

20/01/23

NANPEAN SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



ATTENDANCE

Eden - 89.70%

Hendra - 96.27%

Prosper - 96.50%

Karslake - 97.90%

Melbur - 94.84%

Drinnick - 93.16%

Rosemellyn - 95.22%

DATES FOR THE

DIARY

- Tuesday 24th January - Football and Netball match - Away vs Treverbryn - 3:10pm (more details to follow)
- Wednesday 25th January - NO CONSTRUCTION CLUB due to staff meeting.
- Wednesday 25th January - Parents Forum - 2:30pm
- Friday 10th February - Valentine's Disco - 5:30 - 7pm (more details to follow soon)
- Monday 13th - Friday 17th February - HALF TERM
- Monday 20th March - Rescheduled Year 6 Bingo - 5:30pm (more details to follow soon)

HEAD TEACHER WEEKLY UPDATE

The cold snap really arrived this week with a noticeable change in temperature, and of course the disruptive weather (snow) which led to school opening later (for Health and Safety reasons) on Tuesday morning, as did many schools in the local area. We decided not to close completely as some schools did as most children and staff were able to get into school without any issues later in the morning.

On Monday - I enjoyed taking the children to a Cross Country race event at Brannel. The previous course used was extremely muddy so was adapted, but this didn't hinder our children. All ran extremely well, and special mentions go to Alfie (2nd, Year 5 boys), Cooper (3rd, Year 6 boys), Henry (2nd, Year 6 boys) and Dylan (1st, Year 6 boys).

On Tuesday, a couple of things were cancelled due to the weather, including the Football and High 5 Netball matches. These will be rearranged after half term (February / March) when the calendar is blank for any rearranged matches. After spending much of the morning gritting around school for the safety of children, parents and staff, I then met with Mark Tucker (our Chair of Governors) in the afternoon as we meet to discuss school related things every 2-3 weeks.

On Wednesday, I attended a couple of meetings, and it was great to welcome some Year 7 students from Brannel who are working with Year 2 children on a paired reading initiative this half term. Some of them attended Nanpean School so it was lovely for them to visit and staff and children to see them again!

On Thursday, I had a couple of meetings related to PE and Sport and therefore hopefully providing events in the upcoming months. Further details will be sent to children / families that this is relevant to in future.

At the time of writing, I am again looking forward to teaching French to KS2 (Years 3-6) classes tomorrow (Friday). In different classes the themes are 'ourselves', 'instructions', 'equipment in school' and 'school lessons'.

Have a lovely weekend. Best wishes,

Mr M Nicholls (Headteacher)

★ 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 - Harlyn - for following instructions and routine in phonics.

Hendra - Elissa - for effort and enthusiasm with learning facts about the UK.

Prosper - Lowen - for always giving 100% to everything in school.

Karslake - Joel - for his outstanding behaviour and readiness to learn.

Melbur - Dylan - for excellent improvement in writing and reading stamina.

Drinnick - Archie C - for tremendous effort in handwriting in all his subjects.

Rosemellyn - Travis - for his attitude and effort towards our independent writing.

🏆 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:

Year 5 (Drinnick) - for being a wonderful support to their friend and giving up time to help a member of class who has hurt themselves. Just lovely.

🐝 BUSY BEES 🐝

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

Ottilie (Drinnick) – for excellent effort to persevere with a written multiplication method (Maths).

Lexi (Drinnick) – for excellent effort at home to practise a written multiplication method (Maths).

Charlie (Eden) – for excellent effort when writing.

🏆 SPORTS STAR AWARD 🏆

This Weeks Sports Star Award goes to:

Riley M (Melbur and Riley B (Drinnick) - for a great effort in their first Tag Rugby club session!

HOUSEPOINTS

Class	Godrevey (Green)	Lizard (Yellow)	Pendeen (Blue)	Trevose (Red)	Wolf Rock (Purple)
Eden	60	52	63	55	56
Hendra	28	19	23	21	19
Prosper	14	13	15	18	19
Karslake	10	15	10	15	12
Melbur	19	28	16	26	25
Drinnick	30	36	35	29	26
Rosemellyn	30	34	31	31	32
Whole School	191	197	193	195	189
Term Total	409	407	387	416	392

This week, Trevose (Red) are in the lead with 416 points, followed by Godrevey (Green) with 409 points in second and Lizard (Yellow) in third with 407 points.

PARENTS FORUM

The next Parents Forum meeting will be at 2.30pm on THIS Wednesday 25th January, 2023. I look forward to discussing many things related to Nanpean School with parents then.

GAMES / PUZZLES FOR WET PLAY

If any parents or family members have any board games or puzzles that they no longer require or use at home, we would greatly appreciate any donations so that these can be used by children in school at times for 'wet play'. If you have any, please send them in to Miss Tucker / Mrs Houston in the school office and they will be gratefully received.

