

Pensans Post

Spring term 28/01/2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Again this week we have seen some wonderful remote learning - children engaging with their projects and working in their own way at their own pace.

I want to say again that our MAIN priority is that you and your child/children do what is right for your family when you are learning at home. We understand that your home is not a school and that you will have many things to juggle. All of our staff are keen to give your child/children access to learning and we care about all of our children.

So if you are struggling, please let us know what we can do to make things better for you. Some families are asking for more remote learning and others are feeling overwhelmed by the quantity of teaching and learning. This is different for every family and that's okay - if you or your child are stressed, learning just won't happen!

We are beginning to roll out laptops to those families who have told us that they cannot access the online provision. I expect all of the devices to be distributed by Tuesday 2nd February. You will receive a text asking you to fill out an online device loan agreement form before you collect your child's laptop and the second text you receive will contain a unique reference number that you will need to complete the online form. You will also be given a time slot to reduce the number of adults on the school site, please remember to wear a face mask when you come to Reception where myself and Mrs Trow will hand out the laptops.

This week the staff have received Lateral Flow Test Kits. Each member of staff working in school will test themselves for COVID19 twice a week. If a staff member tests positive we will follow Public Health England's guidance and may need to send a bubble of children home.

We miss you all!

Have a safe and peaceful weekend

Angela Clay



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 12th February - INSET Day

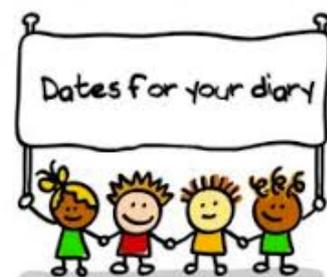
15th-19th February - Half term

2nd-16th April - Easter holidays

3rd May - Bank Holiday

31 May - 4th June - Half term

- * 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)

