Pensans Post





Dear Parents and Carers,

I have had one of the most difficult decisions to make this week... who to choose for our Headship Team out of our current Year 5s -soon to be Year 6s. There were 22 children who applied for the positions and good reasons to appoint each one of them. As you know we have a team of Head and Deputy Head Girls and Boys who make up part of Pupil Parliament and help in day to day activities and events. All of the 22 children were able to use the Virtues Language to explain why they wanted to be in the Headship Team and what qualities they would use to benefit other children. I was the most impressed I have ever been by the number and quality of candidates.

I am delighted to announce that the Head Girls and Boys for 2019/2020 will be:

Autumn Term:

Head Girl - Cephia Pye Head Boy - Khane Russ
Deputy Head Girl - Millie Jones Deputy Head Boy - Alfie Meldrum

Spring Term:

Head Girl - Maya Scotter Deputy Head Girl - Izzy Bear
Head Boy - Jack Thornton Deputy Head Boy - Josh Woodard

Summer Term:

Head Girl - Keeley Ball Deputy Head Girl - Maisie Williams Head Boy - Jacob Pentecost Deputy Head Boy - Tyla Grundy

As you can see I was fortunate to have so many excellent candidates to choose from. I am sure that they will be excellent role models for the younger children.

Your children had the opportunity to put themselves forward to be House Captains and the children in their Houses voted for them. The children who spoke to their Houses to persuade them that they would make great House Captains showed courage and confidence. I thank them for their enthusiasm.

The children voted for the following candidates:

Geevor: House Captain - Jacob Pentecost Vice House Captain - Pijus Vaitiekus Vice House Captain - Khane Russ Vice House Captain - Khane Russ Vice House Captain - Finlay Johnson Crofty: House Captain - Matty Franklin Vice House Captain - Maya Scotter

I'm sure you would join me in congratulating EYFS on their Charity Walk yesterday. The children, staff and parents were raising money for Air Ambulance. At Pensans, with your support, we develop the Virtues of 'Kindness' 'Caring' and 'Perseverance' and the children demonstrated all of these yesterday.

I would also like to thank all of the adults who organised and worked hard to make our Year 5 sleepover such a success. It was a great opportunity for the children to meet and get to know Mrs Reynolds who will be in Indigo Class next term when Mrs Hall is on Maternity Leave and to have some fun together with circus skills, cooking, a BBQ, campfire and much more! (Pictures on pg 3)

I'm looking forward to seeing the Year 6s who have been away this week and finding out about their adventures as well as seeing you at the Year 6 Leaver's celebration on Thursday!

As you may be aware we have some staffing changes from September:

Tiffany Pope has been with us for many years and has been instrumental in developing REAL Projects across the school - her creativity and enthusiasm have given Pensans children wonderful learning experiences. Tiffany will be taking up the position of Deputy Head at Penpol which is a ...(PTO)

(...cont...) fantastic opportunity for her to further develop her skills and spread her magic!

Sarah Pocock has worked with children as a THRIVE and TIS practitioner, supporting children and developing their well being and resilience. We will miss Sarah's calm, caring and humorous approach to life. Fortunately Sarah will remain as a Governor and as a school we will still have her valuable input. We have been able to employ Elinor Davies to take on Sarah's role and I am sure she will be a great addition to the well being team.

Sarah Hawthorn has successfully completed her Teaching Qualification this year to an extremely high standard. Sarah has worked with your children over a number of years and I am sure that you will join me in wishing her well on the next part of her journey. We will miss her commitment and creativity.

Sadly Tara Calder will also be leaving us at the end of the term. This is entirely due to budget cuts and we will miss her dedication, caring and creativity. Although Tara has been with us for a short time, she has made a big impact on the staff and children and I wish her every success in the future.

It's always difficult to say goodbye to staff - we all wish them every happiness and success in the future. we have greatly appreciated their contribution to the school.

In September I will publish a complete school staff list and the website will be updated. Please take the opportunity to thank and say goodbye to these staff over the next few days.

