

# Pensans Post



Autumn term 01/11/2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. Thank you for attending your child's parent consultations - if you were unable to attend before half term please contact your child's teacher to arrange a convenient time as soon as possible.

We are focusing on improving spelling across the school through a range of strategies. Please ask your child about the games and other methods that help them learn.

We have had a couple of 'near misses' in the carpark at the end of the day. If you are walking with your child please keep to the paths that are signposted so that you and your children are safe and if you are driving please drive slowly with care and attention.

We are delighted that Ellie Baker will be working with our school on a longterm project. The project aims to improve children's emotional well being through a range of activities such as; re-wilding areas of the school, encouraging an increase in pollinating insects such as bees, bugs and butterflies on the school grounds as well as creating a mural of flowering plants that all children will get involved with.

Our first event that you can take part in is a 'Dig and Plant' session on Saturday 30th November. The children with Alana and Shona raised £164 from their flash bake sale for seeds and bulbs to plant around the school on the day. Look out for further information in subsequent newsletters.

Pensans has also been selected to pilot the new Restorative Justice program which we will be developing throughout the year. This will give the children and adults in the school the tools to positively manage conflicts and to learn how to resolve differences peacefully.

I look forward to seeing you at this terms events!

Have a good weekend!

Angela Clay

## Autumn term dates for your diary

Swimming: Indigo / Turquoise (Thursdays)    Orange / Green (Fridays)

**Monday 4th November** - Meeting for any parents happy to help at Christmas Fair - 3:15pm

**Tuesday 12th November** - Odd sock day - showing support for anti-bullying week

**Friday 15th November** - Children in Need

**Thursday 28th November** - Phase 2 outcome for parents and families

**Saturday 30th November** - Dig and Plant session.

**Friday 29th November** - Last day of clubs this term

**Wednesday 4th December** - Phase 1 outcome for parents and families

**Friday 6th December** - Christmas Fair

**Wednesday 11th December** - KS2 Carol Service @4pm

**Thursday 12th December** - EYFS Christmas Nativity @10am

**Friday 13th December** - Phase 3 outcome for parents and families

**Wednesday 18th December** - KS1 Carol Service @ 2pm

**Friday 20th December** - Last day of term



EYFS:- Caterpillars, Butterflies & Bumblebees (Y0) \* Phase 1/ KS1: Green (Y1) & Orange (Y2) \* Phase 2 / KS2: Cobalt (Y3/4), Violet (Y3/4) & Amber (Y3/4) \* Phase 3 / KS2: Emerald (Y5/6), Indigo (Y5/6) & Turquoise (Y5/6).



Is your child's class attendance on track? Our Autumn attendance target is 97%. As a school we are at 94.40% attendance this week and are below our target.

Class	Weekly %	Rank
Bumblebees	95.69%	5
Orange	92.86%	6
Green	99.04%	1
Violet	96.12%	4
Amber	88.79%	8
Cobalt	97.77%	2
Emerald	97.13%	3
Indigo	89.42%	7
Turquoise	92.86%	6
Whole School	<b>94.40%</b>	



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You are practicing

# Confidence

when you...

- Know you are worthwhile and feel sure of yourself
- Don't let fear, doubt or worry stop you
- Discover your talents and try new things
- Learn from your mistakes
- Think positively
- Trust that all things work together for good

**Affirmation**

*I am confident. I appreciate my gifts and give my best. I enjoy trying new things. I welcome new possibilities.*

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**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.

Well done to this  
week's Mathletes:



Orange - Charlie

Cobalt - Eliza

Violet - Finlay

Turquoise - Kayci, Bailey and Khane

And to TT Rock Hero - Zac - 0.43  
seconds

Could you help at our  
Christmas Fair on the  
6th December?



The Friends of  
Pensans team are  
meeting straight  
after school on  
Monday 4th  
November.  
New helpers  
welcome!

As part of recognising outstanding learning behaviours,  
we will be celebrating the children who have achieved  
**BLUE** each week. Well done to everyone who achieved it  
this week!

#### Blue:

I produce **outstanding** work.

I have **worked my hardest** and the adults around me  
recognise that I have made a **great effort**.

I have been a **fantastic friend** to others, helping out  
when I was needed.

I continue to make all of the **right choices**  
in my learning and behaviours.

I show **care and consideration** for others  
and my school.



Class	Well done for achieving blue this week!
Orange	Eddy and Matteo
Green	Isabel S and Kiah
Violet	Jackson and Finlay
Amber	Zeke and Isabelle
Cobalt	Zac and Eigirdas
Emerald	Fynn and Isabelle B
Indigo	Cephia and Jack
Turquoise	Sophia and Rhys

## School Dinners

Weekly menus are on our  
school website. Week  
commencing 04/11/2019 is  
week 2.

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.

### Bonfire Night Lunch

The kitchen team  
have created a  
special menu for  
Bonfire Night lunch on Tuesday 5th  
November!

- Hot Dog and fries
- Toffee Apple Waffles and Ice Cream

See you in the dinner queue!



# Stars of the week



Butterflies	Karson	For trying so hard all week to share and play nicely
Bumblebees	Tacara	For trying hard with her listening and sitting on the carpet
Orange	Caitlyn	For always going above and beyond to succeed in everything she does.
Green	Freya	Freya for always showing lots of enthusiasm for learning and trying her best at everything
Cobalt	Lola	For the outstanding effort that Lola puts into her work, always giving 100%. Lola is also a fantastic role model with her outstanding behaviour and is such a kind and caring friend to everyone. A real credit to our class.
Violet	Jackson	For his excellence and determination in his writing - especially his handwriting.
Amber	Dominick	For settling into Amber Class with great enthusiasm.
Turquoise	Jayden	For his outstanding swimming teaching yesterday. He showed confidence, excellence and sheer joyfulness! Amazing!
Indigo	Bella	For always making the right choices in her learning and behaviours.
Emerald	Kaden	For always going the extra mile to help people and showing determination in his learning.

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.





Indigo class have been working really hard writing their own Native American folktales over the last couple of weeks. Ashlee has created her own model village of the tribe that has featured in her story as a home learning project. Amazing blue learning Ashlee! Miss Reynolds



Please remember that we offer both before and after school clubs each school day.

**Breakfast Club** - Children from reception age can be dropped into the hall between 8am and 8:30am. It costs £1.50 a session (free to Pupil Premium) and includes a varying breakfast menu. No booking necessary.

**PARC (After-school club)** - Open from 3:15pm until 6pm (5pm Fridays). Bookings and pre-payments via ParentPay are necessary. Please ask for details at school reception.

24.10.19  
To All at Pensans Community Primary School,

I wish to thank you for the very generous donation of food items following your Harvest Celebration. Some of our shelves had been rather low in stock & your help will enable us give a week's supply of food to each of our clients & their families. The food bank has been very busy lately.

With best wishes to you all,  
Christine Gendall  
(Chairman of Management Committee of STPP Food Bank)

A lovely thank you letter from the Foodbank!

Luke Cowan-Dickie, a former pupil at our School is in the Rugby World Cup final tomorrow. With three tries so far this World Cup, he is ranked the 11th top try scorer! We are all looking forward to the game tomorrow and have wished Luke and all the team luck via Twitter! We hope that his success will inspire a new generation of Pensans sports heroes!

