

Pensans Post



Summer term 25/04/2016

Welcome back to the beginning of the summer term. The classes are looking fabulous and we hope that they are inspiring places for your children to learn. Please look out for your invitation to come into school and learn alongside your child; we really value your support and it has an enormous impact on your child's achievement.

I want to take this opportunity to reiterate who's who in the school as we have had a few changes!

- In the office, Linda Oliver and Cath Harvey have been joined by Sarah Prouse who is our Finance Officer.
- We also welcome Alana Bates who has taken over from Tom Wisher in the kitchen.
- Finally, welcome to Claire Maple who has joined EYFS as a teaching assistant.
- Year 1/2 have remained unchanged with Mr Luzmoor in Green Class and Mrs Hallett in Orange Class - apart from Mrs Trow being joined by Mrs Mungles in Lime Class.
- Year 3/4 have welcomed back Mrs Stoddern into Magenta Class.
- Year 5/6 now have Mrs Tokeley recovered and back in Emerald Class.

Please remember that if you have any questions or concerns that your child's class teacher is the first person to speak with and that if you feel you may need further support the Phase Leaders are your next stop.

In EYFS this is Helen Smith.

In Phase 1 (Year 1/2) Mrs Hallett

In Phase 2 (Year 3/4) Mrs Stoddern

In Phase 3 (Year 5/6) Miss Saville

Mrs Trow, Mrs Pope and myself are happy to meet with you when the need arises.

The children in Year 5/6 received some essential information to help keep them safe online this week. With technology changing almost daily and children spending more time on a variety of devices, we have all have a duty to ensure that what children are accessing is safe and age appropriate. At Pensans we are aiming to help children make sensible choices in all areas of their lives and again we need your support to do this.

In evening meetings, staff had their knowledge updated and parents were also given useful information to help them to help their children navigate the online world more safely. Many thanks to Peter and Sergeant Steve from South West Grid for Learning for such an insightful day!


If you were unable to attend please look out for further opportunities as well as information that will be on the school website next week. One of the most useful websites is www.common sense media.org this will tell you all you need to know about any games that your children play in a short paragraph.

As you are aware our current Virtue is Forgiveness please talk to your child about how essential this virtue is at home and at school.

Angela Clay - Headteacher

Is your child's class attendance on track?

Our summer attendance target is 97%. At 94.36% we are below target this week.

Class	Weekly %	Rank	Last week
Butterflies 2 	99.05%	1	1
Butterflies	98.57%	2	2
Orange	97.78%	3	7
Turquoise	95.67%	4	5
Emerald	94.79%	5	6
Amber	94.52%	6	4
Green	93.28%	7	8
Magenta	92.59%	8	3
Indigo	92.41%	9	9
Violet	91.25%	10	10
Lime	88.08%	11	11
Whole school	94.36%		92.67%

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 (after school club) users who are already enjoying the convenience of paying online. We will gradually roll it out to other payments this summer term. We hope this will be a really convenient and seamless way of paying for parents - no more queuing at reception to pay or finding unpaid in coins in the bottom of school bags! There is a video on the school website which shows how easy it is to set up and use. Simply click on the link in the "parents info" tab. If you have any concerns eg no internet access, no bank account or any questions at all, please ask at the office.



A big thank you and well done to KS1 for a successful and very fun trip to visits the seals at **Gweek Seal Sanctuary**. We are currently reading Michael Foreman's Seal Surfer and today we think we found them! Our immersive topic this term is '6 weeks off...what shall we do?' and is all about collecting ideas for great things to do in the summer holidays. We decided that looking after animals would be a great one to put on our website.

Mrs Hallett - Phase 1 Leader

Have you seen...

... a navy Surfanic coat. It is age 7/8 and bright blue inside.

Please remember to label all items of clothing. There are lots of unnamed items in lost property at the moment.



Stars of the week!

Butterflies	Inigo	For coming back to school with independence and confidence.
Butterflies 2	Imogen-May	For settling in so well into her new class and writing a lovely Easter holiday diary.
Orange	Oliver	For displaying the virtue of self-discipline and having a fantastic attitude to his learning all week!
Lime	Perran	For his fantastic attitude throughout our visit to Gweek Seal Sanctuary! Fantastic!
Green	Kyle	For his amazing recount of our Seal Sanctuary trip.
Violet	Anthony	For creating brilliant questions about vegetables and asking these confidently at Trengwainton Kitchen Gardens to help us with our topic!
Amber	Oscar	For getting completely involved in our topic. Fab research Oscar!
Magenta	Paige	For being a fab role model for learning (and forgiveness) in Magenta Class this week.
Emerald	Hazel	For super independent learning about fractions this week. Well done!
Turquoise	Kayleigh	For her amazing focus and presentation in her instruction writing.
Indigo	Callum	Positive attitude to his work and his behaviour.



Amber, Violet and Magenta have launched straight into their project to answer their essential question: **How can we plant seeds for future generations?** Here they are preparing beds ready for their vegetables. The children were all very keen and enthusiastic.

Watch this space to see how we are getting on!

Mrs Ciliberto – Class teacher

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 18th April is Week 1.

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





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Can you help Mrs Bailey fill her massive collection box? To raise money for this great cause simply bring in any bags of unwanted (clean) clothes, books, bags, shoes, CDs or DVDs. The box is in reception. Help beat cancer and save lives!

The **summer clubs list** has now been finalised. Please tick your choices and return ASAP. They need to be back by Tuesday 9am please. Clubs start week commencing Monday 25th April.

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 ask at the school office.

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.

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.



Dates for June

- **Mon 6th June** – INSET day – no school
- **Tues 7th June** – EYFS Sports Day
- **Weds 8th June** – Phase 2/3 Sports Day
- **Thurs 9th June** – Phase 1 Sports Day
- **Weds 15th June & Fri 17th June** – Y5 and Y6 camps
- **Fri 17th June** – Father's Day Lunch
- **Monday 20th June** – Father's Day Lunch

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

