

18/06/21

NANPEAN SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



ATTENDANCE

Eden - 94.62%
Hendra - 95.08%
Prosper - 96.55%
Karlsruhe - 92.86%
Melbur - 97.59%
Drinnick - 95.39%
Rosemellyn - 95.06%



WORD OF THE WEEK

Eden - "Knowledge"
Hendra - "Terrible"
Prosper - "Enticing"
Karlsruhe - "Gobbledygook"
Melbur - "Flabbergasted"
Drinnick - "Detritus"
Rosemellyn - "Effervescent"



HEAD TEACHER WEEKLY UPDATE

This week has been immensely busy, even more so than usual, as I have been involved in Year 6 intensive swimming sessions at Polkyth Leisure Centre each afternoon. This has been planned to try to ensure that as many children as possible in our Year 6 (Rosemellyn) Class leave Nanpean School able to swim at least 25m, as this is the expectation at their age and is extremely important as we live near the coastline.

As I left school at about 5.20pm on Monday, I had a pleasant surprise, as I left at the same time as Mrs Jago, and Bonnie decided to jump in my car instead! Had she got home with me I am sure my daughter would have been delighted but I'm not sure how our cat would have reacted! Please see the picture of Bonnie happily sitting in my car - I think she was hoping I had some treats for her but unfortunately it wasn't 'Treat Friday' when a small treat is allowed for 'tuck' instead of the usual expectation (fruit).

As I am sure you all (children, parents and the community in general) are aware, the lockdown restrictions were extended on Monday. Unfortunately, this has had an impact on our plans for the end of term, as it has in all schools (for example, see the note from Brannel School about Year 6 transition also included in the Newsletter).

On Thursday, I had a productive meeting with Miss Morton where we discussed next year, and how we are hoping to revamp our school library to further promote reading. If we are successful, further information will be shared in due course.

As always, I hope that you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy any warm weather. Saturday currently looks lovely on my forecast but Sunday looks very poor.

Best wishes,

Mr M Nicholls.

★ 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 - Logan - for his fantastic drawing of the Gruffalo.

Hendra - Dylan - for creating a super 'Pop Art' self-portrait.

Prosper - Elliot - for excellent idea sharing in our English session.

Karslake - Kody - for a continuous amazing attitude to learning.

Melbur - Brooklyn - for excellent contribution to class learning.

Drinnick - Olivia - for being an incredibly helpful learning partner in all her subjects. No matter who Olivia works with, she is always a thoughtful guide.

Rosemellyn - Lily - for excellent research for our non-chronological reports.



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:

Joe (Rosemellyn) - for being polite and patient with younger children while waiting in the corridor.



BUSY BEES



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

Willow Amber (Rosemellyn) - for politely and confidently answering phone calls in the office when on lunchtime duty.

Sophie (Rosemellyn) - for bravery and confidence at swimming sessions.

Imogen, Tegen, Jowin and Ollie (Drinnick) -

for outstanding, emotive poetry writing that left a lasting impression on the reader.



SPORTS STAR AWARD



This Weeks Sports Star Award goes to:

Kahlan (Rosemellyn) - for great batting in cricket.

HOUSEPOINTS

Class	Godrevey (Green)	Lizard (Yellow)	Pendeen (Blue)	Trevose (Red)	Wolf Rock (Purple)
Eden	14	14	13	13	12
Hendra	12	11	10	10	9
Prosper	10	16	12	18	17
Karslake	17	32	17	17	24
Melbur	12	12	11	13	10
Drinnick	40	35	29	42	28
Rosemellyn	20	19	21	24	18
Whole School	125	139	113	137	118
Term Total	918	1,079	950	1,012	1,012

These house points are from the Summer Term so far! The house team / group currently in the lead is Lizard (Yellow), closely followed by Wolf Rock (Purple) and Trevose (Red).

SMART SCHOOL

COUNCIL

COMMUNITY -

WEEKLY 'HOME

DEBATE'

Please see the link below for the latest 'weekly home debate' from the Smart School Council Community (SSCC). All debates are interesting and relevant, and I am finding this one particularly intriguing (see link below to access it).

The debate this week is titled 'Is social media a good thing or a bad thing?'

