

Pensans Post

Autumn term 03/11/2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Curriculum - Why? What? and How?- your children learn is at the heart of the teaching and learning at Pensans. We are closely linked to EOS an innovative and rigorous approach to learning. As well as having our School Improvement Partner visits and our TPAT termly reviews of Teaching and Learning we have Angela Armytage our EOS review. The EOS review looks in depth at Teaching and Learning and the Curriculum. Our prime focus is on our inspiring environment and exciting learning opportunities that lead to children making great progress with their learning. We have had positive feedback from all of our outside reviewers and I would like to share the letter that we received from Angela Armytage following her visit below.

Have a great weekend!
Ms Clay, Headteacher



3rd November 2017

Dear Angela

'EOS By Design' School review for Pensans School

I am writing to thank you and your staff and children for a wonderful day in your school. It was a real privilege to come to the school and meet you all again and to see the journey you have been on over the last twelve months.

I really enjoyed speaking to you and your leadership team and also meeting staff and children across the school.

I especially enjoyed meeting children and seeing the great motivation for learning across the school. The environments and care in planning for learning are a real credit to staff!

The atmosphere around the school was calm and orderly with good behaviour and children were keen to talk to me and to share their learning. Please thank the children. They are a credit to the school...as is the staff team!

Best wishes

Angela

Angela Armytage
Lead EOS Reviewer



This year Children in Need is on Friday 17th November. Pupil Parliament have decided to have a PJ day to help raise money. All children and staff can come dressed in their PJs and slippers for a donation of £1.

If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals, please ask for a form from Linda in reception.

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 to provide extra support to children and enable pupils to reach their full potential.





Is your child's class attendance on track? Our Autumn attendance target is 97%. At 93.51% we are under target this week.

Class	Weekly %	Rank
Butterflies	96.24%	3
Orange	93.4%	7
Green	94.76%	6
Lime	90.69%	8
Violet	95.6%	5
Amber	84%	9
Magenta	99.43%	1
Emerald	95.77%	4
Indigo	96.89%	2
Turquoise	88.36%	10
Whole School	93.51%	



Can you help a local youth drama group who need some long sleeved white shirts (age 11+) for a production of Oliver? Can be in any condition as they will be aged! Please drop to the school office by Weds 8th November if you do.

Would your child like to learn piano / keyboard? Cornwall Music Service Trust has some vacancies here at Pensans. Please contact them on Phone: 01872 246043

Email: office@cornwallmusicservicetrust.org if you would like to find out more. Prices are around £5 per session or can be free if parents are on certain benefits. Taster sessions are available too.

Their website has lots of information:

www.cornwallmusicservicetrust.org



School Dinners

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. Week commencing 06/11/2017 is week 2.

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.



Are you following us on Twitter?



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

Stars of the week



Butterflies	Lola	For listening well at carpet time, always doing good tidying up and working hard at home practicing her sounds.
Orange	Nina	For her determination and enthusiasm in her maths lesson.
Lime	Corey	For his determination in his recount writing about our trip to Tanglewood.
Green	Rylie	For his amazing attitude to his learning.
Violet	Jamie	For telling the truth in a tricky situation and showing courage.
	Oliver	For being courageous and telling the truth in a tricky situation.
	Sophie	For always using patience and care in her work and around the class. Sophie is always the first to tidy up and help others.
Amber		
Magenta	Seth	For becoming a role model for the rest of the class.
Emerald	Evie	For being an enthusiastic and ever-improving mathematician! Keep it up Evie!
Turquoise	Karn	For showing incredible patience, self-discipline and perseverance in all areas of his learning! Thank you!
Indigo	Callum	For showing courage and resilience to overcome a difficult situation.
	Josephine	For showing courage, friendliness and enthusiasm settling in to her new class.

Dates for your diary

Weds 15th November - Jumble Sale after school - stalls available £5.

13th - 17th November - anti-bullying week

Friday 17th November - Wear pyjamas for Children in Need

Monday 13th November - Toottoot launch meetings for parents/ carers - 9.10am - 9.40am OR 5.30pm - 6.00pm

Friday 1st December - School Fair

21st December - 3rd January Christmas Holidays

4th January - first day back

Friday 9th February - Parent Consultations INSET- no school

12th - 16th February - half term

30th March - 13th April - Easter break

Please remember that back copies of newsletters and key diary dates are on the school website.



Here are this weeks Mathletes:

Lime - Rylan
Green - Inigo
Orange - Charlie L
Magenta - Jenny
and Poppy

Operation Encompass

Supporting children through key adults

In every force, in every school, for every child

Operation Encompass is the early reporting on to schools that a child or young person has been exposed to domestic abuse



Devon & Cornwall Police



Wednesday 15th November after school.

Have a clear out for Christmas and make some money or come and pick up some bargains. Stalls will be £5 each, bookable through the office.

Alternatively you can donate items to our school stall, please drop donations into school on the morning of Wednesday 15th. Refreshments will also be available.

Many thanks to everyone who attended or contributed donations or help during, before and after the **book fair** this week. Thanks to purchases of books and donations for cakes we have raised just over £200. This will be used to restock the book bank over the coming weeks. Approximately 30 books were given as rewards to children via our book bank vouchers and cheques.

Mrs Crummay - School Librarian

THANK-YOU

to the parents who came to the dyslexia workshop this week. It was lovely to see everyone and a really worthwhile experience to work with parents in helping to understand the needs of their children further. We hope to develop this partnership and offer more workshops in the future.

Mrs Atkinson - Pensans SENCO

You are practicing

Confidence

when you...

- Know you are worthwhile and feel sure of yourself
- Don't let fear, doubt or worry stop you
- Discover your talents and try new things
- Learn from your mistakes
- Think positively
- Trust that all things work together for good

Affirmation

*I am confident. I appreciate my gifts
and give my best. I enjoy trying new things.
I welcome new possibilities.*

Follow Ben for a safe fireworks night

Fireworks will scare your pets, so keep them safely indoors.

If you are given a sparkler, always wear gloves. Always hold sparklers at arm's length and only hold one at a time.

Never give sparklers to a child under five.

When you are watching fireworks, always stand well back.

Only adults should handle and light fireworks.

Never go near a firework when it has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode.

When a sparkler goes out, **DON'T TOUCH IT.** It could still burn you, so put it in a bucket of water, hot end down.

You have to be **18 years old** before you are allowed to buy fireworks in the shops.

Never play with fireworks.

They are dangerous and can hurt you.

Ben loves fireworks night. To make sure he stays safe every year, he follows the **Firework Code**.

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