

Pensans Post



Spring term 22/03/2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's Mock SATS week for Year 6s next week. Year 6 have all been working very hard to prepare for their exams and I have no doubt that they will all try their hardest all week. Could parents and carers please support their children by ensuring that they have a calm start each morning and that they arrive in school in good time.

Our Year 5 and Year 6 classes were lucky enough to have had a meteorite visit on Wednesday and Thursday! Parents driving up the A30 from Alverton may have noticed it in the field. Please look out for a press release on this next week!

Thanks again for everyone's support with our Headship team's fundraising for Red Nose Day. The final total for a very worthy cause total is £200!

Have a great weekend!
Angela Clay

Spring term dates for your diary

Swimming this half term: Bumblebees / Lime / Orange / Violet / Cobalt

-Monday 25/03/2019 to Friday
-29/03/2019 - Mock SATS week for Year 6s

-Tuesday 02/04/2019 - Phase 1 Final outcome event for parents & carers

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

-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

Creativity

when you...

- Discover your gifts
- Use knowledge and training to develop them
- Think of new ways to make things work better
- Use your imagination
- Take time for dreaming
- Do things in your own creative way

Affirmation

I am creative. I have special gifts and use discipline to develop them.

I am open to inspiration. I am happy to be myself.

School Dinners

Week commencing 25/03/2019 is week 1. School menus and their weeks are on our school website.



Is your child's class attendance on track? Our Spring attendance target is 97%. We are at 94.09% attendance this week - less than our target because of the bugs going around currently.

Class	Weekly %	Rank
Bumblebees	90.6%	9
Orange	99.54%	1
Green	97.58%	2
Lime	96.3%	3
Violet	94.44%	5
Amber	91.45%	8
Cobalt	92.92%	6
Emerald	92.67%	7
Indigo	89.32%	10
Turquoise	96.15%	4
Whole School	94.09%	



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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.



Please remember that we offer before and after school clubs for Pensans children.

Breakfast Club opens at 8am and costs £1.50 per session (free to Pupil Premium) and includes a varying breakfast menu. No booking necessary.

PARC (after-school club) - Open from 3:15pm until 6pm (5pm Fridays) Bookings and pre-payments via ParentPay are necessary. Please ask for details at school reception.



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 with her phonics.
Orange	Mia	For excellent listening skills and always focusing on her work, wanting to do her best and succeeding.
Lime	Luna	For always giving 100% in everything that she does and striving for excellence.
Green	Lola	For excellent listening skills and always focusing on her work, wanting to do her best and succeeding.
Cobalt	Alexia	For her outstanding knowledge of the 7 x table.
Violet	Nadia	For outstanding progress in her accelerated reader. Well done!
Amber	Rosie	For working so hard on her Accelerated Reading. Rosie is making super progress.
Turquoise	Whole Class	For their incredible unity throughout writing their information texts about the Solar System. Amazing!
Indigo	Maya	For your excellent project about Saturn - you made it informative and entertaining and put so much effort in.
Emerald	Casey	For her outstanding poem and her positive attitude in all areas of learning!



Mathletics Hall of Fame

HERE ARE LAST WEEKS MATHLETES:

ORANGE - SERENA

LIME - KACY

GREEN - MATTEO

VIOLET - IMOGEN-MAY

INDIGO - MAYA

This weeks
Rock Hero is:



Billy (Emerald Class) with 0.59
seconds!
Well done Billy!

Pensans Sports

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Cross Country

The last of the four Penwith Schools Cross Country Races was held at Cape Cornwall School on Monday 9th March. Nine runners made up the Pensans team with three of these children having their first go at cross country running. The three new runners - Rosie, Leah & Frank ran impressive races, all coming in mid way in their races which is excellent for a first attempt. Frank who is a Year 3, ran in the Year 4 race which bodes well for the future. All runners gave it their all & we had some very decent placings. The best performance of the afternoon was from Josephine (pictured right) who won a silver medal for the second time. Josephine, along with the girl who came in first, lead the Year 6 girls race by a big distance. Well done to the team & to all of the runners who ran in our Cross Country Team this year. Josephine & Cedro have qualified to run in the Cornwall Games County final cross Country Race as part of the Penwith School's Team. Thank you also to Kate Russ for accompanying us to the race.