Personally, I can see many advantages and disadvantages to social media, so I am finding it hard to completely justify if it is good or bad.

When you have discussed this as a family, don't hesitate to share your views with me, and we could have a mini debate, as this may help me to make a final decision as well! Enjoy accessing this at:

<https://bigdebateclub.com/debate/is-social-media-a-good-thing-or-a-bad-thing/>

PARENTS FORUM

A reminder that our next parents forum meeting (details of the notes from the previous meeting were given in last week's newsletter) is Wednesday 14th July, at 9.15am. Again, for any parents wishing to attend, please add this date and time to your calendar / diary and we will congregate by the Minibus parking area.

MR BACON

Congratulations to Mr Bacon who has successfully gained a new job as an electrical apprentice. We will miss Mr Bacon immensely, and appreciate all he has done for the children at Nanpean School. However, we also wish him every success for his future career as an electrician! Mr Bacon will leave at the end of term on Friday 23rd July.



YEAR 6

TRANSITION - A

MESSAGE FROM

BRANNEL

Due to the government announcement regarding delaying the lifting of remaining Covid restrictions, we are unfortunately unable to go ahead with the planned Year 6 Induction Evening this Thursday or the Transition Day on 25th June. We will keep you updated with details of our virtual transition that will replace these face-to-face events. Please also have a look at our Facebook page and school website for upcoming transition activities and information. We hope that you and your family stay well and safe in these challenging times.

SPORTS DAY

Sports Day will take place on Monday 28th June (afternoon), weather permitting. Unfortunately, due to current guidelines, and following discussions with other local schools to ensure we are all doing the same thing, we are unable to invite parents to this event. However, children can attend in PE Kit on this day, and will, of course, be kept in their class bubbles.

THE POWER OF READING QUOTES FROM

CHILDREN

All classes are currently trialling a new English scheme, titled 'The Power of Reading', ready for this being fully embedded into our Curriculum from September 2021. We will continue to teach Reading as we currently do, following the Read, Write, Inc scheme for Phonics, using Accelerated Reader in Year 2 and Key Stage 2, and using the VIPERS approach during lessons in school. The Power of Reading scheme will further compliment these reading activities, and is being used to teach other English skills, such as writing which includes Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. This book based approach ensures children are immersed in high quality reading books and that they learn skills related to reading and writing. I personally taught a Power of Reading lesson for the first time last Thursday, when covering Year 3, and really enjoyed it, while I was amazed at the creativity in their ideas and quality of the children's writing. We have only just started trialling this but I also have some initial quotes from children:

Rianon - I love the way we get to read and explore interesting books.

Alfie - The Power of Reading is great, we read fascinating books which help me to understanding reading in different ways.

Leah - It is much more interesting than just English!

PARENT BEHAVIOUR ON SCHOOL SITE

Unfortunately this week, I have had a couple of reports of parents using inappropriate language in their verbal conversations on the school site. If I hear this, I will ask parents to leave the site. Even though the language isn't being used offensively, it shouldn't be heard on a school site as myself (and other parents) do not want children to hear such language. Please ensure you are not using inappropriate language on the school site.

CURRICULUM END PRODUCTS (JULY)

This half term, we are trialling our revamped Curriculum ready for full implementation from September. We had intended to trial and implement this sooner, but Covid-19 expectations in terms of 'recovery' and 'catch up' have impacted on this.

In each subject, we now have a progression of skills, detailing what children need to learn in each year group. We also have KIRFS (Key Instant Recall Facts and Skills) that relate to the Progression of Skills. These KIRFS are facts and skills that we expect the children to learn and remember. Each term, classes will work towards an 'End Product', which collaboratively draws many of the skills and facts they have been learning together. For this trial half term, End Products will be completed and shared with children and parents in July (due to guidelines this will be via Class Dojo and Tapestry). This half term, the End Products in each class are:

Eden (Year R): an information book about sharks.

Hendra (Year 1): a wild rumpus performance.

Prosper (Year 2): a 3d sculpture depicting Nanpean in the past.

Karslake (Year 3): a class book.

Melbur (Year 4): an Art Gallery.

Drinnick (Year 5): a corridor of time.

Rosemellyn (Year 6): designing and creating a mural.

We hope you enjoy seeing these when they are shared at the end of term!