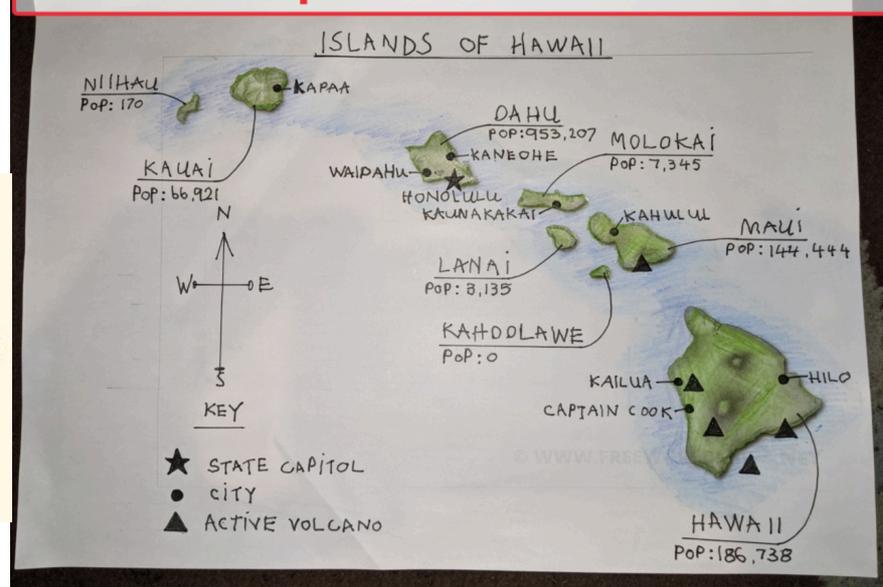


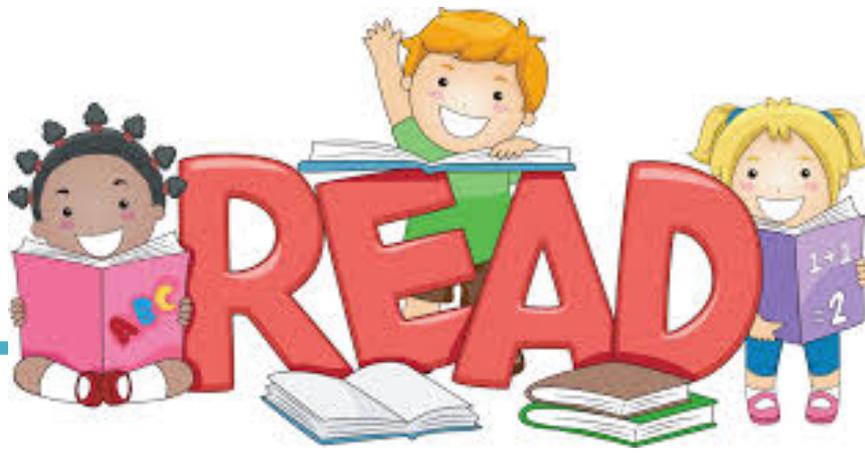
Stars of the week



Bumblebees	Isaac	For starting to recognise emotions and name them.
Green	Mason	For impressing Claire with working more independently with his reading, writing and maths. Mason is really trying hard with his learning.
	Aiva	For doing her work with great care and effort. She has been really motivated to follow her own interests and has done some fantastic research about animals.
Orange	Orion	For always engaging in all tasks and doing so with such pride.
	Maizey	For always being such positive presence in Orange Class.
Amber	Charlie G	For his amazing beginning of his diary entry! We look forward to reading your finished work!
Violet	Kyra	For her positive attitude and creativity in her home learning. We especially loved her Mayan musical instruments.
Cobalt	Paige	For engaging in all of her work and showing great determination and perseverance. We are always so thrilled to see Paige online and her determination to succeed stands out. Keep it up!
Indigo	Lola	For her science solar system and wonderful work.
Turquoise	Ciaran	For his outstanding approach and excellent presentation in every area of his learning. We couldn't be prouder of you young man! (Map pictured below)

Ciaran's Map Of The 'Islands Of Hawaii'





There are still lots of ways to enjoy reading, if you have run out of real books during this lockdown.

It's Epic!

If you have any device that connects to the internet, **Epic Reading** is an amazing place to explore books, videos, audio books, fun craft ideas and activities. It's free between the hours of 7am to 4pm Monday to Friday. Available as an app or via your internet browser, children login via their class code, there is no need to sign up. Ask your teacher or Mrs Crummay if you can't remember yours.

<https://www.getepic.com/sign-in>

Borrowbox

Did you know that we have some books written by our young authors here at school, available for the whole world to read on Borrowbox, the Cornwall Libraries Primary School, virtual library? Being one of the first schools in the county to trial this e' and audio book library has been very exciting. New books are being added all the time, just like in our traditional libraries around the county. Every child in school has their own login, just download the app for free and login to Cornwall Libraries Primary School to start borrowing children's audio and e'books. Ask your teacher or Mrs Crummay if you don't remember your login.

<https://www.borrowbox.com/>

Accelerated Reader

It's really exciting that we can still quiz while we are away from school. We know lots of children love the Kahoot quizzes on seesaw, but did you know you can still quiz on **Renaissance Place** our Accelerated Reader site and earn points towards our targets too! Follow the link below and login with your usual AR login. Good Luck! <https://ukhosted101.renlearn.co.uk/6699539/>

Virtual School Library

We know how important school libraries are to the whole school community and it's been disappointing that we can't use our library in the usual way at the moment. To recognise this the **Literacy Trust** have launched the **Virtual School Library**, a free resource which aims to give every primary school child in the UK, access to a free e'book or audiobook, an exclusive video and engaging activities from a different beloved children's author or illustrator every week.

Take a look here -

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/virtual-school-library/>

There are many other places to read online, **Oxford Owls** offers free resources if you sign up. **Amazon** has 100's of free children's books to download to a **Kindle** or a free downloadable Kindle app for other devices and also **ibooks** on some apple devices offer free children's books. **Project Gutenberg** is an interesting site with thousands of free books for adults and children, they are mostly classic type titles from the early 20th century, but for adults it's worth an explore to discover a gem from the past to pass on!

There are a few **Jackanory Junior** stories on iplayer and also sites such as **Storyline on line** have many stories for all ages read by celebrities.

<https://www.storylineonline.net/>

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!

