

# Pensans Post



Summer term 12/07/2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our Literary Festival, children were invited to enter into a story writing competition. Many children have developed a passion for writing at Pensans and entered the competition with enthusiasm. The stories were judged by the successful local author Angie Butler and the winners were announced at the opening of the festival.

In the under 7 category the story starter was: 'I turned the magic key. The door opened and ...'

Under 7 winning writers were:  
First - Ebony  
Second - Lowen  
Third - Serena

Comments to Ebony: *In your beautiful story we hear about dreams and longing decisions and consequences. You write with animate story tension and display such interesting language. You read a lot and also be read to, extending your understanding. In the story – you? the girl? – survives setbacks and learns the meaning of safety, familiarity, and home. Excellent writing.* Angie Butler

In the 8 year old category the story starter was: 'I walked towards the light at the end of a dark tunnel...'

8 years old winning writers were ...  
First - Alexia Liddicoat  
Second - Poppy Johnson  
Third - Dylan Wills

Comments to Alexia: *You paint a picture so vivid with your writing that I feel the scrunch of twigs beneath our feet and smell the past with its sounds. Bustle and tragedy. Then comes the healing of time and nature. Well done.* Angie Butler

In the 9 year old category the story starter was also: 'I walked towards the light at the end of a dark tunnel...'. 9 years old winning writers were ...

First - Danielle Blewitt  
Second - Amy Eddy and Grace Nicholas  
Third - Katelyn Ralph

Comments to Danielle: *Super Danielle – you have left me on a cliff hanger – Oh No! I feel you have a good future in serial drama. You are already good at leaving the readers wanting more. Excellent language skills already giving good appropriate descriptive adjectives giving tension to the story.* Angie Butler

In the Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 and 6) year old category the story starter was: 'WOW! What a place...'. Year 5 and 6 winning writers were ...

First - Olivia Truman  
Second - Cephia Pye  
Third - Isaac Hall

Comments to Olivia: *Oh my goodness – what a place to write from! A very mature and engaging writing style beyond your age. Well done – good writing.* Angie Butler

We sometimes talk about writing in terms of a key skill that all children need to acquire and this is important. However the joy that writing can bring to the author and the reader is the real celebration. These children have communicated their ideas with skill, determination and joyfulness and we are proud of them.

Thank you again for your support - we do things a little differently at Pensans so that your children can really develop a love of learning and your engagement with our projects is a pleasure to see.

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 91.89% attendance this week and are below our target.

| Class        | Weekly %      | Rank |
|--------------|---------------|------|
| Bumblebees   | 91.54%        | 5    |
| Orange       | 89.17%        | 9    |
| Green        | 93.48%        | 2    |
| Lime         | 91.43%        | 6    |
| Violet       | 92.08%        | 4    |
| Amber        | 94.17%        | 1    |
| Cobalt       | 92.8%         | 3    |
| Emerald      | 90.34%        | 8    |
| Indigo       | 92.8%         | 3    |
| Turquoise    | 91.15%        | 7    |
| Whole School | <b>91.89%</b> |      |



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# Caring

when you...

- Show care for others, yourself and the earth
- Look at people and listen closely
- Handle things carefully
- Are gentle with people and things placed in your care
- Treat your body with respect
- Work with enthusiasm and excellence

## Affirmation

*I care for others and myself.  
I pay loving attention. I give my best to every job.*



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# Operation Encompass

Supporting children through key adults

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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.



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.



A group of four children have been taking part in several Penwith Schools High Performance training & coaching sessions that have been held throughout the year. The children have been chosen in recognition of their high performance achieved in one or more sports. Reegan for his natural ability in several sports; Josephine for her running; Millie for her participation & understanding in several sports & Jacob for his cricket. The last session was held on Marazion beach making it harder work on the sand & on a very hot day. I was most impressed by Josephine & Reegan's distance running, leading the Year 6 race by miles. Well done to these four who will hopefully keep participating in sport & keep that love & passion for sport going into the future. Fantastic effort children, you have been impressive & should be proud of yourselves. Kelda McNeill - Sports Coach





**On Thursday children from Amber and Violet class cooked, using food which has been planted and grown on our amazing roof top garden in Gardening Club. We had fun digging up beetroots and searching for courgettes. Everyone agreed that beetroot is not as bad as it sounds!!**

**Recipe for beetroot burgers:**

**1/2 onion  
2 garlic cloves  
550g beetroot  
220g potatoes  
2 large eggs  
pinch salt and pepper  
1/2 tsp ground cumin  
1 large spoon flour**

