



Nanpean Community Primary School

Nurturing Children's Passion to Succeed



NEWSLETTER

13/10/2017

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' slips will go home in the bookbags of the children chosen as our Stars every Thursday.**

This week our stars have been:

Eden— Leah Houston for her fantastic artwork and paintings.

Hendra—Elizabeth Mountford for her excellent work in maths, learning 1 more and 1 less.

Prosper— Ollie Udy for consistently showing excellent behaviour for learning.

Karslake—Gracie Tyson for her super attitude with her homework.

Melbur—Jake Kemp for his continuous enthusiasm in all lessons.

Drinnick— Clark Barritt-Burnett for excellent work with his spelling.

Rosemellyn— Harley Oliver for his great effort in performance practice.

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:

Tressa Blackwell—for being really helpful on the Trim Trail.

ATTENDANCE

w/c 09/10/2017		Karslake	88.54%
<u>Eden</u>	<u>100%</u>	Melbur	98.61%
Hendra	86.46%	Drinnick	88.89%
Prosper	94.17%	<u>Rosemellyn</u>	<u>100%</u>

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:

Summer Hadrill (Hendra) for her super smart sentence writing.

Dylan Hocking (Hendra) for his meticulous map drawing.

REMINDERS

⇒ **No Film Club on Monday 16th October**

⇒ **No Football or Netball Club on Tuesday 17th October due to sports fixtures taking place.**

⇒ **No Running Club on Thursday 19th October**

⇒ **Please ensure that all items of clothing are named. We have had a few lost jumpers of late, particularly in the younger classes. Please can all parents/ carers check their child's jumpers and return ones that aren't theirs. Thank you!**

⇒ **Parents Evening** ~ 7/11/17 & 8/11/17

Letters were sent home on Thursday regarding Parents Evening, which will be taking place on **Tuesday 7th November**, between 3:30 and 6:30pm and **Wednesday 8th November**, between 1:30 and 4:30pm. To book a time online please visit the eSchools site (instructions are on the letter). If you are unable to book online, please complete the slip and send back to school. Please note that any paper slips that we receive will be given a time after the eSchools booking has closed. This means that you may not be allocated your chosen time. If you have more than one child's teacher to see, please leave a 10 minute gap between each appointment to give you sufficient time to finish one meeting and get to the next. Each appointment will **only be 10 minutes** long. If you feel that you have more to discuss with your child's teacher, you will need to arrange a separate appointment with them.

⇒ **Music Lessons**

On Thursday, Colin Friend from the Cornwall Music Trust Service gave a musical demonstration of the types of instruments that he can teach to pupils. We were treated to songs from Harry Potter and Adele during the assembly. Mr Friend can teach the Recorder, Saxophone, Oboe or flute. Lessons take place at school during Friday lunchtimes. A Letter has been sent home with more information about the lessons and how to sign your child up.

⇒ **Parents in School**

We would like to remind parents that during school hours they are not permitted to wander in or through the school in the mornings or at the end of the day. Both times of the day are particularly busy and additional adults in school only serves to make it more difficult for staff and children as they go about their routines. If parents would like to speak with the teachers, please make an appointment with them through the office. If your child has lost an item of clothing, please come to the Office who will look for the item on your behalf or you can check the lost property box. Please ensure that all items of clothing are named so that it can more easily be located and returned to you.

⇒ **Harvest Production ~ 18/10/17**

This year, Melbur (Year 4) and Rosemellyn (Year 6) will be performing at our Harvest Service on **Wednesday 18th October at 2pm**. Parents are welcome to attend! As with previous years, we will be accepting donations of non-perishables, which will be parcelled up and handed out to the elderly in the village. Please can all donations be brought into the office by Monday 16th October. Also, if you are able to deliver donations in any part of the village, please pop into the office and let us know. Children can leave as soon as the service is finished.

⇒ **Completely Batty!**

On Monday 23rd October at 2pm St Austell Library will be going bats about bats! Sue and Chris from the Cornwall Bats Group will be visiting to lead the fun. There'll be loads of interesting facts to discover, crafty fun for kids, and even a couple of real life Pipistrelle bats to see up close. The session is £1 per ticket. For more information, please phone 0300 1234

111 or email staustell.library@cornwall.gov.uk.



⇒ Attendance letters

As a school, we are proud to have a good attendance record. We monitor attendance on a monthly basis with our student welfare officer and a school governor. High attendance is celebrated through: Head Ted (our weekly attendance teddy for the class with the highest attendance that week); positive letters sent home where attendance has notably improved; and rewarding 100% attendance with certificates on a termly basis and prizes for 100% attendance for the year. However, as positive as we aim to be in praising great attendance, we also have to make parents aware where attendance falls below our expectations. At our school where attendance falls below 90% (and therefore is at risk of persistent absenteeism) or where attendance is below 95% and declines for at least two months in a row, letters will be sent out informing parents of this. This early in the year, just 2 days absence will bring your child's attendance below 90% so please don't be alarmed if you have received a letter; where attendance improves, there will be no further action. We apologise if parents feel the letter sounds a bit harsh but we try and make them as informative as possible to ensure that all parents/carers are aware of the repercussions of persistent absence.

