



Dear Parents, Carers & Families

Well after a great start to the week with attendance being at 95%+ I was so disappointed when it dropped to 88% on Friday. I cannot re-iterate enough how important it is that your child attends school 5 days a week! I realise children get tired quickly at the beginning of term, getting back into busy school life, however, together we must build the children's stamina so that weekly events such as swimming and after school clubs do not affect your child's attendance. It is a shame that already some children will be playing catch up with the work they have missed. Our new attendance strategy will be focussing fortnightly on pupils with broken weeks in school. Hopefully everyone is now getting back into home/school routines and this will improve next week! ([Lookout for the Pensans Attendance Strategy in key information on the website](#))

Thank you for helping us to establish the new drop off and pick up points with the children. From Monday you will notice that there will be areas to the front of the school cordoned off by the contractors who are beginning work on the new Area Resource Base (ARB) This will be a specialist education provision. These works will be continuing for approximately 8-9 weeks so please ensure you supervise your children when arriving and leaving school. School staff will also be outside at the beginning and end of the school day to help.

As our extra-curricular clubs start and school trips begin it is even more important that parents make sure they have signed up to the ARBOR App and Parent Portal. Remember this is now our primary source of communication with you. Any problems please do ask in the office for help.

This week three classes will enjoy trips out to Penlee museum: Godrevy and Gwithian classes to learn about Victorian Toys and Porthcurno Class to enhance their study of the Stone Age. We also will be sharing some exciting news about a Y5/Y6 residential planned for July 2024! Mr Rutterford will be sending out information next week to parents of children in Sennen Class. Watch this space!

We are welcoming Mrs Hawken on Monday who is going to be working at our Reception desk. Many may remember Mrs Hawken as she has previously worked at Pensans and we are really looking forward to her re-joining the team. Some of you may also have met 'Jeff' – he is my black Labrador puppy. He has visited school on a few occasions now and has even been to assembly! It is my intention that he also becomes part of our staff and he is currently in training to be our school dog – a co-worker for Dennis!

We have a new mission statement at Pensans School – Pensans CARES

Pensans (C)ommunity (A)spirational (R)elationships (E)xperiences (S)uccess


As the term progresses, we'll focus on all these areas to make our Pensans School community the best it can be!

**Have a great weekend all!
Mrs Ambrose - Headteacher**

Stars of the Week

Gwenver Class	Raiea for caring for everyone and everything
Godrevy Class	Freddie for following instructions with thought and care
Gwithian Class	Charlie for caring for everyone and everything
Porthcurno Class	Eva M for always showing good manners
Sennen Class	Alexa for using good manners all the time

Class Stars of the Week

Cape	Ocean for following instructions in her new classroom	
Gwenver	Teddie for fantastic effort in phonics	
Godrevy	Jack M for amazing determination and excellence in his writing	
Gwithian	Luna for super phonics and determination in all her work	
Porthcurno	AJ for always being so helpful and focused in class! Well done!	
Sennen	Jamie for his awesome effort in writing and giving great answers in class.	
 <p>Attendance Matters</p>	Our school target for attendance is 97%	Monday 11 th September – Friday 15 th September 2023
	1 st Place Godrevy	96.49 %
	2 nd Place Porthcurno	94.98 %
	3 rd Place Sennen	94.75 %

Special Headteacher Award

I would just like to do a "SHOUT OUT" to Mr. Rutterford and Sennen Class for such a fantastic start to the school year and demonstrating that Pensans CARES: (C)ommunity (A)spirational (R)elationships (E)xperiences (S)uccess. They have all represented Pensans fantastically in and out of school during their swimming session, a litter pick, positive teamwork and aspiring to succeed in all that they do.

Mr Rutterford...keep up the good work but please keep your shoes on.





Smartest Cloakroom goes to Godrevy Class this week and tidiest Classroom goes to Gwithian Class Well done Year 1/2



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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Penlee Museum Trip "Victorian Toys" Year 1/ 2 on Tuesday the 19th September 2023
Godrevy in the morning and Gwithian in the afternoon.

Penlee Museum Trip "Stone Age" Porthcurno Class Year 3/4 Friday 22nd September 2023



ONLINE SAFETY WEEKLY FEATURE

The safeguarding of our children and school community is intrinsic and integral to all that we do at Pensans. In the everchanging online world that we all live in, Online Safety is and will continue to be kept high profile within the tapestry of our everyday learning and teaching at Pensans.

This week, it is top tips about sharing photos of your children appropriately.

Back to school photos

With the excitement of a new school year and your child reaching a new milestone, many of us share photos of our child online without thinking about the associated risks. If you post online, then try following these basic rules:

- Don't post any photos of your child that show their school logo/name or recognisable places by where they live that can make it easy for people to find out their location.
- Never include your child's full name.
- Are there any other children in the pictures you share online? If yes, do you have permission from their parent/carer to upload it?
 - Would your child be happy for your comment/photo about them to be online – remember what might be 'cute' now may be embarrassing to them in the future.
 - Make sure appropriate privacy settings are on.



Alternatively, you could just share photos with those who you really want to share the photo with (grandparents etc.) via WhatsApp or iMessage rather than via social media.

Further information

CEOP have published this article which includes advice on sharing photos of your child online:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Sharing-pictures-of-your-children/>

Information for Sennen Class (Year 5/6)



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Are you in Year 5 or 6 and searching for your future secondary school?

We would love to welcome you and your families to our Open Evening on Thursday 5th October, from 6pm.

Come and see for yourselves what makes HDS such a great place to learn!

Join us for our annual Open Evening

Meet our staff and students and
experience the atmosphere

Thursday 5th October, from 6pm



MOUNTS BAY ACADEMY

OPEN EVENTS 2023

Event	Date	Time
SATURDAY FESTIVAL	23rd September	8.30am - 12.30pm
OPEN DAY	3rd October	9am - 2.30pm
OPEN EVENING	3rd October	5.30pm - 8.30pm