Have a great weekend -even if it rains!

Angela Clay



Is your child's class attendance on track? Our Summer attendance target is 97%. As a school we are at 92.11% attendance this week and are below our target.

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Class	Weekly %	Rank
Bumblebees	86.92%	10
Orange	93.75%	5
Green	89.57%	6
Lime	89.05%	7
Violet	95%	3
Amber	88.75%	8 (%TA)
Cobalt	100%	1
Emerald	88.28%	9 TENE
Indigo	94.4%	4
Turquoise	95.38%	2
Whole School	92.11%	

Summer Reading Challenge - This years theme is Space and as usual all the children have to do is visit any library and read 6 books throughout the summer collecting stickers and incentives along the way. https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/

The National Literacy Trust suggest that, parents can help back up the learning acquired over the year and support language and literacy skills through the summer. It's really important to keep reading with children over the holidays; research has shown that children who

read outside the classroom every day are five times more likely to read above the expected level for their age compared to children who never read outside class. Reading will prevent "summer slide" – where a child might forget what they've learned at school in the many weeks off over the holidays.



Summer Reading Challenge 2019

Are you following us on Twitter?

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



Our Year 5 campers had a great adventure at their school sleepover and had fun with circus skills, biscuit making, water fights, a BBQ and a bonfire.











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.





Our busy Year 6 Campers have had an amazing time this week! Check Twitter for more photos!















Stars of the week

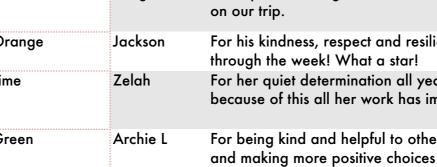
For superb listening and behaviour whilst out

Keegan



Bumblebees











		on our trip.
Orange	Jackson	For his kindness, respect and resilience through the week! What a star!
Lime	Zelah	For her quiet determination all year and because of this all her work has improved!
Green	Archie L	For being kind and helpful to other children and making more positive choices about his behaviour.
Cobalt	Jamie	For his resilience, perseverance and courage this year. You have worked incredibly hard - well done!
Violet	Rylie	For being such a caring and loyal young man to a friend in need.
Amber	Alicia	For caring and respect. Alicia is always caring for the class and school environment.
Turquoise	Rhys	For showing such unity and respect in the classroom.
Indigo	Indigo Year 5s	For all of the independence, co-operation and creativity you have shown this week in your movie-making, pattern making and presentations and to see your joyfulness in doing so!
Emerald	Keeley	For showing maturity and helpfulness especially during Year 5 camp! Thank you

Keeley



Our Mathletes this week are: -Green - Matteo Violet - Grace Cobalt -Lola Amber - Zeke Indigo -

ROCK HERO - Zac (Amber Class - 0.44 seconds!

This term, money owed from payment items older than one year has now moved into a new payment item called 'Overdue payments' so that ParentPay accounts are more streamlined. Please can all parents and carers check their ParentPay accounts and ensure that all outstanding amounts are settled. If you



go into Transaction History - Payment History - and look in the notes column, it will detail what that charge is for. 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.





School Dinners

Week commencing 22/07/2019 is week 3. Weekly menus are on our school website.

If you think your child may be entitled to Free School Meals, please ask in the office. The form just needs a couple of details and gives extra funding to school too! This applies to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 even though they get Universal Free School Meals.

Please remember that any Year 2s moving to Year 3s will need to apply for Free School Meals to continue to get school meals for no cost from September.

Summer term dates for your diary

Friday 12th July - Last day of clubs this term

Monday 22nd July - School reports out

Wednesday 24th July to Thursday 25th July - Nursery Closed

Wednesday 24th July -Y6 Leavers party

Thursday 25th July - Y6 Leavers Celebration Event @ 13:00

Thursday 25th July - Last day of summer term

Friday 26th July - First day of summer holidays

Wednesday 4th - Thursday 5th September - INSET days

Friday 6th September - First day back of Autumn term

