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# NANPEAN SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



### ATTENDANCE

Eden - 91.05%

Hendra - 88%

Prosper - 91.36%

Karslake - 91.43%

Melbur - 98.89%

Drinnick - 99.33%

Rosemellyn - 93.67%

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Thursday 2nd March - Tag Rugby CANCELLED due to football tournament at Poltair.
- Monday 6th March - World Book Day - More information elsewhere on this Newsletter.
- Tuesday 7th March - Clay Schools Year 5 and 6 inside 5-a-side football tournament.
- Wednesday 8th March - Snell Cup (Football and Netball) at Brannel
- Tuesday 14th March - Songfest Bodmin
- Monday 20th March - Rescheduled Year 6 Bingo - 5:30pm (more details to follow soon)
- Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd March - Parent's Evening Consultations - more information elsewhere on this Newsletter.
- Wednesday 29th March - Parent's Forum - 9:00am
- Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April - Easter Holidays.

### HEAD TEACHER WEEKLY UPDATE

It was lovely to welcome everyone (children, their parents and staff) back after half term. I hope you all had a lovely break and it has been lovely to hear about the activities children did during the week.

As always, it was a busy week, there is never any easing in time even after a week off of school!

Personally, for me this week, I was involved in interviewing for a caretaker on Monday, and we now have a new Caretaker (Mike Harwood) beginning on Monday (27th February) and I welcome him to the team. Also on Monday, myself and Miss Morton met with a RWI Phonics advisor, and this praised the progress of children while also discussing a few further ideas that we now intend to implement.

On Tuesday, we continued our local league fixtures with a football match at St Dennis. Our Year 3-4 team lost 2-0 in a very close match to two late goals, but our Year 5-6 team won 2-1, with two great goals from Alfie, and this was a more comfortable win that the scoreline suggests as we had lots of the ball but couldn't quite score any further goals.

I also had a meeting regarding a holiday club taking place at Nanpean School over Easter. I expect this to go ahead, and if so, further information will appear on Newsletters in mid March.

This week I have also enjoyed holding meetings with Teachers about their targets set for this academic year and to review progress towards these thus far.

On Thursday, we welcomed two other TPAT Headteachers to Nanpean. I have been to one of their schools and the purpose of this is to share ideas and support each other. This was very positive and I look forward to also visiting the other school in our group next month.

At the time of writing, I am looking forward to the end of the week tomorrow whereby I teach French to each class, and enjoy seeing the whole school and sharing their achievements in our Celebration of Achievement Assembly.

I hope you have a lovely weekend when it arrives. Best wishes to you all,

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 - Oscar** - for beginning to participate in group activities.

**Hendra - Thomas** - for excellent understanding of compound words in spelling.

**Prosper - Logan** - for his fantastic questions when visiting Newquay Zoo.

**Karslake - Mitz** - for her fantastic use of persuasive features when writing an advertisement.

**Melbur - Riley** - for exemplary enthusiasm, pace and intonation whilst reading aloud in class.

**Drinnick - Rio** - for determination and progression in reading.

**Rosemellyn - Sophia D** - for positive improvements to her behaviour for learning.

## 🏆 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:

**Oakley (Prosper)** - for looking out for another child and being a caring friend.

## 🐝 BUSY BEES 🐝

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

**Aleah-Rae (Eden)** – for an excellent independently written sentence with finger spaces and good use of Phonics.

**Phoebe (Karslake)** - for her impressive use of persuasive features when writing independently.

## 🏆 SPORTS STAR AWARD 🏆

This Weeks Sports Star Award goes to:

**Ashton (Karslake)** - for his super hand-eye coordination and skills when handling a ball in PE.

## HOUSEPOINTS

Class	Godrevey (Green)	Lizard (Yellow)	Pendeen (Blue)	Trevose (Red)	Wolf Rock (Purple)
Eden	42	39	47	35	41
Hendra	17	18	23	22	16
Prosper	11	11	13	12	13
Karslake	22	25	18	29	22
Melbur	15	28	14	22	27
Drinnick	16	23	18	21	20
Rosemellyn	33	31	32	35	33
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>172</b>
<b>Term Total</b>	<b>984</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>1,062</b>	<b>1,014</b>

This week, Trevose (Red) are in the lead with 1062 points, followed by Lizard (Yellow) with 1050 points in second and Wolf Rock (Purple) in third with 1014 points.

## PLAYER OF THE MATCH AWARD

To give the rest of the children a fair chance to receive the 'Sport's Star Award' each week, we have now created a 'Player of the Match Award' for both our Netball and Football teams each week they have had an inter-school match.

This week our Year 5 / 6 Football Player of the Match goes to:  
**Alfie (Drinnick)** - for excellent creative play and scoring 2 goals  
**Archie H (Drinnick)** - for excellent defending.