FUN FOOD FRIDAY

A reminder that children are allowed to bring a SMALL treat for their 'tuck' (to be eaten at playtime) on our weekly 'Fun Food Friday'. We are a proud Healthy Schools Award holder, so feel it is important that children eat healthily most of the time (Monday - Thursday they are only able to eat fruit for their tuck) but are allowed a 'treat' in moderation (on a Friday).

However, please **ensure that these treats are small, such as a small packet of crisps or a small chocolate bar**. Do not send 'grab bag' packets of crisps or large chocolate bars. Thank you for your support in this and these will be monitored at Friday playtimes.

INSET DAY REMINDER

A reminder that we have one INSET Day remaining now for this academic year, which takes place on Friday 9th June, 2023. Our INSET Days for the following Academic year (2023-24), have been provisionally set as follows:
Monday 4th September, 2023
Tuesday 5th September, 2023
Monday 30th October, 2023
Thursday 4th January, 2024
Friday 7th June, 2024
I hope you find this advance warning about these days (when school is open to staff for training but closed to children) helpful.

GOVERNOR PEN

PORTRAIT

Innes Dowlen

I am a retired Police Sergeant. Throughout my adult life I have been significantly involved in working with children. I dedicated myself to my eldest boys primary school for over a decade supporting a variety of school activities in addition to being the Chair of Governors taking the entire school community through the Academy and MAT process, including the building of a new school. At the heart of everything I do is genuine care with a personal belief that we can all make a difference. I am grateful for the opportunity this role will give me and I will apply myself to support Nanpean School in any capacity that I can.

CARETAKER

We are still on the lookout for a caretaker to work part time (10 hours per week). The ideal candidate would need to have a good knowledge of DIY and be happy to work early mornings. Please share the following link with any one who you think may be suitable for the role:

http://lhrc1a.rfer.us/CORNWALL_qj63ye

WEEKLY HOME DEBATE

Please see the link below to this week's weekly debate which asks if education should always be free:

<https://bigdebateclub.com/debate/should-education-always-be-free/>

I hope you enjoy discussing this and I look forward to hearing your views. Last week, the Smart School Council Community (SSCC) weekly debate asked if fancy dress in schools should be banned. As I could have predicted, children clearly stated that they enjoyed coming to school occasionally in 'fancy dress' when we have specific themed days. However, they did understand that this often adds workload or additional cost to their parents, and that school uniform is important so children are easily recognisable as part of the school. I explained to the children that the reason we don't have too many 'fancy dress' days is so this doesn't become a burden for parents, and reminded the children that we do try to give easier alternatives when we have such days so there isn't a huge cost to families.

ATTENDANCE

Following a meeting with our Education Welfare Officer, we have taken advice from the NHS website, and have shared the below table which explains when and for how long it is appropriate for children to stay off of school due to illness.

Should you need to keep your child home due to illness, when advising the school of the reason for your child's absence, please be specific with the reason given. If you report that they are 'unwell' we may call you back to obtain more details. If your child is absent from school, you must contact the school with a reason for the absence. If we do not receive any verbal or written communication from you then the School Office Staff will telephone home. If no response is received, other contacts held for your child will also be contacted. If we have not heard from any contacts, then a home visit may be conducted. If no response is received to this home visit your child may be referred to the Local Authority as a Child Missing Education. Contact may also be made with Children's Services and/or the police in line with safeguarding procedures. The absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Holidays in Term Time

Please be reminded that the school's stance on holidays in term time still remains the same, that an absence from school will only be authorised in 'exceptional circumstances'. This will be at the Head teacher's discretion and if he is satisfied that exceptional circumstances exist.

The law states:

If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a penalty notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A of the said Act. Penalty notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry 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 legal action. Absence not authorised by the school may result in prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444 (1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to court.

Coughs and colds inc runny nose	It is fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold. Only if they have a fever should then be kept off until the fever goes
Cold Sores	There is no need to keep your child off school if they have a cold sore.
Head lice and nits	There is no need to keep your child off school if they have lice. You should treat lice the night before returning to school. This will be recorded as UNAUTHORISED
Sore throat	You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat, unless accompanied by a high fever
Vomiting and diarrhoea	Should stay away from school for 2 days
General sickness	Can attend school once they feel better. If they are sick in the morning, but better by the afternoon they can return. If you feel this could be anxiety related, please seek advice from school as we can support with this rather than keep them at home
Minor headache	A child with a minor headache doesn't need to be kept off school. If the headache is more severe then a GP should be consulted.
COVID (It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID 19 unless directed by a health professional)	If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults. Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal