

Pensans Post

Spring term 01/02/2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support of the NSPCC Numbers Day today. So far we have raised just over £100 for this very worthy cause.

We will be supporting Pirate FM's campaign 'Tonnes of Tins' for Cornwall's food banks throughout February. More and more people are using the food banks and the Food Banks like Camborne, Pool and Redruth say just one or two tins can make a massive difference. It has recently handed out a month's worth of meals in one week, in one town!

If you would like to help us please send a tin in with your child at some point during February. The tins will be taken to the Pirate FM studio in Redruth for their final weigh in. As a school community you are always supportive and generous and I'd like to thank you for your community spirit.

Have a happy and safe weekend.

Angela Clay

Spring term dates for your diary

Swimming this term: Bumblebees / Lime / Orange / Indigo / Emerald

-Thursday 14/02/2019 - Phase 2 parents welcome to share learning with their child @ 9:15am - 10:30am

-Friday 15/02/2019 - Parent Consultations on INSET day, no school

-Monday 18/02/2019 to Friday

-22/02/2019 - Half term

-Monday 25/03/2019 to Friday

-29/03/2019 - Mock SATS week for Year 6s

-Tuesday 02/04/2019 - Phase 1 Final outcome event

-Wednesday 03/04/2018 - Phase 2 Final outcome event in school- 2pm - 5:30pm

-Monday 08/04/2019 to Monday

-22/04.2019 - Easter holidays

-Tuesday 23/04/2019 - First day of summer term

-Thursday 02/05/2019 - Bag2School collection @ 9am

You are practicing *Flexibility* when you...

- Learn from your mistakes
- Are willing to change bad habits
- Try imaginative new ways to do things
- Are open to the ideas and feelings of others
- Can adjust when something unexpected happens
- Go with the flow. Trust the unexpected.

Affirmation

I am flexible.

I keep changing for the better.

I use my creativity. I welcome surprises.





Is your child's class attendance on track? Our Spring attendance target is 94.32%. We are at 94.32% attendance this week - slightly less than our target.

Class	Weekly %	Rank
Bumblebees	96%	4
Orange	99.07%	1
Green	94.69%	6
Lime	93.43%	7
Violet	97.69%	2
Amber	84.89%	10
Cobalt	96.15%	3
Emerald	92.72%	9
Indigo	92.74%	8
Turquoise	95.88%	5
Whole School	94.32%	



School Dinners

Week commencing 04/02/2019 is week 1. School menus and their weeks are on our school website.

Are you following us on Twitter?

Keep up-to-date with all of the exciting things that are going on @pensansschool



We refer to classes and year groups in many different ways including Key Stages and Phases. Due to popular request, here is a handy chart to ease confusion! Perhaps screenshot this on your smartphone for future use or cut out and keep if you have a paper newsletter?

EYFS / Nursery: Caterpillars / Butterflies
 EYFS/ Reception: Bumblebees
 KS1 / Phase 1 / Year 1 and Year 2: Orange / Green / Lime
 KS2 / Phase 2 / Year 3 and Year 4: Violet / Amber / Cobalt
 KS2 / Phase 3 / Year 5 and Year 6 : Turquoise / Emerald / Indigo



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



Bumblebees	Ziva	For trying really hard in everything she does in the classroom.
Orange	Tegan	For her perseverance in hockey.
	Ellis	For his determination and perseverance in his writing.
Lime	Harry B	For his determination to finish every maths sum and getting them all right!
Green	Keeva-Rose	For working hard on her reading at home and at school which has led to a great improvement in her reading skills and confidence.
Cobalt	Poppy	For her writing about Samuel Morse
Violet	Sharna	For your effort and enthusiasm when writing. You should be very proud of your paragraph
Amber	Harley	For showing caring and kindness to others. Harley is the first to show her concern for someone who is upset.
Turquoise	Kayci	For always trying to resolve things in a peaceful, positive and just way to help everyone.
Indigo	Josephine & Katie	For the effort you've made doing extra maths practise with Mrs Hall!
Emerald	Ben	For his positive attitude to all his learning and achieving great times in TT Rockstars!



Mathletics Hall of Fame

HERE ARE THIS WEEKS MATHLETES:

GREEN- EDDY

LIME- IMOGEN

ORANGE - SKYLA

VIOLET- KATELYN

TURQUOISE -ZOE & ANOUK

EMERALD- FINLEY



This weeks Times Tables Rock Star is:

Alfie in Amber class!

Alfie is now a Rock Hero, answering each calculation in 0.95 seconds!

Please can all parents and carers check their ParentPay accounts and ensure that all outstanding amounts are settled eg for swimming sessions and dinners. All meals, swimming sessions and breakfast / PARC clubs need to be paid for in advance. As you are aware, Pensans is a "No Debt" school to avoid debts accumulating and the impact this has on families and the school. Please contact the office staff or headteacher if you have any queries.



Radio 2: 500 word short story competition

Just search: 'Radio 2 500 words competition' to find out more!

500 Words 2019

The world's biggest short-story writing competition for kids has returned and we can't wait to read this year's stories! Please read all of the information on this page to find out everything you need to know about this year's competition.



How to enter

All stories must be submitted via the online form on our website.

Parents, guardians and teachers can register for a **SUBMITTER ACCOUNT**, or by following the links at the top of this page. Once an account has been created, it can be used to upload a single story or a whole school's worth of tales with our new top tool! For more information on how to enter a story into this year's competition, please visit our [Submit Your Story page](#).

What are the prizes?

As well attending a spectacular 500 Words Final from Windsor Castle, where superstar celebrities will read the winning stories live on the radio, this year we're introducing an extra-special prize – Six well-known illustrators: Helen Oxenbury, Tony Ross, Susan Varley, Jarvis, David Roberts, and Briony May Smith – will each be set the task of illustrating one the winning stories.

The winners in each age category will also receive:

Gold Winners - Chris Evans' height in books, 500 books for their school and an invitation to visit the set of a CBBC Production.

Silver Winners - HRH The Duchess of Cornwall's height in books.

Dates for your diary

All entries must be received by **Friday 8th March at 7pm**.

This year's 500 Words Final will be broadcast live on BBC Radio 2 from Windsor Castle, on The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show, on **Friday 14th June**.

Get started

500 Words is an open invitation to the wide world of imagination, so it's time to get those creative cogs turning!

To help you get started, our website is packed full of helpful hints and terrific tips to bust through the writer's block.