

NANPEAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 8th March 2024



Dates for the Diary

- Friday 15th March – 9am – Parent's Forum
- Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th March – Parents' Consultations – More details elsewhere on this Newsletter.
- Thursday 21st March – Family Worker Drop in Session – More details elsewhere on this Newsletter.
- Thursday 21st March – Easter Bingo – More details elsewhere on this Newsletter.
- Tuesday 26th March – 2:45-3:15pm – Book Look – More details elsewhere on this Newsletter.
- Thursday 28th March – last day of the Spring Term.

Head Teacher Weekly Update

As we enter a new month, I always look ahead on the calendar to upcoming events. This always makes me smile in relation to what we are able to offer for the children. Examples of events I am looking forward to are when parents are invited in to see their children's work (2.45 – 3.15pm on Tuesday 26th March) and our termly Aspirations afternoon on Friday 22nd March, which links to the 'A' (Aspirational about a future job or career) of our FAB Curriculum offer. This is where a visitor comes in to speak to children in each class in relation to their job or career, which is a link to the children's learning from this term. Children always enjoy these sessions and realising why their learning will help them on a pathway to various careers.

This week, I have continued meeting staff, with a focus on all staff other than Teachers, to discuss their Professional Growth and opportunities for development this year.

On Wednesday, our staff meeting focus was another meeting in relation to Mastering Number, which is an additional short Maths session each day all about the 'number' element of Maths, recognising how a number can be made and how it can be a part of other numbers, for example.

On Thursday, I enjoyed seeing the children (and staff) dressed as book characters for World Book Day! That afternoon and evening I took our choir to a performance in Truro, known as SongFest, which we take part in each academic year. It was a pleasure to accompany the children and see them perform, as they were fantastic, and I thank Mrs Cooper and Mrs Williams for preparing the children during their after-school club each week. This was a (very) late evening, but the children were superbly behaved, a credit to themselves, their parents and our school. They even remained exceptionally behaved when children from other schools started being silly.

I am looking forward to Mr Harwood offering a girls football session during the school day on Friday to Key Stage 2 girls, as this is part of our offer for International Women's Day, which takes place then (Friday 8th March). Children will also have read a specific book in their class from our reading spine this week which links to International Women's Day. Finally, just a reminder that children SHOULD NOT have mobile phones in school. Where these are absolutely necessary, for a specific reason, a Mobile Phone Policy was written by myself and approved by Governors recently, and this is on our school website (or copies can be obtained from the school office) if you wish to read this short policy which explains what must happen if a child does need to bring a phone to school.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Best wishes to everyone in our community,

Mr M Nicholls (Headteacher)

ATTENDANCE

Eden – 96.46%

Hendra – 91.35%

Prosper – 95.04%

Melbur – 92.59%

Drinnick – 95.34%

Rosemellyn – 96.07%



Stars of the Week



Each week, Nanpean School staff choose one pupil from their class who has shone to be their class star. **This week our stars are:**

- **Eden – Joey** – for building a cage for the animals at the zoo, thinking carefully about size.
 - **Hendra – Lara** – for always being ready to learn.
 - **Prosper – Eli** – for working hard in English and Maths.
 - **Melbur – Leyton** – for improved learning behaviour and trying hard to follow instructions with thought and care.
 - **Drinnick – Abbi** – for beautiful reading and confidence in her learning.
- Rosemellyn – Leah** – for her confident and critical thinking when handling percentage data.



Citizenship Award



Each week we present a child with a Citizenship Award. This is to recognise and reward a child who has been notably kind, helpful or well behaved during the week.

This week our Citizenship Award goes to:

Rhys (Drinnick) – for being kind and caring to younger members of the school, even when he was feeling under the weather himself.



Busy Bees



Busy Bees are awards given out to children to acknowledge that an aspect of their learning or behaviour is exceptional.

Percy (Prosper) – for excellent finger spaces (independent writing).

Luna (Prosper) – for excellent joined handwriting.

Bethany R (Melbur) – for exceptional progress with learning in fractions.



Sports Star



This Weeks Sports Star Award goes to:

Brodie W (Melbur) – for continued involvement in Hockey.

Housepoints

Class	Godrevey (Green)	Lizard (Yellow)	Pendeen (Blue)	Trevoise (Red)	Wolf Rock (Purple)
Eden	12	17	11	11	12
Hendra	16	17	19	19	19
Prosper	19	17	20	20	15
Melbur	54	52	65	69	57
Drinnick	18	19	15	17	18
Rosemellyn	14	15	11	20	12
Whole School	133	137	141	156	133
Term Total	963	932	1,034	999	916

THIS WEEK, PENDEEN (BLUE) STAY IN THE LEAD WITH 1034 POINTS, FOLLOWED BY TREVOISE (RED) WITH 999 POINTS IN SECOND AND GODREVEY (GREEN) IN THIRD WITH 963 POINTS.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for one parent governor and are seeking nominations for an enthusiastic and committed parent or carer to join the governing board. Parent governors are welcomed as valued members of the team and play a vital role in ensuring the governing board is aware of the views of parents and the local community. If you feel this is something you are able to commit to (around an hour each month), please visit the office to ask Miss Tucker or Mrs Houston for a nomination form.

Staffing

Miss Morton has now started her Maternity Leave and we wish her well.

A reminder, as sent last week, in terms

of how Miss Morton's roles will be

covered at Nanpean School, Mrs

Cooper and Miss Brotherhood will be

working additional days to cover the

class for the remainder of the Spring

Term. This will mean that on a Monday

and Tuesday, Mrs Cooper will teach

Hendra Class (she will continue to

teach Prosper Class on a Wednesday

– Friday). On a Wednesday morning

and Thursday Miss Brotherhood will

teach Hendra Class (she will continue

to teach Prosper Class on a Monday

and Tuesday). Miss Morrison will teach

the class as normal on a Wednesday

afternoon and Friday. I appreciate

staff who already know the children

and school doing the additional days

as it means there is consistency for

the children. In the Summer Term

(after Easter), Mrs Montgomery-Smith

will be joining as Year 1 Teacher and

Assistant Headteacher on a

temporary basis to cover Miss

Morton's roles in school.

Weekly Home Debate

This week, the weekly debate asks if there should be a legal age for drinking energy drinks. Please access this via the link below. This was also posted on Class Dojo at the beginning of the week.

<https://bigdebateclub.com/debate/should-there-be-a-legal-age-for-teens-to-drink-energy-drinks/>

I hope you enjoy discussing and debating this and I look forward to hearing your views. I will comment on any views I hear in the following week's newsletter and will also share a new debate topic to discuss then!

Last week, the debate asked if social media improves or impedes communication. Lots of interesting comments in relation to this, including how social media is a tool for communication, so should improve this. However, some people also said that social media use has 'taken over' and this has meant that they don't communicate as much verbally. I personally know family members that use social media, and they are always 'on their phone', meaning general verbal communication with them is difficult, so I actually think social media has had a negative impact on communication!

Parent's Forum

The next parents forum meeting, for this half term, when parents are able to meet with Mr Nicholls to discuss positives and ideas for further improvement in relation to Nanpean School, is on Friday 15th March at 9am. Mr Nicholls hopes many parents can attend for this discussion.

Book Look

As parent consultations are virtual meetings done via the school cloud system, following these we always invite parents to classrooms to look at their child(ren)'s work. This has been set for 2.45 – 3.15pm on Tuesday 26th March. We look forward to seeing many parents in school visiting their child(ren)'s classroom(s) then.



We are on the lookout for donations of Bingo and Raffle prizes for this event, please bring any items you feel appropriate to the school office by Friday 16th March 2024. We cannot run these events without your support so Thank You in advance!!

Parent Consultations – School Cloud

Parent Consultations are on Tuesday 19th March (1-3.30pm) and Wednesday 20th March (3.30-6pm). Due to the success of these taking place virtually, and positive comments from many parents, we are continuing to do these virtually through school cloud. To book an appointment with your child's class teacher, please visit:

<https://nanpean.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Please remember that the details you type must match the details we hold on our information management system.

If you are having any issues, please contact Miss Tucker or Mrs Houston in the office and they will try to assist you. For support in navigating the School Cloud booking system, please use our school website homepage:

<http://www.nanpean.cornwall.sch.uk/website>

and there is an information video towards the bottom left of the homepage screen.

World Book Day

The children had a fantastic day on Thursday for World Book Day. We have loved seeing their favourite book characters come to life! All classes took part in some book related activities throughout the day which were a great success!

Also, a HUGE thank you to those who donated books for the school library (see picture below), these are now available for children to choose on their visits to the school library.



