

# Pensans Post

Summer term 06/05/2016



Excellence is a virtue that is central to our work at Pensans. We expect all adults and children to 'give their best to the work we do and give our best to others'.

Next week, as some of you may know, will be Year 6 SATs week. There have been many changes to the tests this year and your children have put in a great deal of effort when practising for them. Please remember that, as one of our Year 6 children wrote in a letter to David Cameron: "These tests measure only a small part of everything that we have achieved at school and at home". At Pensans we want to create an enthusiasm for learning so that every child is motivated to achieve their potential in all areas and SATs are one of these. So please encourage your child to use the affirmation below. If they come in to school next week with a calm and positive attitude, they will have a special and enjoyable week that is only a part of their learning at Pensans, and really shows what they can achieve.

*Angela Clay - Headteacher*



Our reception class went to Bosavern Farm in St Just on Tuesday, they had the opportunity to make compost and seed bombs, collect eggs from the hen house and plant pumpkin seeds to be grown on the farm. Thanks to everyone at the farm for making our learning so much fun!



You are practising *Excellence* when you:

- Give your best to whatever you do
- Give your best to relationships
- Set noble and realistic goals
- Remember to plan and practice
- Don't try to do everything
- Develop your special gifts

#### **Affirmation**

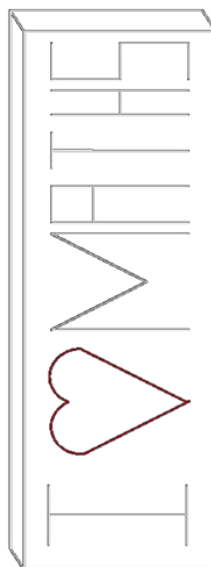
I give my best to the work I do. I give my best to others. I dare to set noble goals. I choose excellence in all things.

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

Our summer attendance target is 97%. At 94.76% we are below target this week.

| Class               | Weekly %      | Rank | Last week     |
|---------------------|---------------|------|---------------|
| Turquoise           | 99.58%        | 1    | 7             |
| Amber               | 99.19%        | 2    | 8             |
| Green               | 99.07%        | 3    | 1             |
| Butterflies         | 98.21%        | 4    | 9             |
| Butterflies 2       | 97.62%        | 5    | 3             |
| Lime                | 92.79%        | 6    | 2             |
| Emerald             | 92.24%        | 7    | 5             |
| Magenta             | 92.13%        | 8    | 4             |
| Orange              | 91.67%        | 9    | 1             |
| Indigo              | 90.04%        | 10   | 10            |
| Violet              | 89.84%        | 11   | 6             |
| <b>Whole school</b> | <b>94.76%</b> |      | <b>94.40%</b> |

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. If you would like to query the appropriateness of a game you're your child a useful website is: [www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org)



KS1 have been learning all about multiplication and division and we have had 3 days of fun finding all of our answers. Some of us had to dig through seaweed in the beach room, others were hooking ducks in the festival room and in the forest questions were hidden high on trees for us to find. Well done KS1 for getting stuck into your learning.





## Stars of the week!

|               |          |   |
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| Butterflies   | Jack     | For showing excellence during PDR as he is really thinking about what he is making and reviewing as he goes along.  |
| Butterflies 2 | Jamie    | For excellent behaviour and excellent progress with his speech.   |
| Orange        | Cody     | For an improved attitude to his learning this week.   |
| Lime          | Isabelle | For showing the virtues of kindness to others in our class. Thank you Isabelle!   |
| Green         | Lexi     | For always demonstrating her virtues and being an all round good egg!   |
| Violet        | Isobel   | For showing this weeks virtue of excellence. Isobel has researched and written a brilliant nutrition card. Where she has followed the rubric and feedback to make it even better! |
| Amber         | Sadie    | For practising cooperation this week when she worked on creating a year planner for growing vegetables. Sadie listened and shared her ideas well.                                 |
| Magenta       | Lily     | Because she is always listening and trying her best.  |
| Emerald       | Rhys     | For showing an excellent attitude and focus and taking great care with his book making this week.   |
| Turquoise     | Mevan    | For an 'excellent' explanation of how she solved a division maths problem.  |
| Indigo        | Samantha | For showing excellence in her dedication to improve her work in class. A star!  |

Could you spare an hour a day as a **school lunchtime supervisor**? We currently have a vacancy. It is from 12pm – 1pm, five days a week, term time only. For further information or an application pack, please visit the county council website and search 'Pensans'. The deadline for applications is Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

The **school dinner menu** is available on our website on the "School Kitchen" tab. Paper copies of the menus is also available from the school office. Week commencing the 9<sup>th</sup> May is Week 1.

[http://www.pensansprimary.co.uk/website/fixed\\_menus/33772](http://www.pensansprimary.co.uk/website/fixed_menus/33772)



## Dates for your diary

- Mon 30<sup>th</sup> May–Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Half term
- Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June – INSET day – no school
- Tues 7<sup>th</sup> June – EYFS Sports Day
- Weds 8<sup>th</sup> June – Phase 2/3 Sports Day
- Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> June – Phase 1 Sports Day
- Weds 15<sup>th</sup> June – Fri 17<sup>th</sup> June – Y5 and Y6 camps
- Fri 17<sup>th</sup> June – Father's Day Lunch
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Father's Day Lunch
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July – INSET day – no school
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Last day of school

*Please remember that these diary dates and more are on the school website as well. Always useful if you don't have a newsletter handy!*



May the 4<sup>th</sup> was certainly with us this week. Thank you to all parents who enabled their children to dress up and enjoy a really fun day at school. We raised over £70 towards some new playground equipment which is fantastic news! Thanks to Sainsburys for supplying the giant cut-outs which kept Mrs Oliver company in reception all day!



Our **term dates** have changes slightly at the end of the December term. Our last day will be Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December and we return to school on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

Please could you check that your child has a named **water bottle** in school each day. The school office does sell BPA free bottles which conform to food and safety standards for £1 each.

BUY **REUSABLE**  
**SCHOOL**  
**WATER**  
**BOTTLES**



We sent a letter home today. It's a very important update about the group of schools that make up our Academy Trust. If you can't find it, please check the Academy link on our school website.

### Sports Relief success!

We have now received all the sponsorship money for Sports Relief and we are more than delighted with the total! Thanks to the generosity of friends and family and the hard work of Pupil Parliament and Mrs Higgins, we have



raised **£1098!**

We don't want to jinx things but summer seems to be here! Please could **sunscreen** be applied at home and labelled bottles be sent into school. Children will be encouraged to reapply sunscreen during the day. Named hats to keep the sun off faces are also encouraged.



Join our Virtues Project Committee  
at Pensans School



'To bring out the best in our  
children and ourselves'

If you are interested in coming along to our first meeting to find out more and what is involved, please leave your name and contact email with the school office team.