

Dear Parents, Families and Friends,

What an amazing end of term we have had at Pensans! A special visitor came to Gwenver and Cape classes. Key Stage 1 & 2 enjoyed outings to the cinema for Christmas films, we've enjoyed Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper days and I know you will all agree that your wonderful children made a fantastic effort to bring us super Christmassy performances over the last week.

Reception & Key Stage 1 children treated us all to a tremendous 'Twinkly Nativity' and looked great in their lovely costumes. They sang beautifully and all those with speaking parts remembered all their words and had lovely clear voices. Well done all of you!

Key Stage 2 also brought to us the Christmas story through narration and song at Chapel Street Methodist Church on Thursday evening with 'The Bells Ring Out for Christmas'. The children looked super smart with a festive twist of tinsel and hats. Again, the children sang with enthusiasm and smiles. It was lovely to be at a different venue in the heart of the community and see the children so well supported by their families. Thank you all for making the effort to come out in the evening – it was definitely worth it, what a lovely experience we all had 😊

Today we have celebrated a wonderful end of term assembly. Rosie in Y4 played the piano for us, Key Stage 1 lit their Christingles and sang, we found out who our attendance winners were for the autumn term and finished off with a lovely sing-a-long with Key Stage 2. We said goodbye to Miss Watts and Miss Cuzick. Pensans would like to thank them both for all their hard work and wish them all the very best for the future.

As I mentioned, excellent attendance was rewarded today with the children with 100% attendance all term receiving vouchers for the book bank as well as certificates. The top 15 children for attendance in KS2 will be treated to a BMX experience in the New Year and the top 15 children for attendance in KS1 will also be having an afternoon out to look forward to. We also finished this term with a prize draw for all families with 100% attendance in the last week of school – Well done to Jack in Y5 and his family who won a shopping voucher and book tokens today! 😊

Now that we have reached the end of a super busy term I must say a huge THANK YOU to all our teachers and support staff who work tirelessly to give your children high quality teaching and experiences throughout each and every week. Their energy and enthusiasm is amazing and your children are at the centre of everything they do. Also a big shout out for our brilliant admin team - Caroline and Kirsty who keep us all in order and are great at communicating everything so well to our parents, friends and families. Also not forgetting our fab-u-lous Kitchen crew Kath, Mandy & Trudy who served us all a delicious Christmas dinner! In the background we have our lovely ladies Tanya, Lou & Debbie keeping everything spic and span and lovely Ian for keeping everything in working order 😊

Everyone at Team Pensans has gone above and beyond this term - I am very proud to be the Headteacher of such a fantastic team.

All that is left to be said is to thank you our parents, carers and guardians for supporting both your children and the school through another exciting term. Have a restful but fun packed Christmas and enjoy your time together as families.

I look forward to seeing everyone back safe and sound at 8.40a.m on Thursday 4th January 2024!
(except Cape class – see you on the 8th 😊)

Nadelik Lowen ha Blydhen Nowydh Da!
Merry Christmas & a Happy New Yea


Mrs Ambrose - Headteacher

Stars of the Week

Gwenver Class	Ava for following instructions with thought and care
Godrevy Class	Hunter for being polite and always showing good manners
Gwithian Class	James S for always being polite and showing good manners
Porthcurno Class	Aiva P for caring for everyone and everything.
Sennen Class	Jack for always being polite and showing good manners

Class Stars of the Week

Cape	Bear for arriving in school without any support and sharing with his friends.
Gwenver	The whole of Gwenver for their fantastic performances in the Twinkly Nativity
Godrevy	Louie for his courage and versatility in the Christmas production for taking on extra roles last minute!
Gwithian	The whole of Gwithian Class for their fantastic performances in the Twinkly Nativity
Porthcurno	Tacara for completing all of her learning in class, for being a good friend and for her lovely singing in our KS2 Carol Service!
Sennen	Saoirse for being incredibly helpful always and always smiling!