WORLD BOOK DAY

7 MARCH 2024

Easter Celebrations!!

If parents are willing to donate some small, foil wrapped eggs that can be hidden around the school grounds for the classes to have Easter Egg hunts in the last week of term, this would be very much appreciated. Please hand these to your child's class teacher before Friday 22nd March.

Also, we are holding an Easter Egg Raffle, if anyone would be willing to donate an Easter Egg towards this raffle, please drop these in to the school office before Friday 22nd March.



Family Worker Drop-In Session

The Early Help Team will be running some Family Drop in Sessions here at school. The next session is on Thursday 21st March at 3pm. These sessions are open to any parents / carers of children who attend Nanpean School.

Snell Cup

'Our girls netball team went to Brannel this morning to compete in this years Snell Cup. Thankfully the weather was on our side in terms of dryness but the strength of the wind was certainly against us! Unluckily, we ended up playing all except one of our games was outside! Playing netball in such strong winds is extremely challenging but the girls stayed strong and gave it their all.

The morning started off with a 4-0 win over St Wenn, followed by 3-0 defeat against St Stephen, a 2-0 defeat against St Dennis and a 2-1 defeat against Roche. Our final game saw us move inside against Whitemoor. The girls went into the game with total determination to put in a strong performance and they succeeded, securing themselves a 5-2 victory. Overall we placed 4th.

I'd like to congratulate the girls personally for their commitment to netball club and for always doing their best. I really hope they continue with the sport in secondary school and go far with it.' - Mrs Houston - Netball Coach

'Today's Snell Cup was played in windy conditions, which didn't help Nanpean's passing football style. Teo early goals from St Stephen put the team on the back foot, but we were stronger in the 2nd half.

St Dennis was a repeat from the previous match, but a goal from Alfie B got them back in the game, however, a second goal excluded the team.

The next match was against Whitemoor, which finished 1-1 with Alfie B scoring the goal.

The final match was a 3-0 defeat to Roche.

All players gave 100% and player of the tournament went to Alfie B for leading and

driving the team on..

Final Scores:

St Stephen 2 - 0 Nanpean

St Dennis 2 - 1 Nanpean

Whitemoor 1 - 1 Nanpean

Roche 3 - 0 Nanpean'

Mr Harwood - Football Coach



Adult Behaviour

A reminder that parents are expected to behave in a respectable manner while on and around the school site. Actions of verbal and / physical aggression will not be tolerated. Anyone seen acting in this way, will be asked to leave the school site and could be barred permanently from returning to the school site.

A copy of the parent and visitor code of conduct policy can be found on the school website, or a printed copy can be supplied on request.

Parking Around School Site

A reminder that there should be NO PARKING on the Zig-Zag lines at the front of the school site. These lines have been marked to keep ALL visitors to the school site safe, including children coming and going each day. Please do not park in this area and cause an obstruction.

The Mental Health Support Team invites you to book your place on our Introduction to Resilience Workshop

This is a single, hour-long session aimed at parents. The session covers how to encourage young people to develop greater resilience, and provides psychoeducation around what mental health and resilience is.

When young people are resilient, they are more able to cope with challenges and stress, and can therefore be more curious, adaptable and able to extend their reach into the world.

Upcoming Sessions:

- Monday, 18th March at 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM
- Wednesday, 20th March at 4:00 PM
- Thursday, 21st March at 9:30 AM and 4:00 PM

Please note: This group is open to parents of children aged from Nursery to Year 6

To request a place, complete the online form or scan the QR code provided:

<https://forms.office.com/e/W4hqrSM68q>



Sign up will close on Thursday 14th March

The Mental Health Support Team invites you to book your place on our Decider Skills Workshop

Decider Skills are a set of life skills based on cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT). The skills are aimed at helping young people to recognise and understand their emotions, and promote positive mental health. They also include basic problem solving and conflict de-escalation skills, and have a strong focus on supporting children in regulating their own emotions.

Upcoming Sessions:

- Monday, 25th March at 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM
- Wednesday, 27th March at 4:00 PM
- Thursday, 28th March at 9:30 AM and 4:00 PM

Please note: This group is open to parents of children aged from Nursery to Year 6

To request a place, complete the online form or scan the QR code provided:

<https://forms.office.com/e/YepSO4KNBz>



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