This week our Year 3 / 4 Football Player of the Match goes to:  
**Henry (Melbur)** - for determined defending and great energy levels.

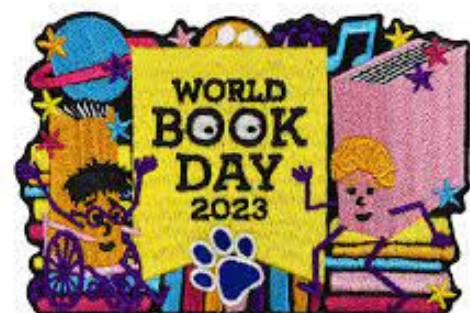
## WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Monday 6th March this year. Children are welcome to come dressed as their favourite book character or come in non-school uniform.

Our theme for this year is: Books that celebrate diversity.

Children will work in groups from year 1-6 in their house teams.

They will work with teachers across the school enjoying lots of diverse picture books and completing activities about them.



# GOVERNOR PEN

## PORTRAIT

### Mel Brands

Hi everyone, several of you will know me and my children (both who either attended or attend Nanpean School) Isaac and Poppy.

Having children who attend the school means I have a very strong and vested interest in the running of the school and I have been involved in many ways over the years.

From painting faces to painting fences my involvement with school events and projects dates back many years and I have now taken a bigger step into becoming a Parent Governor.

I am keen to present ideas and represent parents from all walks of life and want to help guide the school on your behalf and with your support.

Please feel free to talk to me about any issues, good or bad, that you feel should be presented to the school board, you can catch me on most school runs (morning or evening) or on the usual social media platforms.

I look forward to representing you all to the best of my abilities.

## INDUSTRIAL ACTION

### (STRIKES)

As you will be aware, Nanpean School was not affected by the industrial (strike) action previously on Wednesday 1st February, 2023. However, I would like to remind you that there are a further three dates when the NEU have announced further industrial action. These dates are:

- Thursday 2nd March.
- Wednesday 15th March.
- Thursday 16th March.

We cannot guarantee that we will not be affected by these future dates, and we would still advise that provisional alternative childcare arrangements are put in place for these dates, in the event that we need to make the decision to close classes, and / or the school.

## WEEKLY HOME DEBATE

Please find the link below for this week's weekly home debate from the Smart School Council Community (SSCC), which I always send at the beginning of the week (via Class Dojo) and again on the weekly Newsletter. This week, it asks if every nation should get free healthcare:

<https://bigdebateclub.com/debate/should-every-nation-get-free-healthcare/>

I hope you enjoy discussing and debating this and I look forward to hearing your views.

Last week, the debate asked if parents should be able to access their children's social media accounts. As expected, many children understood why this may be necessary, but some felt these should be private from parents. However, as a parent myself, this is already something that I worry about for my daughter, as she gets older, so I personally would say that some level of access, to ensure children are safe online, is appropriate.

## PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Parent Consultations are on Tuesday 21st March (1-3.30pm) and Wednesday 22nd March (3.30-6pm). Due to the success of these taking place virtually, and positive comments from many parents, we are continuing to do these virtually through school cloud. To book an appointment with your child's class teacher, please visit: <https://nanpean.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

This will go live for you to book at 3pm today (Friday 24th February). Please remember that the details you type must match the details we hold on our information management system. If you are having any issues, please contact Miss Tucker or Mrs Houston in the office and they will try to assist you. For support in navigating the School Cloud booking system, please use our school website homepage (<http://www.nanpean.cornwall.sch.uk/website>) and there is an information video towards the bottom left of the homepage screen.

## ATTENDANCE

Following a meeting with our Education Welfare Officer, we have taken advice from the NHS website, and have shared the below advice.

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.



## FOOTBALL AWAY VS ST DENNIS

'On Tuesday the 21st of February we played away to St. Dennis. The game started well and we attacked from the off. St. Dennis, though, repelled everything we threw at them. It was set to be a goalless first half until Rio was fouled on the edge of the St. Dennis box, winning us a free-kick. Alfie took it and, due to some miscommunication between the goalkeeper and his wall, managed to nestle the ball in to the bottom left hand corner. We started slightly shakily in the second half, with St. Dennis winning a couple of free-kicks of their own. Thankfully, nothing came of them thanks to the Nanpean defence from Archie H and, about five minutes from time, Alfie scored his second goal, this time set up from a corner. We played brilliantly and, with the Mid-Cornwall Championships at Poltair on March the 2nd and the Snell Cup at Brannel on March the 8th, are starting to fancy our chances in these competitions. Well played everyone! Final score: Nanpean 2-0 St. Dennis.'

By Dylan, Year 6.

