

# Pensans Post

Spring term 29/01/2016



**Great news** for the school, staff and children. This week two of our staff, Mrs Pope and Mrs Trow were successful in their application to become Senior Leaders in Education. This means that they have been recognised as excellent practitioners and managers, they will be able to support not only our staff but also staff in other schools to improve teaching and learning using the principles of REAL Projects and Immersive Learning.

Teachers from across the county spent the day at Pensans on Wednesday, learning about our style of teaching and learning. Your children were as always exemplary in their attitude to learning and we are very proud of them.

Have a lovely weekend.

Ms Angela Clay - Headteacher

We asked recently if you could Donate and help fundraisers **Refugees in Penwith?** We could not have imagined the overwhelming response we have had to this appeal! Hats off to parent Shona Pye who has been into collect bags of warm clothes and sleeping bags on a daily basis. She has also organised the collection of the generous donation of a trailer tent!



If you are available to help sort out the donations tomorrow (Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>), please pop along to St Pirans Hall, Goldsithney between 11am and 6pm.

**Many thanks!**

The **school dinner menu** is available on our website on the "School Kitchen" tab. Paper copies of the menus is also available from the school office. Week commencing the 1<sup>st</sup> February is Week 2.

[http://www.pensansprimary.co.uk/website/fixed\\_menus/33772](http://www.pensansprimary.co.uk/website/fixed_menus/33772)

## You are practicing *Honesty* when you...

- Say what you mean and mean what you say
- Make promises you can keep
- Tell the truth tactfully
- Admit your mistakes
- Refuse to lie, cheat, or steal
- Are true to yourself and do what you know is right

### Affirmation

*I am honest. I can be trusted to keep my word.  
I have no need to impress others. I accept myself.  
I tell the truth, kindly and tactfully.*

There have been lots of issues with **lost PE kit** items this week. Please could we ask parents to check the names in PE kit at home and send in any that are not your child's on Monday. Please take this opportunity to ensure you child's kit is named with a permanent pen or long lasting label before they bring it into school on Monday.



**School uniform** order forms are on display in the school reception, on our website and at [www.trophytextiles.co.uk](http://www.trophytextiles.co.uk)

Sample sizes can be tried on in the school reception to make sure you order the right size.

## School lunch



### Is your child's class attendance on track?

Our spring attendance target is 97%. At 94.54% we are below target this week.

Class	Weekly %	Rank	Last week
Orange	99.23%	1	1
Lime	97.04%	2	4
Emerald	97.04%	2	3
Green	95.93%	3	7
Amber	95.17%	4	8
Violet	95.16%	5	2
Butterflies 2	94.74%	6	9
Turquoise	94.69%	7	6
Indigo	93.67%	8	5
Magenta	91.03%	9	11
Butterflies	86.29%	10	10
Whole school	94.54%		91.68%

Mr Poolman would like to say thanks and congratulations to Raenie, Hanul, Joe-Jensen and Jowan Harvey, the Pensans Debate Team. They took part in the **Rotary Youth Speaks** event this week and showed great courage and perseverance.



On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January, two teams from the school attended the annual **Sportshall Athletics** competition at Mounts Bay Academy. Both teams did brilliantly and all of the children worked very hard in their events, running, throwing, jumping etc. Year 5/6 team were awarded Bronze medals for finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>! Year 3/4 were awarded Silver medals for 2<sup>nd</sup> place and now go forward to the grand final in Truro soon! By Geoff Letchford, Sports Coach

Many thanks to Tesco's in Penzance for donating a lovely kettle and toaster to Pensans Breakfast Club this week. They have a new Community Champion in the store and we hope to work with them more in future!



Following several near misses (due to badly parked cars and too many cars in the car park) this week, we would like to emphasise the importance of practising the virtues of care and consideration during school run times.

We encourage parents to walk to school whenever possible. If you do need to drive please bear in mind the following:

In both the mornings and in the afternoons, cars should not park up in the pick up point area. This is for driving through and dropping off or picking up only – not parking.

If you need to park up, please use the Pensans Car Park spaces – if these are full, please do not wait and cause congestion – we have use of the One Stop Shop's car park as an overflow car park. It's only a short pathway from school.

