

Pensans Post

Spring term 08/01/2016



Welcome back everybody!

I am pleased and excited to be leading Pensans School into the future - working together with you to ensure that every child develops a love of learning that brings success and joy.

My first week has seen children excited by their new environments and topics. As I visit classes I have been delighted to see children determined to explore, investigate and discuss their new projects.

Throughout the coming term I am looking forward to further developing relationships with all of you. I value your opinions ideas and feedback regarding your child's experience of learning at Pensans. As a whole school community we can achieve great things for all of our children.

Next weeks Virtue is Tolerance, something that is key to building a successful community.

Ms Clay - Headteacher



- Build unity with others who are different from you
- Are free of prejudice
- Make others feel included by reaching out in friendliness
- Don't complain about things that cannot be changed
- Change yourself instead of trying to change others
- Accept people the way they are, faults and all

PE kits

We are very proud of the PE opportunities here at Pensans and are always looking for ways to broaden the PE curriculum. Please check the website for your child's PE timetable this term. We recommend that your child has their kit in school each school day so that it is always available and will reduce the early morning stress of locating the correct items. We understand that some children may have out of school sports activities and may need to take any necessary kit home to use and or wash. In this instance please be aware that the kit is still expected to be in school when they need it. If you are unsure about the PE kit list, please refer to the school uniform list on the website.

We have developed our sports programme to include football and rugby for KS2 girls, boys and mixed teams at certain times of the year and will give advanced notice about these. If your child is taking part in football/rugby activities on the field we recommend they wear studded boots to reduce the risk of injury.

To avoid any lost kit, please ensure that all kit and the PE bag is clearly labelled. If your child accidentally brings home someone else's kit please return it to the office.

Welcome back to all the children in **Green, Orange and Lime** classes! We had a fabulous time launching our new topic about chocolate by going to watch Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at the cinema on Monday morning. The children are thoroughly enjoying our new immersive classrooms in the style of the chocolate invention rooms and have all come back with a real thirst for learning. If you have any resources that can help us with our learning please can you bring them into school-thank you!



Are you entitled to Free School Meals?



Help yourself and the school!

We can receive extra funding towards essential resources in school if children receive **Free School Meals** funding. Parents and carers of Reception, Y1 and Y2 children are automatically eligible for free meals as part of a government initiative. So if your child is in this age group and you receive one of the benefits listed below please do ask for a form from the office (or apply online, details below) if you have not already done so since your child has started school. We put this funding called **"Pupil Premium"** towards additional teaching groups for children who require extra help, breakfast club and whole school training to enable us to give your children the best learning opportunities. Unfortunately we do not get this funding unless parents complete and hand in the form. Further details can be found on our website.

If your child is having Free School Meals already and you have filled out the form at any point during their time in school because you were eligible, then you do not need to fill out another one.

If you receive one of the following please apply for Free School Meals:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

If you think your child may be entitled to Free School Meals, complete a form (available from the office) or apply online on the Cornwall Council website -

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/> .

If your child can begin to have Free School Meals we will receive the funding to cover the cost.



The Y3/4 children had a fabulous time in St.Ives this week, as they became fully immersed into answering their essential question, "Does Cornwall Need Tourism?" In groups, they compiled questions and learned how to interview people in a polite way. Everyone was really helpful and enjoyed being interviewed. A highlight for some of the children was being shown around St Ives Harbour Hotel and Spa. They came back buzzing with information and were able to present their research in a variety of ways such as, bar charts, line graphs, powerpoints and in summarised reports. Already, the children have a better understanding of tourism as an industry.

Is your child's class attendance on track?

Our spring attendance target is 97%. At 94.87% we are below target this week.

Class	Weekly %	Rank	Last week
Magenta	97.24%	1	4
Emerald	97.04%	2	6
Lime	96.67%	3	1
Amber	96.55%	4	2
Green	96.3%	5	5
Turquoise	95.63%	6	7
Violet	94.03%	7	9
Indigo	94%	8	8
Orange	93.46%	9	3
Butterflies	91.58%	10	11
Butterflies 2	91.11%	11	10
Whole school	94.87%		92.33%

Please remember that dogs are not allowed past the tie up point on the school grounds.

This is located at the drive in entrance.



We wanted to introduce a new face to you.

Hello, my name is Jess Davies. I am a PGCE student from Exeter University and I am spending the spring term at Pensans in Orange Class. I grew up in Penzance, so am very happy to be back in my home town after a couple of years away. I'm really excited to be spending time in a school with such a lovely learning environment and enthusiastic students and teachers. I love spending my spare time reading, baking drawing and walking across the moors. I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone at Pensans for being so welcoming and helping me on my journey to becoming a teacher

Turquoise Class came back to wizardry and magic this term with a Harry Potter theme to their rooms. The broomsticks are poised to launch into story writing and book creation!



The school dinner menu is available on our website on the "School Kitchen" tab. A supply will also be available from outside the school office. Week commencing the 11th January is Week 2.

http://www.pensansprimary.co.uk/website/fixed_menus/33772

**School
lunch**





Stars of the week!

Butterflies	Sharna	For showing great tolerance during Paired Learning this week.
Butterflies 2	Riley	For lovely behaviour, good listening and great phonics.
Orange	Seth	For a fantastic re-telling of Hansel and Gretel.
Lime	Ciara	For her fantastic story writing of Hansel and Gretel using capital letters and full stops.
Green	Jack T	For always wanting to improve his work and striving for perfection.
Violet	Rocco	For fantastic maths this week. You made beautiful pictograms for your data!
Amber	Joshua H	For showing great patience on the St Ives trip. Josh waited his turn during the interview and showed beautiful manners.
Magenta	Jacob A	For being a super star in group work and organising his presentation of learning.
Emerald	Connor	Connor has consistently been a super worker and tried his best. Well done!
Turquoise	Taylor	For his really positive start to the term, trying hard with all new tasks and wanting to do his best.
Indigo	Eirlys	For being kind, considerate and helpful to others.

Before and after school clubs letters went home this week and will be returned saying which clubs children are in next week. Clubs begin week commencing 18th January. We need ALL of the local permissions forms returned also please. Thanks for those already returned!

Dates for the spring term

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

(Please note that the yearly school planner and online calendar is available on the website)

