

Pensans Post



Summer term 24/06/2016

The virtue that we are practising over the next two weeks is 'enthusiasm'. This is something that we feel passionately should be at the root of learning in Pensans and something that some people find easier than others. When I see this virtue in classes around the school I know that learning is happening at a very deep level and that children and adults are making the most of every opportunity.

This is such a busy term with many challenges ahead for all of us - enthusiasm is just what we need!

I am sure that you would like to join me in thanking all of the staff who helped to make the Year 5/6 trips to London and Porthpean such wonderful experiences for your children. Staff have given 100% to ensure that the children felt safe, excited, challenged and inspired. In equal measure the children were kind, co-operative and thankful; they were a credit to you.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Mazey Day Parade. Have a good weekend!
Ms Clay

You are practicing *Enthusiasm*

when you...

- Smile, laugh and enjoy what you do
- Look forward to something eagerly
- Have a positive attitude
- Do things wholeheartedly
- Look on the bright side
- Are inspired by the wonders of life

Affirmation

*I am full of enthusiasm.
I give 100% to whatever I do. I use my imagination. I am open to the wonders in store for me today.*

Go Pensans!

Pensans Go-kart team attended the Greenpower' competition at St Mawgan Airport on Wednesday. Seventy-three other go-karts competed, all prepared with different body styles. Ours was designed by the go-kart club children using recycled signs. In the eyes of many other schools it was the best presented go-kart there!

Although we didn't win any trophies there were several firsts and seconds in the heats and the children drove superbly and enjoyed the day!

Geoff Letchford (Sports Coach)



The **school dinner menu** is available on our website on the "School Kitchen" tab. Paper copies of the menus are also available from the school office. Week commencing the 27th June is Week 1.

http://www.pensansprimary.co.uk/website/fixed_menus/33772



Is your child's class attendance on track?

Our summer attendance target is 97%. At 92.82% we are below target this week.

Class	Weekly %	Rank	Last week
Butterflies	92.5%	5	9
Butterflies 2	90.95%	10	2
Green	93.33%	4	11
Lime	94.23%	3	5
Orange	95.19%	2	4
Amber	92.26%	6	6
Magenta	91.85%	8	8
Violet	89.1%	11	10
Emerald	92.22%	7	1
Indigo	91.72%	9	6
Turquoise	97.67%	1	3
Whole school	92.82%		94.72%

ParentPay drop in session

We are introducing a more convenient way to pay for school meals, trips, after school clubs and much more online, using a secure service called **ParentPay**. We have now introduced it to PARC and Breakfast Club users and Reception, Orange and Lime class parents are now activating their accounts so that they can pay in this more convenient way for swimming lessons too.

On Friday 1st July we are having a drop in session for any parent needing a helping hand getting up and running with ParentPay. You don't need to have online banking, just a debit card and an email address. There is also a video on the school website which shows how easy it is to set up and use. Simply click on the link on the "parents info" tab. If you have any questions at all please ask at the office.

In KS1 this week we have been busy writing instructions which we loved because we got to use bossy verbs! We made smoothies and paper aeroplanes and then wrote instructions and helped our friends to make them as well.

Individual Healthcare Plans

Just a reminder that children with medical needs eg EPI pens, who require school support, need individual healthcare plans. A healthcare plan is an agreement between parents, the school and healthcare professionals about what care a child needs and how it will be carried out. Templates are available from doctors surgeries. Parents are responsible for drawing up a health care plan and we will help with this. Others who may need to contribute are the school health service, the child's GP or other health care professionals as well as the class teacher or support staff.



Stars of the week (and last week)!



Butterflies	Patrycja	(Last week) For being a fantastic member of the Butterflies class and consistently demonstrating the school virtues.
	Tia	For showing determination when making her ant house.
Butterflies 2	Zak	(Last week) For determination to try hard with his work and behaviour.
	Toby	For showing real determination with all his learning.
Orange	Mia	(Last week) For using peer critique and feedback to create a beautiful simile poem.
	Maisie	For a fabulous set of instructions with time adverbials and bossy verbs. Well done Maisie!
Lime	Jamie	(Last week) For fabulous reading and enthusiasm in his aliens phonics words.
	Millie	For always giving 100% in her work, never distracted and shows great patience with others!
Green	Elsie	(Last week) For showing great determination in her phonics this week!
	Leah	For showing great determination in learning to join her writing.
Violet	Destiny	(Last week) For always showing her virtues. This week she has been determined to improve her writing. Taking onboard critiques to uplevel.
	Logan	For being a brilliant teaching assistant and helping the supply teacher!
Amber	Faith	(Last week) For excellence in her instruction card. Faith followed her rubric really carefully and her instructions were perfect!
	Deano	For showing extreme compassion, caring, helpfulness and tolerance outside of school.
Magenta	Mawgan	(Last week) For super listening and determination to do well in her writing.
	Zoe	For being more confident in sharing her ideas in the classroom. and a fab report from Forest Schools this week. Well done Zoe!
Emerald	Alayah	For a fabulous week of enthusiastic involvement with our challenges and fantastic friendliness and helpfulness to everyone around her!
Turquoise	Nathan	For showing real determination, friendliness and helpfulness when working with a friend in maths.
Indigo	Matthew	For working with enthusiasm and determination on his next milestone.



We have entered our school in a Cornishman competition to win £10,000 playground equipment for our school field. All we have to do is collect as many tokens as possible from the Cornishman from June 13th until July 13th. Please could parents collect as many as possible from family/friends etc and we'll have a collection box in reception. Fingers crossed we might have a chance!

Virtues committee update

Our first Virtues committee meeting is taking place on Monday 4th July @ 3:30pm. Anyone already signed up and anyone else interested in coming along should head to Tangerine class. There will be an activity room for any children who come along too.



Are you following us on Twitter?

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



Pensans Summer Fair

Our ever popular summer fair will be held on Monday 11th July at 2pm. The PTA are already busy behind the scenes getting everything organised - if you would like to get involved and help organise a particular fundraising activity on the day please let the office team know. If you would like to have a stall on the day, please let us know that too! Stalls cost £5.

We will be sending home empty cake plates for parents to fill the week before. We'd like to have a bumper raffle this year and already have tickets for Flambards, Newquay Zoo, Tate St Ives and Merlin Cinema ticket donations and some lovely St Justin necklaces. Any other quality prizes would be gratefully received!

All money raised at the summer fair helps the PTA to fund special items for the children to enjoy. The PTA has recently raised money for seating in the field, wet weather clothing for EYFS and a mat for the library. All contributions make such a difference!



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.commonsemmedia.org

Dates for your diary

- Fri 8th July - INSET day - no school
- Mon 11th July @ 2pm - School fair in the afternoon
- Mon 18th July @ 2pm - EYFS Graduation
- Tues 19th @ 2pm / Weds 20th @ 6pm July - Year 6 performance
- Thursday 21st July @ 5.30pm - Y6 leavers disco
- Fri 22nd July - Last day of school
- Weds 7th September - Autumn term begins

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!