Trennack Cross Country Race

On Saturday 16th March Josephine entered the Trennack Cross Country Race Year 6 Girls race and got a Bronze medal! This is an annual race which individuals or school teams can enter. Josephine independently entered the race which is run across farmland & through woods, a full throttle cross country course. With high winds & rain on Saturday, it was very testing conditions. Josephine has become a very dedicated & talented runner. I know that she does running training in fields near her home & this is really starting to pay off. Getting quite a collection of medals now. Josephine has also qualified for the Penwith School's final as she was placed in the top 10 in all 4 of the races that she ran. She will be part of the Penwith Schools Team who will be up against the other 3 districts in Cornwall. This is a great achievement. It is held next week at Newquay Leisure Centre. Good luck Josephine in this final!

Yr 5/6 Swimming Gala

On Thursday 14th March the Penwith Schools Year 5/6 Swimming Gala was held at Penzance Leisure Centre. Fifteen children represented Pensans against 19 other schools at a very big, noisy, hot & exciting event. Each child took part in one of the four stroke style races, either swimming front crawl, back-stroke, breast-stroke or butterfly. Then each of the children swam in a relay team. During the children's swimming lessons last term we spent some time training up for this gala by doing some lane swimming practice for all of the different strokes so I had high hopes for the team & I wasn't disappointed! We had some excellent races with most of the children getting a decent placing in their heats. Hollie, Cedro & Josh managed to get into the finals. In their heats, Hollie had a 2nd place, Cedro a 2nd & Josh a 1st. I was extremely pleased & proud of all of the swimmers as the determination & effort put into their races exceeded my expectations. What was also super was the way the team supported each other cheering on & clapping their team mates. The behaviour throughout the afternoon was also impeccable. Also, thanks to all of the parents who came along to support their children & also to Kiera for helping with our team. Mrs Clay thinks it's Pensans' best performance for 9 years. Well done team, I couldn't be prouder.

Pensans Sports

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Quad Athletics.

Thursday 19th March brought another sporting event, this time Quad Athletics. This was held on the G3 Pitch at Penwith College and consists of four athletic disciplines: A 75m sprint race, a standing long jump, throwing a beach rocket & a distance run (400m for the Year 3/4 & 600m for the Year 5/6) - each requiring quite different skills. Eight children were in the team competing in the morning Year 3/4 contest & eight more children in the team for the afternoon Year 5/6 contest.

Team members had to be children that hadn't attended the Indoor Athletics Competition that was held a few months ago at MBA so it was great to give some different children the experience & the chance to have a go at a sporting event & to represent the school. Considering we hadn't done any practice at all for this contest the children all did very well. The children all stepped up to the challenge doing all of their heats with gusto & determination. Also their behaviour was excellent throughout the events, it really was a pleasure to accompany them. Yet another group of sporty Pensans children who we are very proud of! Thanks also to Claire Maple who joined us & helped out in the morning & Kate Russ who helped with the afternoon team.

Kelda McNeill – Sports Coach



EASTER HOLIDAY MULTI-SPORTS CAMPS

5-14 YEARS OLD

8-11th April 15-18th April
8:30am – 6pm
£16 per child per day

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- Multiple sports
- Arts & Crafts
- Pick individual days to suit you





Who Dares Works





Active Plus Who Dares Course YMCA Penzance

Starts Thursday 4 April 2019 9.30-12.30

 650 people in West Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly have joined Who Dares Works since April 2017. We now have even more support and opportunities available to help you to get back on the road into training, education and work.

 Our Active Plus Who Dares courses are a great way to join in, find out about the opportunities available and team up with a mentor who will help you to make the best of them.

 Build your confidence, communications and network, get help with the things that are holding you back, then have a go at some brilliant work activities including Who Dares Creates, Who Dares Builds, Who Dares Cares, Who Dares Serves, Who Dares Cooks

 If you are 18+ and not working then come along, give us a call on **01872 300236** or email whodaresworks@activeplus.org.uk

Everything is fully funded
including travel and child-

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VETERANS INSPIRING PEOPLE