⇒ Football and Netball Fixtures

This week our football team hosted Whitemoor. Unfortunately, due to damage sustained from a very busy badger, large parts of our field were unplayable. This meant we played on a much smaller pitch that did little to help our passing game. Whitemoor were a strong and well organised side and recorded a deserved victory. However, our team never gave up and they showed great commitment right to the final whistle. Next week the football team are playing away (thanks to said badgers) to Luxulyan. A letter will be sent home with the players.



Our Netball team also played against Whitemoor here at Nanpean. *"On Tuesday the 10th October, Whitemoor came to Nanpean School for a netball match. Polina, Emma, Kelsey, Lucy, Ava, Caleb and Jake were astonishing. Jake scored 4 and Lucy scored 1. Whitemoor unfortunately won 10-5. Very well done to Nanpean Netball team" - Emma Whiting and Kelsey Lee.*

Next week, the Netball team will be playing home to Luxulyan.

Below is a list of our upcoming matches! Please note that Football and Netball Clubs will not be going ahead on these dates.

- 17.10.17 Nanpean v Luxulyan
- 07.11.17 Foxhole v Nanpean
- 14.11.17 Nanpean v Bugle
- 21.11.17 Treverbyn v Nanpean
- 09.01.18 Nanpean v St. Dennis

⇒ School Secretary Vacancy

Unfortunately, Miss Last will be leaving us shortly and going to Bodmin Police Station (to work within the Admin team, not being arrested!). An amazing opportunity for Miss Last means that we will be losing someone who has become an important member of our team so we are looking for someone new. An advert for a "Admin/Clerical Assistant" is posted on the Cornwall Council Website and is advertised on our website. To apply, please visit the Cornwall Council website www.cornwall.gov.uk, and view the Jobs and Careers area. The closing date is **Friday 20th October** and interviews will take place on **Thursday 9th November**.

⇒ Complaints

A polite reminder that Mrs Wicks' role in standing on the gate is to greet pupils and parents in the morning and to say goodbye in the afternoon, not to receive a list of issues you may have. However, she is more than happy to pass on messages and be made aware of a general concern you may have noted. We also expect all staff to be treated with consideration and for parents/carers to take into account where may or may not be an appropriate place to have a discussion regarding your child. If you have an issue regarding your child's education at Nanpean School, please go to the class teacher in the first instance. If you felt that your concerns haven't been addressed, you can then arrange an appointment to speak to Mrs Wicks. A copy of our complaints policy and procedure is available on our website.

⇒ Gardening Club

Unfortunately we are unable to run Gardening Club after the half term. This is due to the pond area not being ready for the children to work in. Ms Thornhill and Mr Burton (parent volunteers), alongside Mrs Cooper have been working really hard on the pond area and it is starting to look very, very promising. We hope that it should be ready for the Spring Term. Any pupil who wished to join Gardening Club will have a place in the Spring Term.

⇒ Celebration of Learning Event— 16/10/17

Our first Celebration of Learning Event of the year will take place on **Monday 16th October 3:15—3:45pm**. Parents/Carers are invited in to look at their children's class learning environment and books. This is a great opportunity, prior to Parents Evening in November, to find out what your children have been learning about this term. Please note however, that teachers are not available for discussions during Celebration of Learning Events.

⇒ Animal Agents

Over the summer, St Austell library held an Animal Agent Summer Reading Challenge. Certificates were given to the agents who took part in this Challenge. They are **Jasmine Ash, Olly Cookson, Isla-Grace Dawidiuk, Jowun Dawidiuk, Kian Hancock, Dylan Hocking, Polina Koldea, George Smith and Oliva Smith**. Well done!



⇒ Tempest Photos

All returned photos have been sent off to Tempest Photography for development. If you have missed the deadline, don't worry, you can send them directly to Tempest. All the information you will need to do this is on your order form. We expect them to be returned in a couple of weeks. As soon as we receive them, they will be sent home with pupils.

Autumn Term

- 16th October 2017**—Celebration of Learning Event (3:15-3:45pm)
- 17th October 2017**—Football and Netball Fixtures
- 18th October 2017**—Harvest Service (2pm)
- 23rd—27th October 2017**—HALF TERM
- 23rd October 2017**—Holiday Club
- 30th October 2017**—INSET DAY
- 31st October 2017**—Secondary School Application Deadline
- 1st November 2017**—Parents Forum
- 7th November 2017**—Parents Evening (3:30-6:30pm)
- 8th November 2017**—Parents Evening (1:30-4:30pm)
- 14th November 2017**—Brannel Transition Day—Year 6
- 17th November 2017**—Children in Need
- 17th November 2017**—Brannel Student Takeover Day
- 6th December 2017**—Parents Forum
- 6th December 2017**—Xmas Dinner
- 7th December 2017**—Christingle (2pm)
- 12th December 2017**—KS1 Nativity dress rehearsal
- 12th December 2017**—KS1 Nativity (5:30pm)
- 13th December 2017**—KS1 Nativity (2pm)
- 18th December 2017**—Xmas Fair (1:30pm)
- 20th December 2017**—LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs C Wicks

Head teacher

