

Pensans Post

Autumn term 16/10/2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for signing up for our phone parent consultations next week. Staff are looking forward to speaking with you about how your child has settled back into school and it's your opportunity to let us know what's going well and what could be better.

As you know, all TPAT schools are using an extra INSET day on Monday 2nd November to ensure that all staff are ready to deliver home learning if the need should arise. In the summer term 2020 we provided a range of learning, that included home-learning packs and online activities. Now we really need to know from you what worked best for your child and whether or not you have access to our Tapestry or SeeSaw platforms, so please let your child's teacher know next week during your phone call consultation.

Some of you will have noticed some painting happening outside of our school reception area. Ellie Baker, who worked with your children on the 'Bees, Bugs and Butterflies' project, will be completing a mural inspired by the children's artwork, over the half term (weather willing!). This project aimed to increase the children's awareness of the wildlife around them; the positive impact they could have by creating wild areas at home, at school and in turn increasing their own well being. Although this work was interrupted, I am delighted that it will continue year on year and I look forward to you being able to share the mural with your children.

Have a safe weekend

Angela Clay



Dates for your diary

19th - 22nd October - Telephone call parent consultation meetings

26th to 30th October - Half term

Monday 2nd November - INSET Day, no school

21st December to 1st January - Christmas holidays

Monday 4th January 2021 - INSET Day, no school

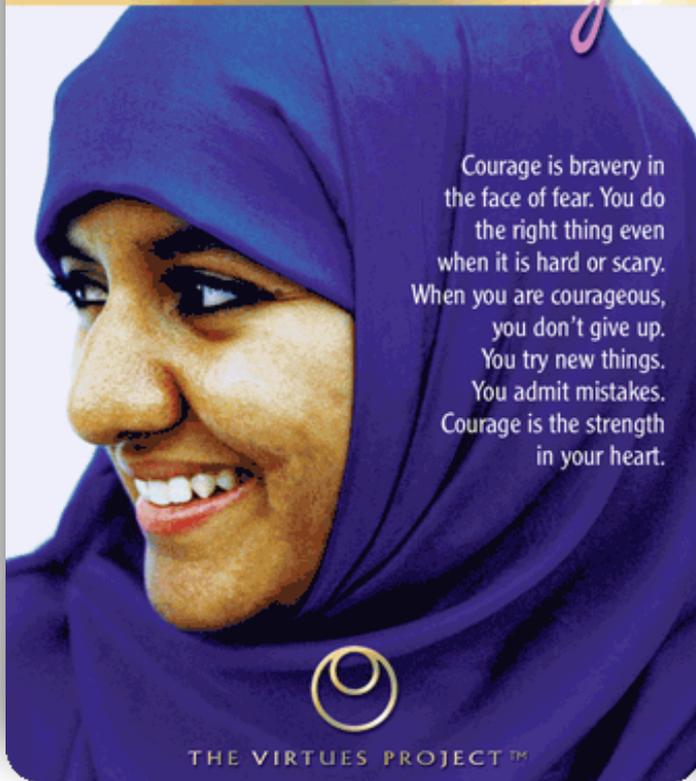
EYFS: Caterpillars, Butterflies & Bumblebees (Y0)

* Phase 1 / KS1: Green (Y1) & Orange (Y2) & Amber (Y3)

* Phase 2 / KS2: Cobalt (Y4/5), Violet (Y4/5), Indigo (Y4/5)

* Phase 3 / KS2: Turquoise (Y6)

Courage



Courage is bravery in the face of fear. You do the right thing even when it is hard or scary. When you are courageous, you don't give up. You try new things. You admit mistakes. Courage is the strength in your heart.

You are practicing

Courage

when you...

- Stay strong even when you are afraid
- Are willing to try new things
- Admit mistakes and learn from them
- Make amends when you do something wrong
- Do what is right for you even when it is hard
- Ask for help when you need it

Affirmation

*I have courage. I listen to my heart.
I face my fears and am willing to try new things.
I have the courage to do the right thing.*



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School Dinners

Week commencing 19/10/2020 is week 1. Weekly menus are on our school website.

If you think your child may be entitled to "Free School Meals" please let Mrs Oliver in reception know. This also applies to those having free dinners because they are in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and have free "Universal Infant Free School Meals" because of their age. Our school also receives Pupil Premium funding for each child on "Free School Meals".

Children going home after lunch on Wednesday - collection times

Unless you have applied for a Wednesday afternoon place for your child, please collect them after their lunches at the times below at their normal pick up place.