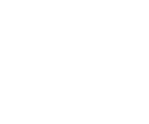
**Method:**

**Clean and peel beetroot, onion and potato. Grate these ingredients into a bowl. Put all the grated veg into a tea towel and squeeze it hard to get the water out. Mix all the ingredients in a bowl and shape into burger shapes. Fry on a low heat until brown on both sides. Serve in a bun with burger stuff. Yum**





# Stars of the week



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| Bumblebees |                 | Not available at time of print.  |
| Orange     | Tegan           | For her enthusiasm when designing and making her car. She was also very helpful to other children in the class.  |
| Lime       | Ebony           | For consistently doing her best in all tasks and a fantastic example of an independent learner.  |
| Green      | Mia             | For fantastic remembering of number bonds to 10, quick recall and 100% accuracy.   |
| Cobalt     | Izzy and Sophia | For showing real excellence in our recent reading quizzes.   |
| Violet     | Issy            | For your kindness and compassion to a friend in need. Thank you!   |
| Amber      | Alfie           | For boundless enthusiasm. Alfie always participates well in all areas of his learning.   |
| Turquoise  | Olivia          | For her outstanding contribution to the Literary Festival and for coming first in the writing competition. So proud of you!                                |
| Indigo     | Alfie           | For the detail and care he put into researching and recording how different animals have adapted to their environments in our science lessons - well done! |
| Emerald    | Finley          | For his excellent researched work on evolution. Well done Finlay!  |



Our Mathletes this week are: -

Green - Riley  
 Orange - Skyla  
 Violet - James  
 Cobalt - Jenny  
 Amber - Elsie  
 Indigo - Alfie  
 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.





## School Dinners

Week commencing 15/07/2019 is week 2. 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.



Penwith College ran a High 5 Coaching & Contest afternoon on 1st July 2019. Year 5 & 6 children were chosen from the teams who had played in the High 5 League matches earlier in the year. The Penwith College Netball & Sports Teacher coached them for the first hour, teaching them some new skills that they can tailor into their High 5 game & future Netball. Then Pensans played a half hour match against Pendeen school who were the only other school that attended the afternoon. Pendeen just pipped us to a win by one basket. They finished off the afternoon with a couple of challenges. The first being how many baskets you could score in a minute which was won by Josephine. Loui won the highest number of ball bounces on the ball trampete. Yet another fun sporting event that the children all seemed to enjoy participating in. Great stuff! Kelda McNeill - Sports Coach

## Summer term dates for your diary

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

**Friday 12th July** - Last day of clubs this term

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

**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

**Friday 6th September** - First day back of Autumn term



Cornish Pirates held a Tag Rugby Festival at MBA on Friday 5th July 2019 in very hot conditions. Our team, who hadn't ever played as team until the day, did amazingly well. In fact most of the children had only ever had a few taster sessions at school with Sam the Cornish Pirates Community Coach. They played against four other teams, losing one match, drawing two



& winning one. We were up against some of the schools who have tag rugby clubs & who also had several Mini Pirate players in their teams but Pensans team held their own & their standard of play & skills shown were easily comparable. Some of the schools entered with a Year 6 team only where as Pensans team was made up of children from Year 3, 4, 5 & 6. All children contributed something to the games & their teamwork was excellent - all getting tags & several of the children scoring tries. The outstanding player of the day from all of the schools in my opinion was Reegan who did some brilliant side stepping runs with the ball & scored many tries & was also complimented by one of the Cornish Pirate professional players who were also there. Yet again our children way exceeded my expectations & I was super proud of them all. Great effort Tag Team! Kelda McNeill - Sports Coach



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Pensans Rounders Team played two sessions of matches as part of the Penwith School's Rounders League. The contests were held at Mount's Bay Academy on 21/05/19 & 18/06/19. They were in at the deep end as there hadn't been any team practices & most of the children hadn't even played in a rounders match before. They were also up against some very well drilled teams & tough opposition. Despite these disadvantages the team put up a good fight, showing many skills with their batting & fielding & as always excellent perseverance. A particular mention should go to the brilliant team work between Jacob on back stop & Ksaveras on first base, where they skillfully stumped out quite a few players with their speedy & tight throwing & catching. Unfortunately we didn't win any of our 5 matches but the scores were very close on a couple of them. Well done team & thanks for representing the school.

Kelda McNeill -  
Sports Coach

