

Pensans Post



Spring term 10/01/2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring Term! The project launches have been a great success this week and the children are enthused by their REAL projects. Please read the Phase Newsletters to find out what your child is learning this term and how you can help them.

On February 14th we will be holding Parent Consultations throughout the day and in the school hall there will be a range of activities and information about Restorative Justice, Accelerated Reader, Internet Safety as well as refreshments. Please put the date in your diaries!

We have a great deal of lost property that has remained in school over the Christmas holidays. If your child has lost any of their uniform please check lost property and ensure that all of their clothes are labelled.

You will be receiving attendance letters for your child that relate to the Autumn Term attendance. If you receive a red letter there will be an option for you to come and discuss any issues that we can support you with.

I wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Have a good weekend
Angela Clay

School Dinners

-Fish and chips will replace the current menu on Thursday 16th January which is a Census Day. We ask parents to help us by encouraging the children to take a school dinner on this day. The Government calculates part of our school funding based on the number of pupils having a school meal on Census Day.

-Week commencing 13/01/2020 is week 1. Weekly menus are on our school website.

-If you think your child may be entitled to Free School Meals, please ask in the office. The form just needs a couple of details and gives extra funding to school too! This applies to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 even though they get Universal Free School Meals.



Please remember that we offer both before and after school clubs each school day.

Breakfast Club - Children from reception age can be dropped into the hall between 8am and 8:30am. It costs £1.50 a session and includes a varying breakfast menu. No booking necessary.

It is free to *Pupil Premium children (*those children entitled to free school meals based on their family income)

PARC (After-school club) - Open from 3:15pm until 6pm (5pm Fridays). Bookings and pre-payments via ParentPay are necessary. Please ask for details at school reception.



Is your child's class attendance on track? Our Autumn attendance target is 97%. As a school we are at 93.75% attendance this week and are below our target.

Class	Weekly %	
Bumblebees	97.41%	3
Green	97.6%	2
Orange	100%	1
Violet	92.67%	5
Amber	91.35%	7
Cobalt	93.1%	4
Emerald	92.44%	6
Indigo	90.87%	8
Turquoise	88.36%	9
Whole School	93.75%	

Are you following us on Twitter?



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

You are practicing
Unity
when you...

- Treat all people as members of one human family
- See the gifts in differences
- Refuse to join in when others express prejudice
- Solve conflict through listening and finding solutions
- Care for the earth and all living things
- Act like a peacemaker wherever you go

Affirmation

I practice unity with others. The joy of one is the joy of all. The hurt of one is the hurt of all. The honor of one is the honor of all.



Dates for your diary

Monday 14th January - Clubs letters sent home

Monday 20th January - Clubs start this week

Friday 14th February - INSET school closed for parent consultations

Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February - Half term

Friday 20th March - Last day of clubs

Friday 27th March - Nursery closed

Friday 27th March - Last day of spring term

- **Swimming:** Mondays: Bumblebees
- Thursdays: Indigo and Emerald

EYFS: Caterpillars, Butterflies & Bumblebees (Y0)

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

* Phase 2 / KS2: Cobalt (Y3/4), Violet (Y3/4) & Amber (Y3/4)

* Phase 3 / KS2: Emerald (Y5/6), Indigo (Y5/6) & Turquoise (Y5/6)

It has been a busy project launch week for phase 1. After combing the beach, the children were able to create some beautiful dragon eggs. They have also met some real dragons as part of our 'Tell Me a Dragon' project. We met a monitor lizard, a chuckwalla lizard and a bearded dragon. A huge thanks to Matt from @talonsowls - the children were enthralled!



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!
Green	Kobe & Kiah
Orange	Hyacinth and Artan
Violet	Kyra & Leila
Amber	Kyra & Kacy-Mae
Cobalt	Tia & Eigirdas
Emerald	Millie & Caswyn
Indigo	Cephia & Pijus
Turquoise	The whole of team Turquoise!

Please remember that named PE kits and wellies need to be in school each day. PE kits should contain the following: house colour t-shirt, black shorts, plimsolls/trainers, white sports socks. Children can also bring in black jogging bottoms and gold school hoodies in colder weather.



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

Butterflies	Rio	For joining in activities and playing nicely with his friends.
Bumblebees	Jaxon	For listening and following instructions.
Orange	Keeva	For always being kind and caring member of Orange class.
Green	Saoirse	For confidently telling the class about her trip to The Titanic Museum and for working hard at her independent reading and writing.
Cobalt	Paige	When working with Claire, Paige has shown real focus, concentrating on the task set.
Violet	Jayden	For his determination perseverance unity and enthusiasm in the stone age launch days.
Amber	Whole class	For their positive attitude to learning this week. Amber showed great enthusiasm during our launch.
Turquoise	Levi Bailey	For adding such a peaceful and positive dynamic to Team Turquoise. Thank you! For showing such unity and friendship whilst welcoming Levi to Team Turquoise.
Indigo	Maya	For her excellence and enthusiasm in carrying out her own research about our new project.
Emerald	Seth	For showing perseverance and courage in swimming lessons this week. Well done!

Well done to this week's Mathletes!

Green - Isabel S
 Amber - Solomon
 Cobalt - Zac
 Violet - Skyla
 Turquoise - Jack C and Jenny
 And to TT Rock Hero - Zac Gregory - 43 seconds!



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OPEN DAY

Saturday 11
 January 2020

Joined by Pirate FM
 Free Gym Sessions
 Free Fitness MOT
 £1 Pool Party
 Free Class Tasters

**JOIN TODAY
 PAY NOTHING
 AND GET ADDITIONAL
 MONTH FREE**

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