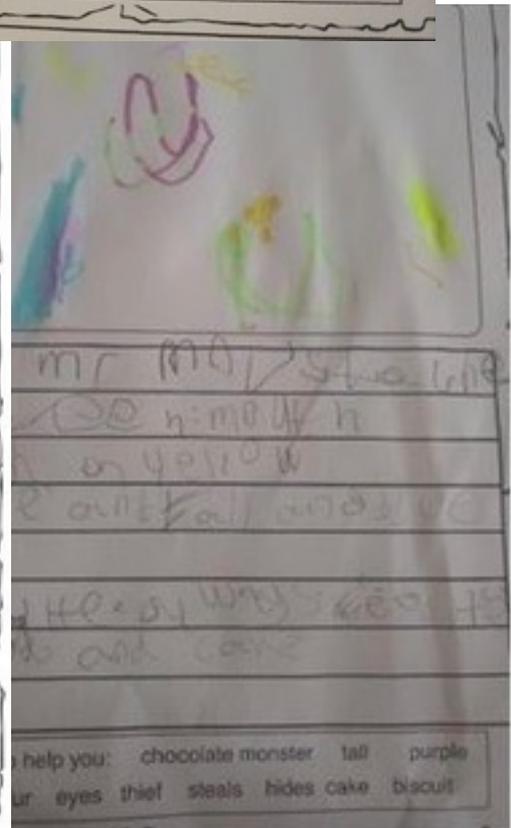
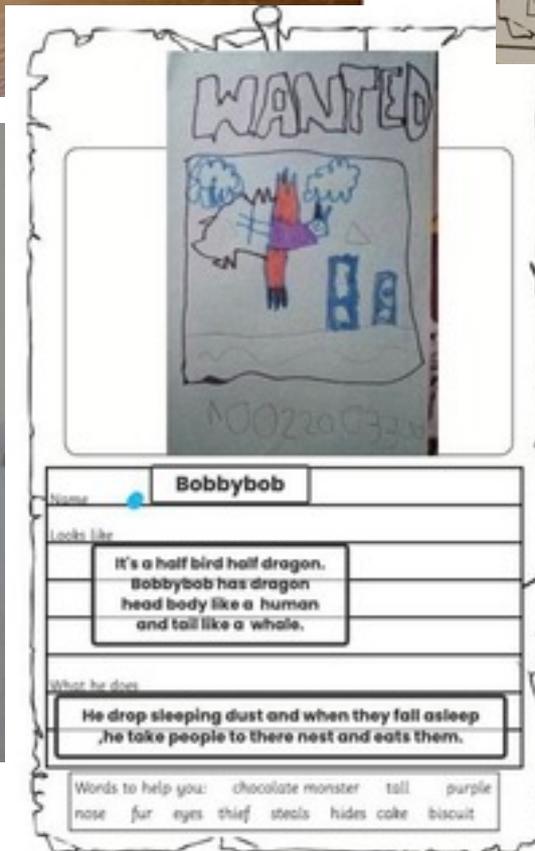
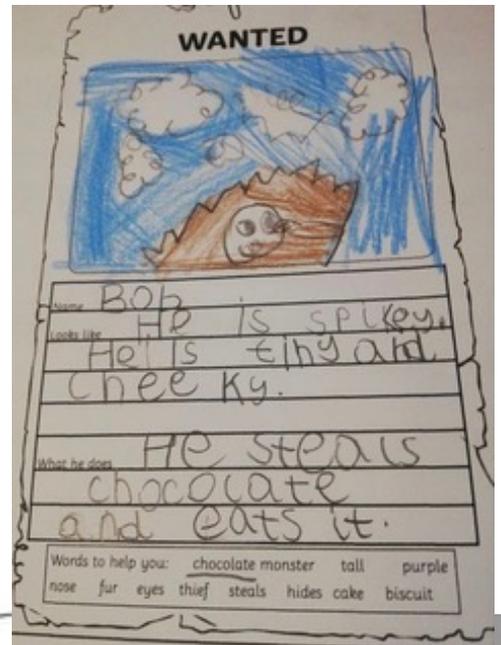


Blue:

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	Finnley and Louisa
Green	Kerensa and Kiera
Orange	Izabel and Cherry
Violet	Jackson and Tegan
Amber	Matteo and Jaxon
Cobalt	Gabe and Jamie
Indigo	Jago and Lola
Turquoise	Rosie and Sophie

In Green Class this week, we listened to a story about a chocolate monster and then made wanted posters. We were so impressed with them! Here are just a few:



If you think your child may be entitled to "Free School Meals" please email Mrs Oliver in reception (messages@pensans.cornwall.sch.uk) This also applies to those having free dinners because they are in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and have "Universal Infant Free School Meals" because of their age. Our school also receives Pupil Premium funding for each child on Free School Meals so as well as helping you, it also helps our school.

PENSANS FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS

We can now provide Free School Meal vouchers for all FSM children. We will be placing the order for the vouchers on Fridays & will order a £15 voucher for each FSM child. We will adjust voucher order amounts for any FSM child who has been in school and had a school meal that week.

Schoolvouchers.com will distribute the vouchers. We plan for the vouchers to be sent to parents and carers between Friday afternoon to Sunday morning. Please check for emails and texts over the weekend and email if you have any queries: messages@pensans.cornwall.sch.uk.

You are practicing *Honesty*

when you...

- Say what you mean and mean what you say
- Make promises you can keep
- Tell the truth tactfully
- Admit your mistakes
- Refuse to lie, cheat, or steal
- Are true to yourself and do what you know is right

Affirmation

*I am honest. I can be trusted to keep my word.
I have no need to impress others. I accept myself.
I tell the truth, kindly and tactfully.*



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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.