

Pensans Post

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SPRING TERM DATES

Monday March 3rd - **Cross Country Race at St Ives School**
Tuesday 4th March - **Shrove Tuesday**
Wednesday March 5th - **Butterflies to St Piran's Parade**
Thursday March 6th - **World Book Day - Dress up as a book character!**
3.10pm Book fair in the School hall
Friday March 7th - **3.10pm Book fair in the School hall**
w/b Monday March 17th - **Investigations & Experimenting Week**
Weds. 19th/Thurs. 20th March - **French Students from St Joan de la Croix Brittany visit**
March 27th - **Afternoon Ladybirds Closed for a Come and Play Session**
Friday 4th April - **Last Day of Half-Term**
Monday 22nd April - **Start of Summer Term**

HI 5 TEAM UNSTOPPABLE! Report by Jess Stephens (Year 6)

We played two high 5 matches against Bodriggy and Sennen on last Tuesday (25th). The high 5 team had victory in both matches the first match we won by 7-2 against Bodriggy and 9-3 against Sennen. We would like to congratulate the whole High 5 team who are LilyQuick, Nathan Lewis, George Brock, Maisy Felton, Matilda Williams, Morgan Kyle and Jessica Stephens. The team captain was Lily Quick who lead us to victory. The Man of the Match was Morgan Kyle because he was fierce and shot the most goals

PARENTAL SURVEY

Thank you to everyone who not only attended the Parent Teacher consultations on Friday January 31st, but also took the time to complete our Parent Survey Questionnaire. We had a record number of responses (150) and the results are detailed on the reverse of this newsletter. We were very pleased to not only have the best quantity of responses, but also to have the highest satisfaction rating we've ever received! Everyone works really hard here at Pensans and it is gratifying to see this hard work being recognised, so thank you!

Congratulations to the winner of the £25 free Prize Draw for this survey who were Mr & Mrs Lumb.



"FANTASTIC" TIME AT BF ADVENTURES

This week saw Lime, Amber and Violet classes visit Bishops Forum Adventure centre to take part in Rock Climbing, Abseiling and a scientific study of the Quarry as part of their topic on Rocks.

"It was fantastic", said Lucas "I'd never climbed before, I was a bit scared but I was very proud of myself I got to the top of the hardest route!"

"When I got to the top I was crying because I was very high, but actually it was really fun abseiling down", said Alice from Violet Class. Others showed a natural flair,

"Lucy was like a squirrel up a tree, on the climbing wall, she was awesome!", said Mrs Stoddern. Well done to all of the children for their excellent behaviour on the trip which the instructors said was the best they had seen!



WHO WILL YOU BE ON WORLD BOOK DAY?

Next Thursday (March 6th) is World Book Day and we are inviting children to come to school dressed as their favourite Book Character. There will **NOT be a charity collection** on this dressing up day, but there will be a Book Fair in the Hall at the end of the day on both the 6th and the 7th of March. In addition Mr Stoddern and Mrs Crummay have lots of lunchtime activities planned to fit in with the annual celebration of books.

MAISIE'S CAKE SALE FOR FLOOD VICTIMS

Thanks to everyone who supported the Cake Sale organised by Year 2 pupil Maisie Truman from Lime Class. As a result of Maisie's thoughtfulness a total of £88.86 was collected to send off to those who have been seriously affected by the recent flooding. A big well done to Maisie too for taking the time to not only think about others, but showing the determination to actually do something to help!

SKIPATHON RAISES HEART RATES & FUNDS !
A really big thank you to all of the children and sponsors who backed our Skipathon in aid of the British Heart Foundation and School Defibrillator day on Friday February 7th. As a result of everyone's efforts the huge sum of £800 was realised! A great effort from everyone, thank you!



IMPORTANT NOTICE

If you have any younger siblings who will need a **nursery place at Pensans** in the future, please make sure that you have filled in an admission form and that they are on our waiting list. We are nearly full again for the next year and already have a list for the following year.

Parent Survey Results - January 2014

Thank you to all 150 people who filled in the parent survey carried out during the Parent Consultation Day on Friday January 31st. This was a fantastic response and the overall results are very positive indeed.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
My child is happy at school	131	19	0	0	0
My child feels safe at school	136	14	0	0	0
My child makes good progress at school	127	23	0	0	0
My Child is well looked after at school	140	10	0	0	0
My child is taught well at school	139	10	0	0	1
The school manages behaviour well	131	15	0	0	4
The school deals effectively with bullying	111	31	0	0	8
The school is well led and managed	131	17	0	0	2
I would recommend the school to other parents	141	8	1	0	0

PLEASE RATE THE QUALITY OF YOUR PARENTAL CONSULTATION TODAY	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
Arrangements for making my appointment were straightforward and well managed	136	14	0	0	1
I was given a clear picture of my child's current approach to school life in general (behaviour, effort, independence etc.)	141	9	0	0	0
I was given a clear picture of my child's current levels of attainment and progress in Reading, Writing and Maths	142	8	0	0	0
I understand what my child needs to do in order to further improve their learning and am happy to support them in doing so.	132	18	0	0	0

Some of the Parent Comments from the Survey

What would you like to see us improve... *(Responses in Red)*

A bigger Car Park! *(We would love a bigger Car Park but as a public building we are only allowed a certain number of car parking spaces by the DfE as part of a push to reduce the use of cars, sorry!)*

More opportunities for outdoor learning please *(Yes, as part of our work with the Eden Project staff have received training on taking the curriculum outside, we are always looking to use our grounds as part of the learning focus)*

Could newsletters be emailed please *(Absolutely, if you let the office have your email address we can send them to you. They are also available on the school website on the day they are published)*

Can we have wake and shake in the morning each day? *(We will certainly look into introducing this, we'll talk to staff and to the Pupil Parliament to gauge enthusiasm for this, watch this space!)*

Can parent consultations be after school? *(We do hold the Autumn and Summer consultations after-school but have found the Spring (mid-term Report) consultations are really well attended during the day, there are appointments up until 5.30pm even on the day time appointments)*

Can we see the SRE programme please? *(By all means, there is a copy on of the Policy on the School Website under the Key Info. Section - we're always happy to talk to parents about any aspect of the curriculum just pop into the reception or email the school with your query)*



Pensans CP School Year Planner 2013-2014



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INSET	Holiday	Sports Days	Concerts	Events	Assessment	Clubs	Parent Consultations