If you would like to use our pick up point scheme, please ask at the office. We ask that all parents arrive in the car park at their allotted time slot. If your child is not there, please drive through the pick up point and come back. This maintains a flow of traffic.

We ask that that all young children hold their parent's hands if not in a pushchair.

Most parents are very considerate but it only takes one out of place car to cause chaos and danger. Thank you for your cooperation.



## Stars of the week!

Butterflies	Luke P	For improved listening and effort with all of his work
Butterflies 2	Alicia	For being more confident with her reading and writing
Orange	Sophia B	For a beautifully presented lap-book jam-packed full of chocolate facts!
Lime	Mia	For her fantastic attitude to learning and her patience with younger children while supporting them in their learning. Keep up the good work!
Green	Siouxie	For her incredible lap-book about the journey of chocolate and her unfaltering thirst for knowledge!
Violet	Nat	For independently creating a wonderful rhyming poem about Cornwall. In maths Nat has continued to challenge himself with fractions.
Amber	Kiya	For showing the virtue of determination in improving her handwriting and producing some lovely poetry.
Magenta	Paige	For outstanding behaviour and resilience in her work. Thank you for being helpful in class.
Emerald	Alayah	For being a helpful and caring member of our class as well as trying really hard in maths!
Turquoise	Marshall	For consistent effort all week – lots of great work especially his story opener! Well done!
Indigo	Reece	For working hard to up level and improve his story opened

**Spotlight on.....** *Hello, my name is Ruth Trimble. I am a PGCE student from Exeter University and I am working with Mrs Ciliberto and Amber class. I come from Northern Ireland so I am really enjoying learning about tourism in Cornwall this term. I am absolutely thrilled to be spending time working in such a wonderful learning environment with lovely pupils and staff. I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone at Pensans for being so welcoming towards me and helping me on my way to becoming a teacher!*



## Dates for the spring term

- Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Feb – Parent Consultations – School closed for INSET day
- Mon 15<sup>th</sup> – Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Feb – Half term
- Fri 4<sup>th</sup> March & Mon 7<sup>th</sup> March – Mothers Day lunch
- Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> March – last day of school for Easter Holiday
- Mon 11<sup>th</sup> April – back to school



**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.



## Congratulations Mrs Thomas!

Magenta's class teacher had a baby girl last week! Rose Tarn Melody Berry arrived on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 5:25am! She looks absolutely gorgeous and staff can't wait to have a cuddle!

## ACTION on DOG MESS in PZ!

Councillor Tim Dwelly (Penzance East) is asking for help from parents at primary schools in or near the ward he represents. "I'm supporting a new residents' campaign to reduce dog mess on our pavements: Street Level Penzance. My own top priority is to tackle places where children and parents with buggies walk to school. For this reason I am asking parents at Pensans and St Mary's to get involved and help me identify the worst places that need most action."

### What is happening?

Tim has already got agreement from the police to prioritise fines for dog mess with all PCSOs helping. Working with the dog warden, fines are finally being issued in Penzance. Those who refuse to pay will be named in the Cornishman.

The Council has agreed to Tim's request for special intense cleaning in some of the worst affected areas (which is why we need your feedback). Other ideas being considered include CCTV cameras to catch offenders, marking mess with bio-degradable spray and even having DNA for dogs in some parts of town (this can reduce mess by up to 80% and is being pioneered in some other parts of the UK).

If you want to help make streets cleaner for your children, you CAN do things that will make a difference...

### How can you help?

1. If you think a particular street or alley your children walk along is worse than most, please report it to Cllr Dwelly, so he can map the dog mess 'hotspots'
2. Follow the new campaign Street Level Penzance, which is looking to use CCTV
3. If you see someone allowing their dog to foul the street, please do report them to the Council (links below)

**Getting in touch** To report dog mess, it's best to go online and get a reference number from the Council. Click on 'dog fouling' at: [www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-it](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-it)

You can follow the progress of Tim's campaign on his facebook page:

[facebook.com/timdwellypenzanceeast](https://facebook.com/timdwellypenzanceeast)

To contact him, you can message him or email

[tdwelly@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:tdwelly@cornwall.gov.uk)

You might also want to join the campaign Street Level Penzance:

