

Pensans Post

Spring term 13/03/2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for supporting our Big Dig last Saturday; it was beautiful weather, we continued to re-wild and Alana made us a delicious lunch! The project will continue across the whole school. This week classes have dug areas of the perimeter fence (one per class) ready to grow plants that will attract pollinators. This has been funded by Pupil Parliament's fund raising activities (thank you Shona Pye) as well as Cornwall Headstart and we are enormously grateful for their support.

Pupil Parliament have reached the finals of 'THINK BIG'! They worked with Shona Pye to create a poster that explains our Bees, Bugs and Butterflies re-wilding and mural project at Pensans and we have been invited to pitch the project to a panel of judges with the possibility of winning £500 for our school. I am so proud of the work that they have done. The Bees Bugs and Butterflies project will include a mural that incorporates your children's art work and we will share the final outcome with you in the Summer Term.

We look forward to seeing you at the Phase Outcomes and for Mother's Day Lunch, please see the dates for your diary for more details.

Thank you for your support regarding the measures that we have put in place regarding the Corona Virus. Please check texts and emails for any further updates. We have now entered the delay phase which aims to slow the spread, lower the impact and push it away from the winter months. If your child does develop a high temperature or a NEW continuous cough, you should inform the school and follow the self-isolate instructions here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

The main messages are:

- If you have symptoms of coronavirus infection (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home and do not leave your house for 7 days from when your symptoms started. (See their Ending Isolation section for more information)
- This action will help protect others in your community whilst you are infectious
- Plan ahead and ask others for help to ensure that you can successfully stay at home
- ask your employer, friends and family to help you to get the things you need to stay at home
- Stay at least 2 metres (about 3 steps) away from other people in your home whenever possible
- Sleep alone, if that is possible
- Wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds, each time using soap and water
- Stay away from vulnerable individuals such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions as much as possible

You do not need to call NHS111 to go into self-isolation. If your symptoms worsen during home isolation or are no better after 7 days contact NHS 111 online. If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.

Parents with children in school with serious underlying health conditions should contact NHS 111 for advice if they have individual concerns and keep the school informed.

We will continue to keep parents and carers fully updated and urge everyone to ensure that we have up to date contact details for them at all times.

Have a good weekend
Angela Clay

Is your child's class attendance on track? Our Spring attendance target is 97%. As a school we are at 92.32% attendance this week and are below our target.

Class	Weekly %	
Bumblebees	92.67%	6
Green	92.96%	5
Orange	94%	3
Violet	87.59%	9
Amber	96.8%	1
Cobalt	95%	2
Emerald	89.57%	7
Indigo	88.97%	8
Turquoise	93.33%	4
Whole School	92.32%	

Are you following us on Twitter?

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You are practicing

Generosity

when you...

- Are thoughtful of the needs of others
- Notice when someone needs help
- Give freely without expectation of reward
- Give fully without holding back
- Are willing to make sacrifices for others
- Use wisdom about sharing treasured belongings

Affirmation

I am generous. I look for opportunities to give and to share. I take time to be thoughtful. I give freely, fully, and joyfully.



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Dates for your diary

Wednesday 18th March - Phase 2 Project Outcome (details to follow)

Thursday 19th March - Disney Day and bake sale

Friday 20th March - Last day of clubs

Friday 20th March - Mothers Day lunch Y0, Y1, Y2 (letters sent home)

Monday 23rd March - Mothers Day lunch Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 (letters to be sent home)

Tuesday 24th March - Phase 1 Project Outcome - 1:30pm @ school

23rd to 27th March - Mock SATs week for Y6

Friday 27th March - Nursery closed Friday 27th March - Last day of spring term

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)

Swimming:

Mondays: Bumblebees

Thursdays: Violet and Cobalt

On Thursday we had a violin and viola assembly. If your child is interested in taking lessons from Emma Stansfield there are letters available on the school reception. Subsidies are available for those on Free School Meals to reduce the costs.



School Dinners

Week commencing 16/03/2020 is week 3. Weekly menus are on our school website.

If you think your child may be entitled to "Free School Meals" please let Mrs Oliver in reception know. This also applies to those having free dinners because they are in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and have free "Universal Infant Free School Meals" because of their age. Our school also receives Pupil Premium funding for each child on "Free School Meals".

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	Jasmine & Kiah
Orange	Eddy & Charlie G
Violet	Toby & Freya
Amber	Jago & Solomon
Cobalt	Petra & Gabe
Emerald	Joe & Issy
Indigo	Sophie & Leah
Turquoise	Anouk & Izzy O



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	Leah	For trying really hard with her writing.
	Freddie	For fantastic listening on the carpet.
Bumblebees	Eli	For fantastic listening and enthusiasm on our school trip to the Seal Sanctuary.
Orange	Breidis	For working hard to improve his writing.
Green	Elisei	For super story writing and excellent effort with Athletics.
Cobalt	Eliza	For always looking out for her friends showing kindness, friendliness, compassion and peacefulness. Eliza has also shown great perseverance this week when joining her writing in the classroom. I have been so impressed by her positive attitude towards her learning. Well done!
Violet	Katie	For a brilliant learning attitude and for determination to do her best.
Amber	Leon	For focussing on producing amazing writing and making the right choices in class. Well done!
Turquoise	Jenny	For being so dedicated and determined in all areas of her learning and outside of school. Outstanding!
Indigo	Molly	For showing amazing courage and friendliness and being a fantastic addition to our class.
Emerald	Alexia	For positive attitude in all areas of learning.

Well done to this week's Mathletes!

Green - Kajus

Orange - Eddy

Violet - Marley and Skyla - GOLD Award!

Cobalt - Rosie H

Turquoise - Izzy O



The Year 3 & 4 **Penwith Swimming Gala** was held at Penzance Leisure Centre on Tuesday 3rd March. This is a very exciting, large event with us up against 16 other schools. Despite it being a little bit scary all of our swimmers put in an excellent full throttle performance in their individual races & team relay races. Their behaviour throughout the gala was also excellent. Special mention should go to Skyla who easily won her heat race. This then qualified her for the final in which she came 4th, just being pipped to a medal. Thanks must go to Mags Pellow for accompanying us to the gala. Fantastic all around performance team!

On Thursday 5th March we took a team of Year 1 & Year 2 children to Mounts Bay Academy to take part in a **Continuous Cricket Festival**. Our teams were amazing! The lady who organised the event for Cornwall Cricket told me that we had some real talent in our team as our players stood out above all of the schools who took part. Batting fantastically, with most of them whacking the balls across the dome & some tight fielding with some accurate throwing skills. A brilliant performance, super proud of them all. The future bodes well for the Pensans Cricket team. Also thanks go to Clare Maple for accompanying us to the festival. *Kelda Mc Neill - Sports Coach*



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