

Pensans Post

Summer term 05/07/2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been such an amazing week!

Starting with Mazey Day last Saturday - it was a joyful parade and everyone present got into the spirit of the occasion. Mr Luzmoor had the creative energy and passion - some may say Star Wars obsession - to bring the concept to life. Thank you to our parent volunteers Dan, Craig, Colin and Graham Mill's friend who carried our Yoda with enthusiasm and skill and all of the staff, parents and children that showed unity and unbounded energy. Graham Mills our Vice Chair of Governors displayed his energy and exuberance leading our school in the procession. Also special mention to Sam and Ying for all of their hard work over the past few weeks!



What can I say about our Literary Festival this week?

Tiffany Pope and Shona Pye had the vision and energy to make our plans come to life (see pg 4 for some photos). The Tipis were an incredible learning learning space for our children and those from other schools who were able to share the experience. The work that your children created was stunning and demonstrates that our REAL Project Curriculum inspires and motivates children to do their very best for the final outcome. We were thrilled with the music that our children composed and played for you on the amphitheatre. They showed confidence and professionalism that was successfully facilitated by Kate Shilson and this has led to further exciting opportunities! You can hear the children singing and being interviewed as part of a BBC Radio Cornwall interview which aired on Wednesday. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p07dc1q9> (Scroll to 1h 15minutes).

Thank you to Sam and Sid for bringing their owls and helping our PTA to raise funds that exceed £700. We would not be the school we are without special people giving their time, expertise and love for our school. Sam Elcox repeatedly organises fundraising events that benefit the whole school community - Thank you!

Alana in the kitchen has been working with children growing food on the roof garden and then cooking delicious food that was also an intriguing addition to the festival.

All of our teachers and support staff worked hard to make the day a memorable and enjoyable event

We had the support from both local Secondary Schools Mounts Bay and Humphry Davy with music and performance and they will be a continuing resource the your children will be able to access during their time at Pensans.

As Headteacher I couldn't be prouder of Pensans School - we are unique because your children are unique and deserve the very best that we can give them.

Have a great weekend! Angela Clay



Is your child's class attendance on track? Our Summer attendance target is 97%. As a school we are at 92.17% attendance this week and are below our target.

Class	Weekly %	Rank
Bumblebees	87.6%	8
Orange	95.21%	2
Green	95.43%	1
Lime	92.62%	4
Violet	95.21%	2
Amber	92.29%	5
Cobalt	94.9%	3
Emerald	86.9%	9
Indigo	90.42%	7
Turquoise	91.15%	6
Whole School	92.17%	



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You are practicing

Perseverance

when you...

- Choose your commitments wisely
- Set goals and stick with them until completed
- Pace yourself, and take one step at a time
- Don't let doubts or tests blow you off course
- Stand by your friends and loved ones

Affirmation

*I have perseverance. I finish what I start.
I keep a steady pace in what I choose to do.
I am loyal and committed.*



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Operation Encompass

Supporting children through key adults



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.

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.



Well done to Jacob who has been selected to play for Cornwall Under 10s County Cricket Team! Congratulations to him!



On June 5th we took a team to the Year 5/6 Kwick Cricket Tournament that was held at St Just Cricket Club & was run by Cornwall Cricket. We played 4 other teams that were in our group. Two of the matches were very close, with the other team only winning by a couple of wickets. We won one of the matches which was against Newlyn school. A tad unfortunate as my son was in their team. The team showed a variety of excellent skills, from tight fielding, some excellent bowling, taking some excellent wickets & a couple of catches. Again the team showed fantastic perseverance & they were focused throughout the matches. Well done Kwick Cricket Team! Kelda McNeill - Sports Coach

School Dinners

Week commencing 08/07/2019 is week 1. 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.

WOW- what a great Literary Festival!



Stars of the week



Bumblebees	Kiah	For always completing her Bumbles Challenge
Orange	Whole Class	For their hard work in preparation for the Literacy festival. They produced beautiful work and performed with enthusiasm!
Lime	Whole Class	For producing beautiful outcomes, behaviour and commitment at our Literary Festival.
Green	Whole Class	For maps drawn, bags sewn, pictures painted, stories written and poem performed. A fantastic end of project celebration.
Cobalt	Archie	Archie for his confidence during the literary festival and for always working to the highest standards in everything he does!
Violet	Whole Class	For your enthusiasm, hard work and commitment to our final outcome. You are all amazing!
Amber	Whole Class	For determination, resilience and excellence in preparation of their literary festival.
Turquoise	Team Turquoise	For their enthusiasm, joyfulness and unity. You are all super stars! Thank you.
Indigo	Maya, Erin, Cephia, Chloe, Katie, Keenan & Destiny	For your enthusiasm and energy representing Pensans School at Mazey Day - Well done and thank you!
Emerald	Ben, Ruby P, Keeley & Ksaveras	For representing Emerald class in the Mazey Parade! Well done!



Our Mathletes this week are: -

Green - Riley
Violet - Levi
Cobalt - Rosie
ROCK HERO - Zac - 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.



Song-writing project - by Kate Shilson, Music Tutor at Pensans Primary School

In the middle of May, I started working with six Year 6 pupils on a project to produce original songs to be performed at the Literary Festival at the beginning of July. I introduced the topic with a discussion on all the elements you need to write a song. Everyone involved was very enthusiastic and immediately began coming up with ideas. They decided to group themselves into three pairs. Perran and Alfie wrote a song about accidents they had each suffered called 'Dancing on Thin Ice'. Imogen and Destiny decided to tie it in with their school topic and wrote a song about a girl stranded on Mars called 'Stranded'. Casey and Isobel wrote a song about environmental and social problems called 'Planet Green'.

After the songs were written we then worked on arranging the songs. The children decided which instruments were necessary and who they wanted to perform their song. We brought in Angela on drums, Ruby on guitar, myself on bass guitar and singers Millie, Faith and Louie. Next we worked on rehearsing the songs and getting them ready to perform. On Wednesday 3rd July, Vortex, The Green Beans and The No-Names performed their songs twice on the stage at the Literary Festival. Each and every one of them performed their best and it sounded fantastic. I was so proud of them.

However, this is not the end of the story. I have spoken to the Music and Performance Development Manager at Mounts Bay Academy and he has agreed to record the three songs and release them as a three-track EP on the schools' record label, Qube Records. We are now rehearsing for that and will be visiting Mounts Bay Academy on Tuesday 23rd July. It has been a hugely rewarding experience for everyone involved and we plan to continue the project in the future.



At the Literary Festival, the younger children were read a lovely Cornish book by Samuel Marsden which they really enjoyed. Many parents have asked for a copy. If you would like a copy it is £8 for volume 1 and £15 for volume 1 & 2. Cash in a named envelope to the office please!



Summer term dates for your diary

Swimming June to July: Bumblebees (Mondays) Violet / Amber Thursdays
Lime / Green (Fridays)

Monday 24th June to Friday 5th July - no swimming for 2 weeks due to pool maintenance

Friday 12th July - EYFS Sports Day

Friday 12th July - Last day of clubs this term

Wednesday 17th July to Friday 19th July - Year 6 Camp

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

Thursday 25th July - Last day of summer term

Thursday 25th July - Y6 Leavers Celebration Event @ 13:00 - Y6 Disco after school 16:00

Friday 26th July - First day of summer holidays!

