

Pensans Post

Autumn term 14/10/2016



The Virtue that we are celebrating next week is Courage. In our school, children show courage every day when they try new things and learn from mistakes. We will be teaching our children the different aspects of this virtue next week. Please praise your children when they show courage at home and when they are out and about!

Have a great weekend!

Ms Clay

You are practising *Courage* when you ...

- Stay strong even when you are afraid
- Are willing to try new things
- Admit mistakes and learn from them
- Make amends when you do something wrong
- Do what is right for you even when it is hard
- Ask for help when you need it

Affirmation

I have courage. I listen to my heart. I face my fears and am willing to try new things. I have the courage to do the right thing.



Thank you to all the parents who came to our Harvest Festival and bought our freshly made bread. We hope it tastes delicious! If you would like to bring in any non-perishable donations for the Food Bank please drop them to the office.

Many thanks again – the KS1 Team



School menus are on our school website and on the noticeboard by the school reception. There is also a handy guide to tell you which week is which. Next week is week 1!



Are you following us on Twitter?



Keep up-to-date with all the exciting things that are going on @pensansschool.

Is your child's class attendance on track?

Our autumn attendance target is 97%. At 91.70% we are below target this week.

Class	Weekly %	Rank
Butterflies	94.55%	4
Butterflies 2	96.19%	1
Green	83.7%	11
Lime	88.15%	10
Orange	93.33%	5
Amber	88.58%	9
Magenta	92.34%	7
Violet	88.93%	8
Emerald	95.3%	2
Indigo	92.59%	6
Turquoise	95%	3
Whole school	91.70%	



On Wednesday 19th October, **Anthony James, an Olympic swimmer**, will be visiting school. The children from year 1 - 6 will be completing circuits with him, before he gives an inspirational assembly to the school.

If you would like to sponsor your child please

visit: <http://www.sportsforschools.org/event/tr425/> to set up a fundraising page for your child and make your donation online.

The money raised will be put towards new sports equipment for the school and there will be prizes for the children to win.

Thank you for your continued support.

- Miss Nicholls and Mrs Willcocks

ParentPay



There are still a few parents who have yet to sign up to ParentPay. Please ask at the school office if you need a copy of your username and password. Cash (in named envelopes) should only be brought into school for school tuck and for outside agency payments eg Jump Club sessions.

Please remember that there is a ParentPay access point in the school reception for anyone with internet access. There is also a useful video as well as help guides on our school website.

Free School Meals and Universal Infant Free School Meals – 20p alert!

Eagle-eyed parents signed up to either of the above may have noticed that their accounts are accumulating 20p each time their child has a meal. Unfortunately this is beyond our control and is as a result of the government's contribution for meals being £2.30 (our meals are £2.50). Please don't pay the 20 pences! We will credit all affected accounts each week.

Barcodes

In extreme circumstances we can issue barcodes so that parents can pay for items with cash at PayPoint outlets. Parents should note that they must only use the barcode relevant to that payment item. Please destroy it after you have used it for a one-off payment. Also, only one barcode can be used for one child. If you have more than one child, you need more than one barcode. Finally, if you overpay when paying via PayPoint, it is not possible to refund the money back to you. It can only be transferred to another payment item when you have one to pay. Please use them with care!



Stars of the week

Butterflies	Lola	For demonstrating helpfulness in the classroom and meeting our class target
Butterflies 2	Jackson	For doing his best with everything at school and taking his learning home.
Orange	Charlie	For showing us he can strive for excellence in his writing independently
Lime	Jodie	For an amazing first attempt at her letter writing and critiquing to make it even better. Great self-discipline Jodie!
Green	Eliza	For her excellent comparison of Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth's Wedding Cake
Violet	Bailey, Perran and Millie	For using unity and cooperation whilst making their board games
Amber	Faith	For consistently showing respect to all around her. Faith has great self-discipline and kindness
Magenta	Alfie	For patience, tolerance and self-discipline.
Emerald	Matthew	For a really mature approach to our art this week - a fantastic example of critique and and inspirational painting. WOW!
Turquoise	Poppy	For showing enthusiasm, excellence and respect throughout our Art Challenge this week
Indigo	Leo	For his fantastic in critiquing and improving his artwork