EYFS Caterpillars / Butterflies / Bumblebees	Phase 1 Green / Orange / Amber	Phase 2 Cobalt / Violet / Indigo	Phase 3 Turquoise	Families
12:45pm	12.40pm	12.30pm	12.20pm	12.50pm

For more details about Wednesday afternoons and how to apply if you meet the criteria check our website's newsletter page - see 23rd July.

School uniform

Lots of parents have asked about school uniform this week. Our school uniform guide is on our school website, in the Parent Guide section of the Parents Info tab. Alternatively, you can search online for Trophy Textiles Pensans and that will take you to our uniform section. It can be collected from their Pool shop or posted to your home.



As part of recognising outstanding learning behaviours, we will be celebrating the children who have achieved **BLUE** each week. Well done to everyone who achieved it this week!

Blue:

I produce **outstanding** work.
 I have **worked my hardest** and the adults around me recognise that I have made a **great effort**.
 I have been a **fantastic friend** to others, helping out when I was needed.
 I continue to make all of the **right choices** in my learning and behaviours.
 I show **care and consideration** for others and my school.

Class	Well done for achieving blue this week!
Bumblebees	Ruby and Koby
Green	Vinny and Kacie
Orange	Jake and Jamie
Violet	Nina and Chanelle
Amber	Riley and Jamie
Cobalt	Imogen W and Eigirdas
Indigo	Isabelle and Sam
Turquoise	Poppy and Sophie



Computer and video games have a Pan-European Game Information (PEGI) rating printed on the front of the case. If your child is at Pensans, any game they play or watch should have a green PEGI. Please be aware that playing games out of their age range is a child protection issue and be aware of what they are playing. Even if your child is only watching an older family member playing a game with a 12, 16 or 18 rating, they still are being exposed to unsuitable material.

Stars of the week



Bumblebees	Logan	For being enthusiastic with his learning both in school and at home.
Orange	Jake	For his amazing maths knowledge.
Green	Mason	For showing a real enthusiasm and joy for his learning. He is trying hard with his work at school and talking about his learning at home.
Cobalt	Sancha	For an amazing story this week that impressed us all. Sancha used her excellence, creativity and enthusiasm to write this piece. I can't wait to see what else you have in store for us!
Violet	Skyla	For her excellence and determination when writing her giant story. Skyla has continued to work so hard and impress us all.
Amber	Artan	For his creativity and excellence in presentation of his final write up.
Indigo	Jago	For becoming completely engaged with his work this week. Jago put a lot of effort and enjoyment into his rockpool art.
Turquoise	Issey	For her outstanding effort and perseverance all week in all areas of her learning. We are all so proud of you.

BlackbirdPie magazine goes virtual!

You can view it on a computer, tablet or mobile phone.

BlackbirdPie 2020 Autumn

<https://blackbirdreads.turtl.co/story/blackbirdpie-autumn-2020/>

The virtual magazine is filled with great things to do, videos, links and interactive stuff. There are lovely places to visit, wonderful walks and museums and galleries to visit (with safety measures in place).

This is our first attempt at an online magazine so please let us know if there are any glitches.

The format has chapter headings and then you can flow down into each section for more information.

Please subscribe so we can send you a link to the next issue.

Happy reading, keep safe and well and have a great autumn.

Simon, Vanessa, & the Blackbird

Are you following us on Twitter?

Keep up-to-date with all of the exciting things that are going on @pensansschool



YOU SHOULD BOOK A COVID-19 TEST IF YOUR CHILD HAS:

A HIGH TEMPERATURE

This means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature).

OR

A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH

This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).

OR

A LOSS OR CHANGE TO THEIR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE

This means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 BUT HAS OTHER COLD-LIKE SYMPTOMS, SUCH AS A RUNNY NOSE, THEY DO NOT NEED TO BE TESTED AND THEY OR MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD DO NOT NEED TO SELF-ISOLATE. YOUR CHILD CAN ATTEND SCHOOL IF FIT TO DO SO.

HERE'S WHAT TO DO IF:

YOUR CHILD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school if the test is negative providing they are well enough, have not had a fever for 48 hours and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result
- Self-isolate for at least 10 days as advised by the PHA.

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school after 10 days even if they still have a cough / loss of smell or taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks.

SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- The household member should book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school if the symptomatic household member's test is negative and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

CONTACT TRACING HAS IDENTIFIED MY CHILD AS A CLOSE CONTACT

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Self-isolate for at least 14 days as advised by the PHA Contact Tracing Service

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A CLOSE CONTACT

WHAT TO DO?

- Attend school as normal
- If your child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms they should carry on with normal activities.

YOUR CHILD HAS TRAVELLED ABROAD AND HAS TO SELF-ISOLATE

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Self-isolate for 14 days in line with quarantine advice

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

Visit www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

or call 119