies despite the pressures of Year 6.



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:

Evelyn (Prosper) - for being kind and thoughtful to others.



Busy Bees



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

Harry (Hendra) - for great contributions related to capacity (Maths).



Sports Star



This Weeks Sports Star Award goes to:

Alfie M (Drinnick) - for his organisation, discipline in defence and decision making on whether to pass or dribble the ball at after school football.

Housepoints

| Class | Godrevey (Green) | Lizard (Yellow) | Pendeen (Blue) | Trevoise (Red) | Wolf Rock (Purple) |
|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Eden | 16 | 19 | 13 | 11 | 11 |
| Hendra | 19 | 17 | 21 | 16 | 16 |
| Prosper | 19 | 19 | 22 | 21 | 14 |
| Melbur | 32 | 24 | 40 | 35 | 29 |
| Drinnick | 12 | 11 | 10 | 13 | 11 |
| Rosemellyn | 12 | 13 | 14 | 13 | 13 |
| Whole School | 110 | 103 | 120 | 109 | 94 |
| Term Total | 1,179 | 1,139 | 1,254 | 1,212 | 1,119 |

THIS WEEK, PENDEEN (BLUE) STAY IN THE LEAD WITH 1254 POINTS, FOLLOWED BY TREVOISE (RED) WITH 1212 POINTS IN SECOND AND GODREVEY (GREEN) IN THIRD WITH 1179 POINTS.

Book Look

As parent consultations are virtual meetings done via the school cloud system, and these have taken place this week, following these we always invite parents to classrooms to look at their child(ren)'s work. This has been set for 2.45 - 3.15pm on Tuesday 26th March. We look forward to seeing many parents in school visiting their child(ren)'s classroom(s) then.



Easter Celebrations!!

If parents are willing to donate some small, foil wrapped eggs that can be hidden around the school grounds for the classes to have Easter Egg hunts in the last week of term, this would be very much appreciated. Please hand these to your child's class teacher before Friday 22nd March.

Also, we are holding an Easter Egg Raffle, if anyone would be willing to donate an Easter Egg towards this raffle, please drop these in to the school office before Friday 22nd March.

RAFFLE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE TO BUY NOW FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE, THE RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN ON WEDNESDAY 27th MARCH 2024.



Weekly Home Debate

This week, the weekly debate asks if the amount of fast food that people eat should be restricted. This was also posted on Class Dojo at the beginning of the week

<https://bigdebateclub.com/debate/should-the-amount-of-fast-food-people-are-allowed-to-eat-be-restricted/>

I hope you enjoy discussing and debating this and I look forward to hearing your views. I will comment on any views I hear in the following week's newsletter and will also share a new debate topic to discuss then!

Last week, the debate asked if homework should be banned! Some children I spoke to said that it should be, as they learn lots in school, but others said that homework can support learning even further and that it is nice to share with adults at home what we have been doing in school. Personally, as a Headteacher, I see the benefits of children continuing their learning at home so would say that homework should be a reasonable and fair amount (not over burdening people) but should never be banned!

INSET Days 2024/25

This week, I have started to think about INSET Days for the next academic year (2024-25). I always like to share these with parents as soon as possible. These are not set yet, and won't be until May or June, but advance notice that I expect our INSET Days for 2024-25 to be: Tuesday 3rd September, 2024; Wednesday 4th September, 2024; Monday 4th November, 2024 (TPAT INSET Day); Monday 6th January, 2025; and Friday 6th June, 2025. I hope this advance notice of our expected INSET Days helps parents to plan childcare, etc... on these days when school is closed to children.



Attendance Policy / Strategy

This week, Governors have approved the TPAT attendance policy and strategy, which have had some slight adaptations at school level whereby we were required to add information relevant to Nanpean School.

This can now be seen on our school website: http://www.nanpean.cornwall.sch.uk/website/key_policies_/538453. It would be useful for all parents to read this so that they are aware of expectations for attendance at Nanpean School. One of the main changes for us is how we will look at attendance. Previously, we simply considered the child's attendance percentage, and, of course, we will continue to do this. However, in future, we will also be considering 'broken weeks' of attendance, with a broken week being a week whereby the child is not at school for each of the five school days. If this is over a certain level in a half term or term, letters will also now be sent to parents. This is because nationally, the Department for Education expect children to be in school, and feel it is extremely rare for children to be too unwell to attend school frequently, such as absent one week, then again the next week or week after, for example.

Easter Camp 2024
Location - Nanpean Primary School
Time - 10:00-15:00
Age - 5-11 Years Old
Price - £15 per day

Thursday - 4th April
Football Camp
Fun, themed football drills and activities. Followed by Ornament Style games, Matches and Penalty Shootouts

Medals, Certificates and Eggs to be WON!

Thursday - 11th April
Multi-Sport Camp
A variety of fun, themed sports and games!

Dodgeball, Football, Tennis, Hockey, Team Building Games/Races, Nerf Guns and MORE!

Kixx+ To BOOK Email - jamesurie@kixx.org.uk

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Cancelled Clubs

As always, on the last week of term (W/C 25th March 2024) there will be no clubs.

Drinnick Class Scientists

In Drinnick class over the last couple of weeks we have been learning about ecosystems in our local area. We have been exploring our woodlands and the pond area and carried out different types of research such as tally charts, sketches, samples and photographs. We worked in pairs, then shared our findings with the whole class. Some of us saw some tiny frogs hiding in the pond area, while others spotted lots of spiders and other creepy crawlies! We were all great at spotting clues such as tracks and burrows to help us work out what type of animal might have lived there. We enjoyed discovering how the variety of insects and animals that live alongside each other within our school grounds. Afterwards, we were able to present our data using pictograms and bar charts.



Parking Around School Site

A reminder that there should be NO PARKING on the Zig-Zag lines at the front of the school site. These lines have been marked to keep ALL visitors to the school site safe, including children coming and going each day. Please do not park in this area and cause an obstruction.

Adult Behaviour

A reminder that parents are expected to behave in a respectable manner while on and around the school site. Actions of verbal and or physical aggression will not be tolerated. Anyone seen acting in this way will be asked to leave the school site and could be barred permanently from returning to the school site. A copy of the parent and visitor code of conduct policy can be found on the school website, or a printed copy can be supplied on request.

Roche Cricket

YOUTH CRICKET AT ROCHE CC FRIDAY TRAINING
U11, U13, U15
STARTING FROM FRIDAY 12 APRIL

DYNAMOS & ALL STARS FROM FRIDAY 3 MAY