The Year 3 and 4 match was also a close and exciting encounter. Both teams had good chances but found their opposing goalkeepers in fine form. With the game looking like it was heading for a goalless draw the hosts scored twice within the last minute to condemn us to an undeserved defeat. I thought the commitment of all of our team was excellent and our performance deserved a goal.

'It was tough match but it was fun and excellent to play. We hope the parents enjoyed the football match and seeing their children play.'

by Henry and Mason Year 4

## CONGA LINE!!!

On Tuesday lunchtime, most of the children decided to start a conga line! they even managed to persuade Mr Nicholls to join in! I think it's safe to say they all had great fun, mostly Mr Nicholls!!



## PARENTS FORUM

Advance notice for your diary / calendar, that the next Parents Forum meeting will be at 9.00am on Wednesday 29th March, 2023. I look forward to discussing many things related to Nanpean School with parents then.

## THANK YOU!!!

We would like to say a huge and heartfelt thank you Mrs Lewis (Grandmother of Ethan and previous student Aiden), who donated an impressive £500 to the school this week.

This will be a huge help to the school, and will be spent on the children in one way or another.

So THANK YOU Mrs Lewis!!

This is very much appreciated.



## 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.

## Welcome to the February 2023 SCOMIS Online Safety Newsletter for Parents and Carers

### Online Gaming

*In the December 2022 issue of the SCOMIS Online Safety newsletter we recommended 'setting up before wrapping up' video games and consoles. In this issue we sign-post you to the advice and guidance available for parents and carers about Online Gaming. Knowing where begin looking can be a challenge! The following websites have lots of information, summarised as follows:*

Childnet—[Online Gaming; an introduction for parents and carers](#) includes advice on:

- How and where to play safely
- The risks
- Frequently asked questions
- Support and information

CEOPS ThinkUKnow—[Gaming: what parents and carers need to know](#) includes advice on:

- 3 ways to make gaming safer for your child
- how risky is in-game chat?
- how to tell what is an age appropriate game
- In App purchases

Internet Matters—[Online Gaming | Resources for Parents - Internet Matters](#) includes advice on:

- setting parental controls on games and consoles
- gaming guides for parents
- gaming guides for children
- gaming books

Family Lives—[Gaming | Family Lives](#) includes advice on:

- talking to your child about gaming
- keeping teens safe
- setting boundaries

watch the video on Pros and cons of social media: [top tips to help parents of teens](#)

NSPCC— Online Games: [understand the risks and get advice to help children play online games safely](#)

Find out more about:

- age ratings of games they play
- messaging and contact functions on the games
- trolling, grieving and scams
- how to report problems

Young Minds—[Gaming: A guide for parents](#) includes:

- how gaming may affect mental health
- what to do if you are worried
- finding professional help
- further support

South West Grid for Learning—[Online Safety and Gaming](#) includes articles on:

- what is gaming?
- benefits of gaming
- why people game
- the gaming community
- basic privacy and security settings

Review the [Gaming Dictionary](#) and discover the meaning of: FPS, CCG, MMO and much more.

Reminder—check the websites:

[Childnet's Parent and Carer's Toolkit](#)

[ThinkUKnow's advice for Parents and Carer's](#)

### Screen time—Benefits v Potential Risks

Have you considered the effects of screen time for your child?

Benefits of screen time identified by [Internet Matters](#) include:

- Online games and activities can enhance teamwork and creativity
- The internet gives children access to a wealth of information to help build their knowledge
- Interacting with computers improves both visual intelligence and hand-eye coordination

Potential risks include:

- Sleep cycles are affected by blue light from the screen
- Impact on behaviour
- Impact on brain development

Review [Internet Matters](#) article in full [here](#)

Watch the [video](#) from [Common Sense Media](#) on the 5 signs to make sure your child has a healthy relationship with screen time



### Social Media Guides

Is your child using Social Media?

Is your child using chat sites to talk to family and friends?

Is your child sharing selfies?

Do you need help with setting up parental controls?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions visit [Internet Matters](#) and review their advice and guidance on:

Facebook Messenger Facetime Instagram Skype  
TikTok Whatpad Whatsapp Youbo (and more!)



**Remember** if your child is gaming online, they may be chatting and communicating with other players or friends. [Internet Matters](#) has provided safety guides to help keep your child safe on:

[Steam](#) [Xbox live](#) [Twitch TV](#) [Roblox](#) [Minecraft](#) [PlayStation Network](#) [Nintendo Network](#) – NB Nintendo's consoles are more family-friendly than most and therefore its chat functionality is a lot more geared to safe interaction for younger players.

### Need Help in the holidays?

Remember FREE advice is just a phone call away from the NSPCC helpline: 0808 800 5002

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