

Pensans Post

Spring term 05/02/2016



Our Virtue next week and the week following half-term is... COURTESY.

This is a key virtue for our school community and one that we all try very hard to practice in every part of our daily lives. There may be times when we struggle to maintain our courteous manners - here at Pensans we have clear expectations that all adults on site behave with courtesy and we teach our children to be courteous by direct teaching and by example.

Ms Angela Clay - Headteacher

You are practicing

Courtesy

when you...

- Remember your manners
- Treat elders, parents, teachers, and children politely
- Think about how your actions affect others
- Eat, speak and move graciously
- Make requests instead of demands
- Greet people with a smile

Affirmation

I am courteous.
I speak and act in a mannerly way.
I show others that I value and respect them.



A huge congratulations to Mr Luzmoor in Green Class who completed his Newly Qualified Teacher training this week and is now fully qualified!

We have recently Become a "Thrive" school and would very much like to share with you a little bit of what it is all about and how it can help our children.



The Thrive team will be setting up some activities in the hall next Friday, so why not come along and get involved before or after your parent meeting for a small taster.

We look forward to seeing you.



The school band are really enjoying their rehearsals. This week they have been asked to think of a name for the band to be voted on next week. Watch out for their upcoming gigs! - Mrs Ciliberto

The **school dinner menu** is available on our website on the "School Kitchen" tab. Paper copies of the menus is also available from the school office. Week commencing the 8th February is Week 3.

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



Is your child's class attendance on track?

Our spring attendance target is 97%. At 91.84% we are below target this week.

Class	Weekly %	Rank	Last week
Orange	99.23%	1	1
Indigo	94.33%	2	8
Magenta	93.79%	3	9
Lime	92.59%	4	2
Turquoise	91.56%	5	7
Green	91.11%	6	3
Amber	90.85%	7	4
Butterflies 2	89.9%	8	6
Emerald	89.63%	9	2
Violet	89.53%	10	5
Butterflies	88%	11	10
Whole school	91.84%		94.54%



On Friday 29th January, four students from Emerald Class took the opportunity to use the Phase 3 reward system and go for a trip to the woods! The reward cost £100, (virtual pounds), and was a result of their hard work and dedication around the school. They had a great time exploring the woods.



The donations for the Calais refugees just kept coming last week. Our parent organiser had this to say:

I just thought I would send this picture of everyone sorting all the clothes etc for the Refugees last weekend. It was an amazing experience and such wonderful donations made by many of the parents/teachers at Pensans school.

I wasn't sure how to say thank you to everyone, but thought maybe the picture would show how much stuff was donated and how many people were willing to help. It looks a bit crazy but it was very well organized.

Thanks again for your support!

Shona



There are nits about in school. Please check your child's hair tonight and treat in your preferred method! They don't go away themselves and will just cause more and more discomfort!



Coming soon - Online payments!

We will be introducing a more convenient way to pay for school meals, trips, after school clubs and much more online, using a secure service called ParentPay. We will introduce it first to PARC (after school club) users!

Watch out for more information in school bags next week!

A reminder to all parents that children with tummy bugs must not return to school until 48hrs after the last bout of sickness. There are a large number of children away from school at the moment and if they come back too soon they will spread their germs.

Also, please note that there is a reported case of scarlet fever in school. For more information on this please check our website:

http://www.pensansprimary.co.uk/website/chicken_pox_and_scarlet_fever_guidance/117695



School uniform order forms are on display in the school reception, on our website and at www.trophytextiles.co.uk

Sample sizes can be tried on in the school reception to make sure you order the right size.

T: 01209 713341 / E: trophytextiles@btconnect.com

We have had an appeal from a parent for 'Broken Brollies'. Please drop to the office and we will pass them on to be made into bags to raise money for Africa.



Lost property – Kari's Frozen bag which has her labelled PE kit in has vanished. Please keep an eye out for it!

Penzance Tennis Club have given us 50 free tennis session tickets. If you are interested please ask at the office - it's first come first

Tennis



Anyone?

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the **cross-country meeting** this week. Conditions were very soggy underfoot with a brisk wind. Special mention to Hyelie who came first in her age group for the third time and to Adam Lewis and Hanul who also did extremely well - (5th and 7th)

Could everyone who has a TEAM PENSANS t shirt at home bring them back in as soon as possible. They belong to school and are needed for a forthcoming High 5s competition.



Following several near misses (due to badly parked cars and too many cars in the car park), we would like to emphasise the importance of practising the virtues of courteousness and consideration during school run times.

We encourage parents to walk to school whenever possible. If you do need to drive please bear in mind the following:

In both the mornings and in the afternoons, cars should not park up in the pick up point area. This is for driving through and dropping off or picking up only – not parking.

If you need to park up, please use the Pensans Car Park spaces – if these are full, please do not wait and cause congestion – we have use of the One Stop Shop's car park as an overflow car park. It's only a short pathway from school.

If you would like to use our pick up point scheme, please ask at the office. We ask that all parents arrive in the car park at their allotted time slot. If your child is not there, please drive through the pick up point and come back. This maintains a flow of traffic.

We ask that all young children hold their parent's hands if not in a pushchair.

Most parents are very considerate but it only takes one out of place car to cause chaos and danger.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Stars of the week!

Butterflies	Nina P	For her enthusiasm towards her learning this week.
Butterflies 2	Lola	For settling in so we well at Pensans.
Orange	Tilly	For a great chocolate tasting evaluation packed full of exciting adjectives!
Lime	Jayden	For his fantastic attitude to learning and his progress in precision teaching. Keep it up!
Green	Morgan	For writing a lovely description about his end product for the term and for always having a smiley face.
Violet	Sam	For creating brilliant actions to retell a story through role play! You also confidently used a thesaurus to find more exciting words for the story.
Amber	Ruby and Shyla	For showing the virtue of confidence and starting Pensans with a fantastic attitude to their learning. They have both been very friendly and we have received comments about how lovely they are.
Magenta	Bernadette	For great resilience in her learning and challenging herself. Keep up the good work
Emerald	Keanna	For being a really helpful and conscientious member of the class who has really taken on critique feedback.
Turquoise	Emilija	For excellent improvement when uplevelling and redrafting the opening to her story.
Indigo	Jessica	For working really hard on her story!

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.



Dates for the spring term

- **Tues 9th Feb** – National E-Safety Day
- **Fri 12th Feb** – Parent 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