 <p>Attendance Matters</p>	Our school target for attendance is %	Monday 11th December 2023 to Tuesday 19th 2023
	1st Place Sennen	93.44%
	2nd Place Godrevy	89.47%
	3rd Place Porthcurno	87.64%

Special Headteacher Award

Team Pensans is all about allowing every member to personally develop in as many ways as possible-adults and children alike. This week we would like to highlight one of our Year 2 children who took himself out of his comfort zone to enable... "the show to go on!" Louie Palmer showed real courage, flexibility, and his commitment to the "Twinkly Nativity" by stepping into two main speaking parts, last minute! What a star!

I have had 100% attendance this year so far and had so many successes!



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Smartest Cloakroom goes to this week and tidiest Classroom goes to EYFS. Thank you for respecting where you learn and your belongings.



If your child would like breakfast in school, they can arrive at the office at 8.15am where breakfast will be served in the hall. Breakfast will only be served until 8.30am as we need to pack away and get ready for learning to begin.

For working parents, Breakfast Club will run as normal from 8am. This time is only for children who normally come. All others need to arrive at 8.15am. For all other children the classroom doors will open as usual at 8:40am

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

STAY SAFE ONLINE:

New Term starts at 8:40am on the Thursday 4th January 2024 for all classes

******NURSERY (CAPE CLASS) CLOSED FOR HOME VISITS ON THURSDAY 4TH AND FRIDAY 5TH JANUARY 2024******

Year 1/2 Godrevy and Gwithian Trip to Marazion Beach on Friday January 5th in the morning (weather and tide dependent)

Year 3/4 Porthcurno Class will be swimming every Thursday afternoon in the New Year.

Parent Consultations Week Beginning 26/2/24. Set days for each class to be confirmed.

SATS WEEK: Monday 13th May 2023 – Thursday 16th May 2024

SATS BOOSTER SESSIONS TO START AFTER CHRISTMAS

PHOTOS WILL BE ADDED ON FACEBOOK OF ALL THE CHILDREN ASAP. THEY ARE CURRENTLY BEING COLLATED.

Online Safety Newsletter December 2023

Minecraft

Minecraft remains ever popular and with Christmas ahead of us, maybe your child will be receiving this game as one of their presents. Minecraft Legends is rated as PEGI 7 meaning it is suitable for those over 7 years of age. The App store rate Minecraft as 9+.

You should be aware that there is a multiplayer option so players can chat to each other, and in-app purchases are available. Parental controls are available, either within Minecraft or on the console itself e.g. Nintendo Switch or PlayStation. Find out more here:

<https://www.minecraft.net/en-us/article/parental-controls>

Toxicity in game play

Safe In Our World and Ubisoft (creators of games such as Assassins Creed) have co-developed the 'Good Game Playbook'. The playbook will be sent to players reporting disruptive behaviour as well as the individual reported. This is to support the person affected as well as to try and educate the person reported about the harm their behaviour might have on others.

You can read the handbook here:

<https://safeinourworld.org/news/ubi-soft-safe-in-our-world-partner-to-combat-in-game-toxicity/>

Get to know Age Ratings

Age ratings are in place to help protect your child, so we thought we'd provide you with a little reminder of how important it is to check the age ratings of what your child is accessing online. Here are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are accessing. **Did you know that WhatsApp has an age rating of 16?**

Whether your child is viewing films, accessing apps, playing games online, using social media or downloading other apps – check the age rating first to see if your child is old enough. In addition, the likes of PEGI include further content descriptors, which will give you an indication of the type of content that your child might view e.g. violence, if accessing the app/game etc.

It is important to note that whilst age ratings do allow you to see if something may be appropriate for your child, it is also important to review the content yourself. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable for your child to access and if it would be beneficial to apply further parental controls.

Further information
Parent Zone have published this article about why age ratings matter:
<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/age-ratings>

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

It can be difficult to keep up to date with new technologies and to know if there are any related risks that we need to be aware of when using new technologies. AI is being talked about a lot, so it is worthwhile learning more about it now to help support/answer questions if our children show an interest. Twinkl provide a brilliant overview of AI here:

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/blog/parents-guide-top-tips-for-navigating-generative-ai-safely-with-kids>

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Stay Safe
Don't give out your personal information to people/places you don't know.

Don't Meet Up
Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.

Accepting Files
Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.

Reliable?
Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?

Tell Someone
Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.

Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!