

Pensans Post



Autumn term 22/09/2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are inviting all parents and guardians to our Macmillan coffee and cake party after-school on Friday 29th September to celebrate our amazing new Virtues Tree Mural. The tree, made of the handprints of all of the children and staff in school, symbolises the effort that our children put into strengthening qualities such as kindness, honesty and creativity. All donations of cake would be gratefully received on Friday morning - donations for cake will go to the Macmillan cancer support charity.

On Monday the children from Turquoise Class delivered a fantastic assembly focused on the Virtue of Friendship. They cooperated to create an interactive and entertaining assembly and they are rightly proud of themselves!

Next week's Virtue is Cooperation and Indigo Class will be leading the assembly on Monday. The whole school is looking forward to seeing how they use this virtue to explain why cooperation is key to the successful running of the school. Please talk to your child about how you practise this virtue in your everyday life, which bits are tricky and why it's important.

Have a good weekend!
Ms Clay

**YOU'RE
INVITED**



Join us for coffee & cake to raise money for
Macmillan Cancer Support.



Join us in celebrating the Pensans School 'Unity Tree'
& say thank you to Dulux for all the paint.

See if you can spot your child's handprints!

When: Friday 29th September

Time: 3.10pm

Where: YR1-2 Playground



You are practicing

Cooperation

when you...

- Work well with others
- Offer your help and ideas freely
- Disagree peacefully and respectfully
- Follow the rules
- Ask for help when you need it
- Help keep a safe, happy environment

Affirmation

*I am cooperative. I respect the rules.
I work and play well with others.
I keep myself and others safe.*



Is your child's class attendance on track? Our Autumn attendance target is 97%. At 96.10% we are under target this week.

Class	Weekly %	Rank
Butterflies	98.35%	2
Orange	91.19%	10
Green	97.71%	3
Lime	96.67%	6
Violet	97.44%	4
Amber	95.58%	7
Magenta	96.89%	5
Emerald	94.65%	8
Indigo	99.52%	1
Turquoise	93.03%	9
Whole School	96.10%	



Let's keep kids safe online

The internet is amazing. Children can play, learn, create and connect - opening up a whole world of exciting possibilities. But with the digital world changing all the time, how can you make sure your child's staying safe? The NSPCC has a new section on its website. Whether you're an online expert or you're not sure where to start, our tools and advice will help you keep your child safe. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

We look forward to seeing as many parents who can come on Wednesday 27th September



School Dinners

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. Week commencing 25/09/2017 is week 3.

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.



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Stars of the week



Butterflies	Jaxon	For always being polite and cheerful.
Orange	Frank	For his helpfulness in the classroom and for being a great role model to his peers.
Lime	Sam	For his fantastic descriptive sentences about his dragon and beautiful virtues picture about Logan.
Green	Rosy	For her incredible adjective laden description of her dragon.
Violet	Bella	For listening to instructions and completing her DT task to a really high standard.
Amber	Lily	For really persevering with place value in maths this week and understands what each digit represents in a 3-digit number.
Magenta	Tyla	For being friendly and caring towards his friends and class mates.
Emerald	Tyler	For making an impressive start to the term with a great attitude to his learning and his friendly manner to everyone around him.
Turquoise	Team Turquoise	For their incredible unity since the beginning of term and showing real courage leading the 'Friendliness' Assembly on Monday. Thank you all!
Indigo	Reegan	For his excellent attitude to learning and use of virtues since the start of term.

Thank you to everyone who has been remembering to pay for school dinners, PARC, swimming sessions and breakfast clubs etc in advance via **ParentPay**. Eagle-eyed parents who have children on Free School Meals may have noticed 20p charges for school meals added to their ParentPay accounts each day. Please ignore these, they are taken off each Friday afternoon.



Here are this weeks
Mathlete:
Turquoise -Niamh
Orange -Charlie S
Lime - Petra

Pick up point

Although we would always encourage walking to and from school, to help ease congestion at the end of the school day we run a pick-up-point facility. We encourage as many parents to use this as possible. Parents need to sign up to the service each academic year by completing a form. Parents will be allotted a pick up time according to their child's year group and given a time-slot card to display in the car. Extra cards can be requested for grandparents etc.

We ask parents to arrive at school at the time on their cards and not before. To keep traffic flowing in the car park and the main roads, pick-up point parents will have to drive around and come back if their child/children are not there - pick-up point cannot be used as a car park. If you have more than one child, the pick-up time will depend on the age of the oldest child. Thank you for your cooperation.



Dates for your diary

Fri 29th Sept - Bake-off for charity cake sale and virtues tree celebration after school

16th - 19th October - after school parent consultations

23rd - 27 October - half term

Monday 30th October - INSET day = no school

21st December - 3rd January Christmas Holidays

4th January - first day back

Friday 9th February - Parent Consultations INSET - no school

12th - 16th February - half term

30th March - 13th April - Easter break

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!

Parents / carers are asked to ensure that all children are strapped into their appropriate car seats please. A worrying number of children are not strapped in on the way to school and when leaving.

If your child is interested in learning the piano or keyboard, Cornwall Music Service Trust have some spaces free. Visit <http://cornwallmusicservicetrust.org> or call 01872 246043 for more details. Children eligible for Pupil Premium may receive discounted or free tuition. Instruments can be hired.

Free School Meals and Universal Infant Free School Meals update

An important reminder to ALL parents but especially those who currently had children in Year 2 or Nursery last term who have moved into Reception class. If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals, please ask for a form from Linda in reception. The more parents registered for Free School Meals from Reception through to Year 6, the funding our school receives from the Premium is additional funding which support to children and enable pupils

Children who have moved into Year 3 through the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme, so please ensure you make an application in time for the new term if you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals.



**Free
School
Meals**
Are you entitled?

more Pupil Premium Government. Pupil enables our school to provide extra to reach their full potential.

are no longer eligible for free meals