

# Pensans Post

Autumn term 18/12/2015



## Exciting news for 2016

On behalf of the governing body of Pensans school and the trustees of Penlee Multi Academy Trust, I am pleased to announce that **Angela Clay** has now been appointed as the **new headteacher** of Pensans school beginning on 1st January 2016. Ms Clay is no stranger to us as she has been working as acting headteacher since the resignation of Mr Martin Higgs at Christmas last year.

After advertising and interviewing for this very important job we concluded that the best person to lead this school forward was indeed Ms Clay. She is passionate in wanting the best education experience for our children and parents. She will also support and nurture staff at our school. One of her hopes for the school is for us to become a very active part of our local and global community.

I am sure that you will join me in thanking Angela for being prepared to become our headteacher and supporting her work in the coming years.

Sian Yates - Chair of Governors of Pensans school



On Tuesday morning EYFS parents came in to take part in our parent Christmas craft activities morning. It was attended by many parents and with their children they were able to make various Christmas craft items like doily angels, glitter stockings, cotton-wool snowmen and various other items. Also they played games like pin the tail on Rudolph and a version of beetle drive throwing the dice to draw a reindeer. A big thank you to all the parents who we're able to attend. The children also enjoyed Christmas Jumper day, Butterflies 2 are pictured opposite.



## Is your child's class attendance on track?

Our autumn attendance target is 97%. At 92.33% we are below target this week.

Class	Weekly %	Rank	Last week
Lime	98.15%	1	7
Amber	97.93%	2	10
Orange	96.92%	3	2
Magenta	93.67%	4	8
Green	92.96%	5	11
Emerald	92.5%	6	9
Turquoise	91.88%	7	3
Indigo	89.33%	8	6
Violet	88.71%	9	4
Butterflies 2	88.33%	10	1
Butterflies	85.26%	11	5
<b>Whole school</b>	<b>92.33%</b>		<b>93.16%</b>

We hope you enjoyed our **Christmas Fair** last week! Thanks to everyone who came and enjoyed it and contributed to the amazing **£580** that was raised by the PTA! A huge thanks to Sam and Ian Elcox for their amazing efforts, and extraordinary grotto and especially to Sam for making it happen!

A big thank you to the children for their fantastic singing and speaking last night in our **Phase 1 Christmas Carol service**-they were amazing! Also a big thank you to all the parents who turned up to support us, we were overwhelmed by the amount of people who came up to St John's Church to share in the festivities with us. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff who worked tirelessly with the children to teach them the songs and the Makaton signs. Particularly Mrs Hallett who not only taught the children but also had to teach the adults!  
Mrs Trow

Mrs Tokeley (Emerald Class) is poorly and we wish her well! We look forward to her coming back after a speedy recovery. Until then we are pleased that Mrs Hopgood is able to continue at Pensans and thank parents for their support this term.

Phase 1 Carol CDs for sale in office for £2 while stocks last!



**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.

Thanks to the kitchen staff for the delicious Christmas dinner on Wednesday! 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 4<sup>th</sup> January is Week 1.

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**school lunch**





Our super committed choir have been out and out and about singing this month and have even hit the local press! Special thanks to Mrs Ciliberto for her infectious enthusiasm - the choir have brought joy to so many. We've heard from listeners that we have the best school choir in the area and had a lovely Facebook message from Devon yesterday:

"I was visiting my mum this afternoon at Trevaylor Nursing Home and was very impressed with the children's carol singing! Everyone enjoyed it immensely. Thank you very much!"  
Lesley Jones



Our **entrepreneurs of the future** in Years 5 and 6 ended their autumn term project on a high last week! After forming their own companies and pitching their very own product ideas in a Dragons Den, they ran their own pop-up shop last week. The day was a huge success and children got to see how a shop ran and how much effort it takes to make a profit. They also decided amongst themselves to donate a percentage of their takings to worthy causes. Turquoise class made £200.62 in total and donated to the school PTA. Indigo class made £142.95 and donated to Children in need. Emerald made £184 and donated to Text Santa.



Freya from Turquoise class said:  
"I really liked that it was something different and we got to experience the things that happen in real life. I think it enthused me to learn and I found it useful. As well as learning you get to have fun."



Today was Mrs Thomas (Magenta class) last day before her maternity leave. Staff and children look forward to meeting her new baby in the New Year! We welcome Mrs Dye, a very experienced teacher. If your child is in Magenta class and you have any concerns next term, please don't hesitate to contact school to make an appointment to see Mrs Dye.

Spotlight on Mrs Dye:

*Hello, my name is Lil Dye and I will be teaching in Magenta class after the holidays. I love learning and am very excited about coming to work in such an exciting learning environment. Having already been in the class I know how interested they are in developing new knowledge, skills and talents. I have really enjoyed listening to them share their ideas and enthusiasm with me over the past few weeks. I love spending time with my family. My interests include learning to play the guitar, listening to music and being around the sea (especially if the waves are good for body boarding!).*



## Stars of the week!

Butterflies	The whole of Butterflies	For their amazing singing at the nativity.
Butterflies 2	Jowan	For playing well with others and settling to the class routines.
Orange	Amy	For her confidence in reading the nativity.
Lime	Bailey	For his super singing, signing and spectacular speaking voice in our Christmas Carols Service - you are a star!
Green	Alfie J	For reading so beautifully at the KS1 carol concert.
Violet	Lucas	For trying really hard to improve his handwriting. This week Lucas has had beautifully formed letters and is beginning
Amber	Casey	For an amazing Christmas story!
Magenta	The whole of Magenta class	For making my life last week before maternity leave so enjoyable! Thank you so much! From Mrs Thomas
Emerald	Caitlin	Caitlin, even in the last week of term, has been a conscientious and hard-working member of the class. Thank-you!
Turquoise	Ellie	For being a very good friend and supporting others around her.
Indigo	Samantha	For being thoughtful kind and a helpful friend to others.

## Dates for the spring term

- **Mon 4<sup>th</sup> January** - Back to school - except nursery
- **Mon 4<sup>th</sup> January** - KS1 Cinema trip
- **Weds 6<sup>th</sup> January** - Phase 2 St Ives trip
- **Fri 12<sup>th</sup> February** - INSET day - School closed
- **Mon 15<sup>th</sup> - Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Feb** - Half term
- **Fri 4<sup>th</sup> March & Mon 7<sup>th</sup> March** - Mothers Day lunch
- **Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> March** - last day of school for Easter Holiday
- **Mon 11<sup>th</sup> April** - back to school

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