Free School Meals and Universal Infant Free School Meals update

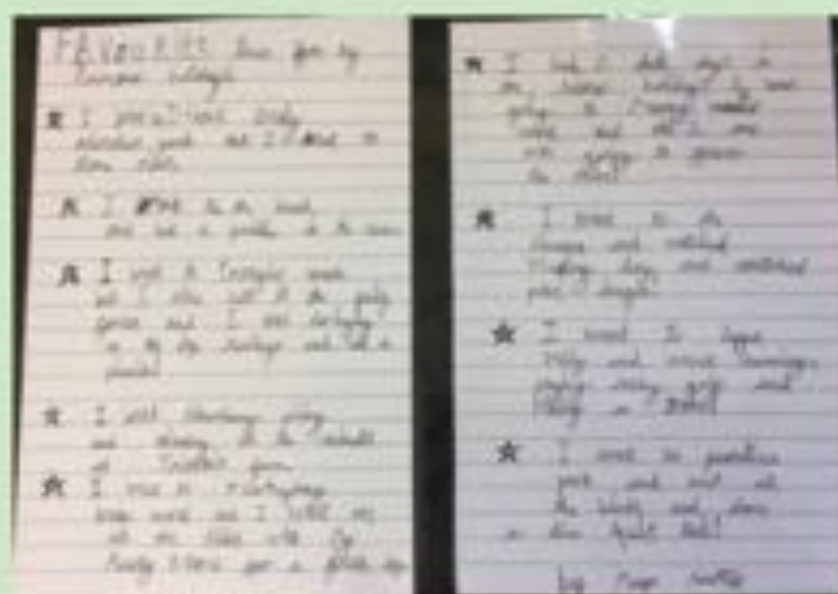
An important reminder to ALL parents but especially those who Currently had children in Year 2 or Nursery last term who have moved Reception class. If you think you may be eligible for **Free School Meals**,

please make an application via the county council website. The more parents registered for Free School Meals from Reception through to Year 6, the more Pupil Premium funding our school receives from the Government. Pupil Premium is additional funding which enables our school to provide extra support to children and enable pupils to reach their full potential.

Children who have moved into Year 3 are no longer eligible for free meals through the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme, so please ensure you make an application in time for the new term if you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals.



Pensans children showing the virtue of 'Creativity' over the summer Holidays. Thank you for bringing in your creative ideas





Heylie and Adam competed in a cross country race on Monday 10th October at Mounts Bay school. They both ran incredibly well and were able to demonstrate extreme determination throughout the race. Hyelie won gold and Adam came 6th. This is Hyelie's 5th consecutive gold this year.

Thank you to those families that were able to come in on Tuesday to critique the phase 2 children's games. Some great suggestions were made, which the children will now follow up on in their next and final prototype. Also some fabulous spotting of the virtues that the children were showing.



Go Active Cornwall run holiday clubs with a difference for children aged 5 - 14 years old. We have the biggest range of sports and activities in the UK - activities that include Street Surfing, Bubble Football, Rocketball and more! Now we are coming to a venue near you, and we would like to offer you a special discount!

Location: Alverton Primary School (TR18 4QD)
Times: 9am - 3pm (£10) or 8.30 - 4.30 (£14)
Clothing: Sports clothes and trainers recommended
Lunch: Bring a packed lunch and an extra bottle of water



If you would like your child to attend, please complete the form below by circling a time option for each day you would like your child to attend before returning it to the school office, with payment (Cash or Cheque), by no later than Wednesday 19th October.
Please make Cheques Payable to 'Go Active'

Date.	9.00 - 15.00	8.30 - 16.30
Thursday 27th October	£10	£14
Friday 28th October	£10	£14
	Total =	£ _____

Child's Name DOB..... Age..... M/F

Any health problems or disabilities.....

Parent/Carer's Name.....

Parent/Carer's Email (required, please write clearly).....

Emergency Contact Number.....

By signing this form I agree to Go Active Cornwall Ltd's Terms & Conditions and Policies as stated on www.go-active.org, authorise coaching staff to administer or approve any medical treatment deemed necessary. I agree that continual disruption to the learning of others by an individual may result in removal from the course. I also consent to Go Active Cornwall Ltd taking & using photographs for promotional purposes only which include my child/children participating in Go Active coaching sessions.

Signed: Parent/Guardian.....



Add us on Facebook and Twitter (Search 'Go Active Cornwall') to keep up to date with further dates and information. Thank you.



Dates for your diary

- Thursday 20th October – EYFS quiz for parents @ 9am
- 24th – 28th October – Autumn half term
- 1st / 2nd 3rd / 4th November – Parents Consultations Evenings – see letters for details
- 21st December – 4th January – Christmas holidays
- Thursday 5th January – Spring term begins
- Friday 10th February – INSET day
- 13th – 17th February – Spring half term

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!