

Pensans Post

Autumn term 08/01/2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring Term 2021. It is not the start that we were expecting and I am very sad that, currently, it is not safe to open the school to all children. As you know we will do everything that we can to enable your children to access their learning and support you in any way that we can.

Thank you for your many kind messages and patience while we work to give your child the best education and care that we can in these circumstances.

As you know the Government announcement on Monday evening gave us little time to ensure that all aspects of remote learning were up and running. However we all learnt a great deal from our experience in the Summer Term 2020 and I hope that you are more confident in communicating with us when you need support.

Please be aware that due to the need to protect vulnerable members of our staff, possible quarantining and staff sickness your child, may not always have access to or be taught by their usual teacher/support worker.

I understand that the experience of home learning is different for each family and it is essential that your child is able to learn remotely. Teachers and Support Staff will be teaching, monitoring and supporting your child everyday and will be able to see children who are struggling with different aspects of remote learning. Staff will do everything they can to break down any barriers.

Common challenges for home learning include the lack of suitable devices, lack of decent Wi-Fi and the constraints for a family when several children need to access online learning at once. An online Google form (questionnaire) has been sent to you - you should have already filled it in. This will further help us to understand your access to technology. We can then try and help as many families as possible to access online learning.

We are well aware that each family has their own unique circumstances and ways of managing home learning and we are more than happy to modify approaches and resources for you. Please do not hesitate to email messages@pensans.cornwall.sch.uk to communicate with your child's teacher.

As yet, the Government has not set up a voucher system for Free School Meals and we will provide weekly food to be collected until the vouchers are available. Magic Breakfast will also be available for collection every week.

There has already been some fantastic remote and school learning this week and I was delighted to award our Stars of the Week. I am certain that we can all work together with kindness and ingenuity to enable our children to keep learning.

Have a safe and peaceful weekend

Angela Clay



Stars of the week



Bumblebees	Mya	For always trying hard with her home learning and making a good start at this in lockdown
Green	Ruben	For becoming a confident and independent reader. He is working hard and has made great progress.
Orange	Stacey	For always working so hard online to complete set tasks.
Cobalt	Zac	For an amazing start to his online learning and wowing us all with his culture work. Zac has shown real excellence in his work. Keep it up Zac!
Violet	Freya	For her creative work- I loved seeing her Mayan sweetcorn recipe and her double page spread about her culture.
Amber	Alexa	For self-confidence and enthusiasm that she has shown already in her learning, being quick to get stuck into any task! Well done Alexa!
Indigo	Corey	He has been dedicated to his home learning which has been amazing to see.
Turquoise	Jack	For his fab online learning attitude this week. A real role model to others in our class.



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.



We were delighted to hear that Jayden was a winner of the Mayor's Christmas Card Competition 2020! Jayden (left) won a lovely art set.

Also, in December Phase 2 held a Christmas Card Competition for Year 4s. The task was to design a Cornish Christmas Card based on our project 'Cornwall Our Home. Well done to Gabe! (Right).

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".



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 12th February - INSET Day

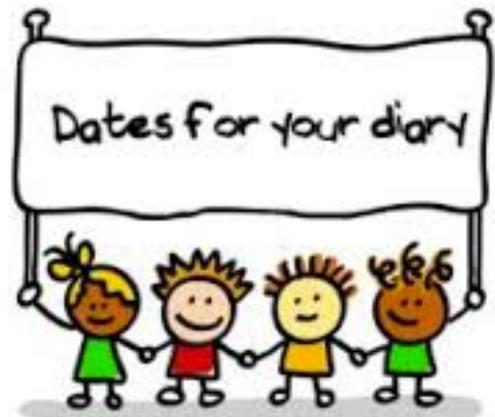
15th-19th February - Half term

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)



**Did you know you can use an Xbox or PlayStation
to browse the internet?**

**Allowing you to view Google Classroom, Seesaw
and other websites?**



Google Classroom

XBOX

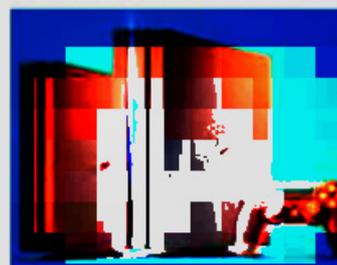
- 1. Go to 'My games and apps'**
- 2. Find 'Microsoft Edge' and select**
- 3. Visit the website**



***You can use the controller to type and select,
and can even plug in a USB keyboard!***

PLAYSTATION 4

- 1. Go to 'Library'**
- 2. Select 'All'**
- 3. Select 'Internet Browser'**
- 4. Visit the website**



You can use your controller to type and select!

