



Nanpean Community Primary School
Nurturing Children's Passion to Succeed



NEWSLETTER

03/05/2019

We hope you feel that you are always treated fairly, and feel able to come into school to discuss issues. We are always open to reviewing our equity policies.

Head teacher Weekly Update:

It has been a busy first full week of the Summer Term at Nanpean School after the 4 day week due to Easter Monday last week.

I have immensely enjoyed hearing about Year 5 and their experience of 'Wet Wednesday'. They seem to be enjoying sailing lessons which have been offered to them on Wednesday mornings, and then they attend school swimming sessions on a Wednesday afternoon! I am sure that after this busy day they are thankful to be back on dry land for the remainder of the week!

I was also delighted to be invited to Year 6 this week to take part in a game of 'Fizz Buzz' with them. Fizz Buzz can be played in a variety of ways, but Mrs Jago was using this to reinforce times tables (the 3 and 5 times table when I visited). The children say numbers in order, i.e. 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, etc... but when they get to a multiple of 3, such as '9', they say 'buzz'. When they get to a multiple of 5, such as '20', they say 'fizz'. If a number is in both the 3 and 5 times tables, they would say 'fizz buzz', hence the name of the game. The children (and staff) enjoyed the game immensely and were rewarded with marshmallows for their correct answers!

I also enjoyed attending the Parents Forum Meeting this Wednesday and thank the parents who attended for their input. The minutes for this meeting will soon be available on our school website. It was discussed at the meeting about a Social Media account for the school, which is something we are focusing on and intend to decide this term in preparation for its launch in September 2019.

We have also been updating some sections of our website this week. Thanks to Miss Morton who has updated the homework section of the website following suggestions from parents and children, and through discussion with class teachers. This now offers some fun, practical ideas for family life, and has direct links to educational websites if children would like to explore further and complete additional work to that which is sent home from class teachers.

I hope you enjoy a lovely extended weekend due to the Bank Holiday for the first Monday in May and I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday.

Mr M. Nicholls
Head teacher

REMINDERS

- ⇒ After school clubs commence w/c Mon 6th May (Monday is a bank holiday).
- ⇒ There will be no Line Dancing Club next week. It will begin on Thursday 16th May.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Each week, Nanpean School staff choose one pupil from their class who has shone to be their class star. This could be due to their consistently good behaviour, putting a lot of effort into their work, or their super learning. **'Star of the Week' texts will be sent home every Thursday. Please ensure we have the correct mobile number on record for you.**

This week our stars are:

Eden— Imogen for making the number 12 in a variety of different ways.

Hendra— Jessica for improving her presentation in English and Maths.

Prosper— Vladislav for being very imaginative in his innovation of our class fairy tale.

Karslake— Imogen for excellent effort with her spelling homework.

Melbur— Isaac for his improved concentration this week - keep it up!

Drinnick— Corey for his consistently sensible learning attitude at sailing.

Rosemellyn— Bradley for his outstanding reasoning skills during maths; cracking a problem everyone was finding tricky—great resilience!

BUSY BEES

Busy Bees are awards given out to children to acknowledge that an aspect of their learning or behaviour is exceptional.



Harrison (Hendra) For excellent work when counting in groups for multiplication.

Macy and Clark (Rosemellyn) for their good strategies for comprehension when reading.

LUNCHTIME AWARD

Each week we present a child with a Lunchtime Award. This is to recognise and reward a child who has been notably kind, helpful or well behaved during lunchtimes for the week. This week our Lunchtime Award goes to:

Blake (Karslake) for enthusiasm with play equipment and good organisational skills.

ATTENDANCE

w/c 29/04/2019		Karslake	99.55%
Eden	96.88%	Melbur	97.73%
Hendra	96.30%	Drinnick	94.74%
Prosper	98.61%	<u>Rosemellyn</u>	<u>100%</u>

⇒ **Screen Time**

You may have heard in the Media last week that for the first time, the World Health Organisation (WHO) has released guidelines that suggest parents should limit their children's exposure to screens at certain ages to encourage healthier lifestyles. According to the new guidelines, children under five who spend less time sitting watching screens allows opportunities for increased interactions, physical activity and better quality of sleep. The guidelines recommend infants less than 12 months should have zero screen time and to be active several times a day. Children 3-4 years old should have no more than 60 minutes of screen time and be active for 3 hours per day.



In response to this evidence based research, the UK's Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) does not yet have set time guidance for screen time. They suggest that parents' should adopt a common sense approach and should already know that for a healthier lifestyle children should take at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous activity (ideally 180 minutes), not be restrained (e.g. in a push chair or high chair) for any more than an hour at a time and have 10 to 12 hours of good-quality sleep, with routine sleep and wake times.

⇒ **Parents' Forum**

Thanks to those that attended our meeting this week. Full details are available on our website. The next parents forum meeting will be **Wednesday 5th June.**

⇒ **Free School Meals**

A brief reminder for parents/ carers who are in receipt of certain benefits that if you apply for Free School Meals (Pupil Premium) your child will be entitled to free school meals, whatever their year group, discounts on school trips and school holiday clubs as well as additional funding for the school to use on your child's education and discounts on music lessons etc.

The qualifying criteria are being in receipt of:

- Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, income-related Employment and Support Allowance, support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, the guaranteed element of Pension Credit, Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190), Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit, or Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get). Applications must be made to Cornwall Council at gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals/cornwall or you can pick up an application form from the school office.

⇒ **School Cleaner Vacancy**

We still have a vacancy for a school cleaner to join our team. The role will be for 7.5 hours per week during term time and there will also be some holiday cleaning involved. The appointed candidate will be expected to work at the same time as our other cleaners: 5am to 6.30am during weekdays. More information and our application forms are available from the 'Vacancies' section on our school website. Completed applications must be returned by Friday 17th May, 2019.

⇒ **Homework**

We've updated our school website to include a homework section. This includes links to educational websites and some suggested practical ideas that link to family life.

⇒ **Uniform**

A quick reminder about our expectations for school uniform. Children should wear a red jumper or cardigan (this can be with or without our school logo), a white polo shirt, black or grey trousers, skirt or shorts, and sensible black shoes (not trainers). They should also wear plain black/grey/white socks/tights. We appreciate that there can be exceptional reasons as to why a child cannot adhere to this for a day, and appreciate where parents/ carers make us aware of this. However, we will be raising persistent incorrect uniform with parents/ carers to ensure our pupils can represent our school as best as they can.

⇒ **Good Luck Miss Bevis!**

Everyone at School would like to send their best wishes and good luck to Miss Bevis in the World Pilot Gig Rowing Championships in the Isles of Scilly over the bank holiday weekend.

DIARY DATES

Spring Term 2019

Wednesday 24th April to Wednesday 5th June (am) -

Sailing session for year 5 at Polkerris Beach

Wednesday 24th April to Wednesday 10th July (pm) -

Swimming sessions for KS2 (Karslake to Rosemellyn) begin

Monday 13th May to Friday 17th May—KS2 SATS

Tuesday 21st May—Outdoor pairs cricket at Brannel School.

Monday 27th May to—Friday 31st May - HALF TERM

Monday 3rd June - Inset Day

Yours Sincerely,

Mr M. Nicholls
Head teacher

