

Pensans Post

Autumn term 21/10/2016



Thank you for your support with your children's learning this half term. We have really loved having you all in school learning alongside your children. The participation by EYFS parent's at yesterday's quiz was appreciated by children and staff; building our relationships will have a positive impact on your child's achievement.

Safeguarding our children is always a priority and some of our children have expressed concerns about news items which talk about people dressing up as clowns to frighten the public. We have reassured children that they are safe in school and that they should be with an adult who will always look after them if they are out, particularly after dark. If you have any concerns regarding the safety of your own or other children please let us know so that we can take appropriate action.

The Virtue that we will be celebrating next is Patience. By practising this Virtue we build resilience and determination that leads to success in relationships and learning. Please model this Virtue for your children and praise them when they use it.

Have a happy and safe half term, we look forward to seeing you on Monday 31st October.

Ms Clay

You are practising *Patience* when you ...

- Calmly tolerate a delay or confusion
- Are willing to wait for things you want
- Set goals and persevere until they are met
- Do something not what will help you in the future
- Accept things you cannot change with humour and grace
- Are tolerant when mistakes are made.

Affirmation

I am patient. I am gentle with others and myself when we make mistakes. I wait calmly. I trust that things will turn out right..



School menus are on our school website and on the noticeboard by the school reception. There is also a handy guide to tell you which week is which.

The week we come back after half term is week 2!

Are you following us on Twitter?



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

Is your child's class attendance on track?

Our autumn attendance target is 97%. At 95.29% we are below target this week.

Class	Weekly %	Rank
Butterflies	97.98%	2
Butterflies 2	98.97%	1
Green	92.18%	10
Lime	94.24%	7
Orange	96.3%	5
Amber	95.52%	6
Magenta	97.32%	4
Violet	93.65%	8
Emerald	91.45%	11
Indigo	97.53%	3
Turquoise	93.06%	9
Whole school	95.29%	



On Wednesday, Olympian, Anthony James visited the school. All the children from years 6 - 1 completed a round of circuits, with 1 minute per activity.

After all of the circuits, Anthony gave an inspirational assembly to the school and told us about his career highlights and the challenges he has had to face along the way.

Everyone, including the staff, had a great time taking part, cheering each other on and showing real determination.

Remember there is still time to sponsor your child online at: <http://www.sportsforschools.org/event/tr425/>.

The final collection date for sponsorship will be Wednesday 2nd November and there will be prizes for children raising over £5.

Thank you,

Miss Nicholls and Mrs Willcocks



Stars of the week

Butterflies	Serena	For always being helpful in the classroom.
Butterflies 2	Lilah	For always being helpful and making great progress with her learning.
Orange	Joe	For gaining his bronze award for his 2 times tables. Your perseverance has made us smile!
Lime	Levi	For trying really hard this week and fantastic dance skills.
Green	Izaac	For his much improved attitude to his learning and his happy smile.
Violet	Reegan	For creativity in his homework project and for his self-discipline and respect over the last week.
Amber	Siouxie	For showing courage and determination in writing her excellent Pokemon story.
Magenta	Seth	For showing the courage to have a go.
Emerald	Thomas	For putting a fabulous effort into his art week explanation independently.
Turquoise	Tianna	For putting the unity into the Turquoise community at all times. Thank you for practicing all the virtues at all times.
Indigo	Rubie	For setting an excellent example with her effort and behaviour around the school.



A huge thank you to Penny and Paul Coombes who came into school to teach KS1 how to waltz! We felt just like royalty and put our new skill into action at our Royal Banquet at Newlyn Meadery on Thursday.



A huge thank-you to all parents who have already signed up to ParentPay. Not having cash in school is making a huge difference to the well-being of students; there is more time for teaching and learning in classrooms, and importantly parents are also enjoying the convenience of being able to see clearly what they have paid for and what is due – and are able to pay for items 24/7. Cash (in named envelopes) should only be brought into school for school tuck and for outside agency payments eg Jump Club sessions when requested.

Please remember that there is a ParentPay access point in the school reception for anyone with internet access issues. There is also a useful video, in addition to help guides, on our school website.

Parents with children having Free or Universal Infant Free School Meals will have noticed that their accounts are accumulating 20p each time their child has a meal. Unfortunately this is beyond our control and is as a result of the government's contribution for meals being £2.30 (our meals are £2.50). Please don't pay the 20 pences! We will credit all affected accounts each week.

In extreme circumstances we can issue barcodes so that parents can pay for items with cash at PayPoint outlets. Parents should note that they must only use the barcode relevant to that payment item and that any overpayments made with a barcode are difficult to refund. Please destroy it after you have used it for a one-off payment and use them with care!

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. If you would like to query the appropriateness of a game you're your child a useful website is: www.commonsemmedia.org

Our Pick Up Point is well used at the end of each day but to work efficiently we really need the cooperation of pick-up point users please.



It should only be used by parents who have asked for a time slot. These times are given to parents to stagger the traffic in the car park. If you have a KS2 child who comes out of school later, please come to school at the later time slot you have been allocated – even if you have a younger child. If you do arrive a bit earlier than your child and a queue forms behind you, you need to drive around the block until your child is there.

Many thanks for helping to make the system more efficient and the roads and car park a safer place!



EYFS had a fun family quiz on Thursday morning. The children worked in teams with a grown up to answer questions based on their favourite stories, films and TV programmes including a sound and picture round. Thank you to everyone who came and made it such a special time. Every child enjoyed a prize at the end of eating the cakes they had made during the week.



Dates for your diary

- 24th – 28th October – Autumn half term
- 1st / 2nd 3rd/ 4th November – Parents Consultations Evenings – see letters for details
- 8th November – Family photographs from 8:15am in school hall.
- 21st December – 4th January – Christmas holidays
- Thursday 5th January – Spring term begins
- Friday 10th February – INSET day
- 13th – 17th February – Spring half term

Please remember that these diary dates and more are on the school website as well. Always useful if you don't have a Newsletter handy!