



Nanpean Community Primary School

Nurturing Children's Passion to Succeed

NEWSLETTER

08/03/2019

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 another busy week at Nanpean School.

I have enjoyed visiting the classrooms and seeing many classes focusing on arithmetic at the beginning of their Maths lessons. This is something that we are focusing on to ensure that the children know basic Maths that will help them in other areas of the Curriculum and throughout their lives.

Personally, I also enjoyed attending a Cornwall PE and Sport group meeting on Tuesday morning. I have recently been asked to attend these meetings as part of this group to influence PE and Sport in schools in Cornwall. I am also a Head teacher Ambassador for the Youth Sport Trust, so am able to influence PE and Sport on a national level when I attend those meetings. I hope many of my ideas will filter into Nanpean School and benefit the physical health and mental wellbeing of children in our school.

It was lovely to see parents in school this week. I met with some parents at the Parents' Forum meeting on Wednesday morning. Your views are always valued in terms of the positives and areas for development of Nanpean School. It was also a pleasure to meet more parents informally at the Parental Consultation meetings for staff and children, which took place on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Finally, it was great to see children (and staff) making an effort to dress up for World Book Day. Children had an 'off Curriculum' day to focus purely on activities related to books and reading. All of the activities were enjoyed immensely by the children. I can't highlight the importance of reading enough, it underpins our whole curriculum and I hope that parents continually read with and support their children so they can reach their highest potential.

I hope you have a lovely, restful weekend, best wishes,

Mr M. Nicholls (Head teacher)

REMINDERS

- ⇒ **Comic Relief will be taking place on Friday 15th March. Our non-school uniform theme for the day is 'Wear Some Red'. This can be any item of clothing, face paint, or head to toe red! We are asking for a £1 donation towards Comic Relief fundraising.**
- ⇒ **Letters for Healthy Relationships sessions our year 2 and 6 children have been invited to take part in were sent home this week.**

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—Rhys for his super concentration all week.

Hendra— Kelvin for his fantastic behaviour and speeding up in lessons.

Prosper—Isla for her consistent, fluent, and beautiful joined handwriting.

Karslake— Emily for her superb understanding of fractions and decimals.

Melbur— Reece for his amazing contribution to our online fraction games.

Drinnick— Charlie for his consistently fantastic learning attitude.

Rosemellyn— Talik for his determination in maths. This week he has mastered several areas of work using fractions.

BUSY BEES

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



Polina, Lauren, Callum, Bradley, Daniel and Talik

(Rosemellyn) all received Busy Bees this week for their

excellent effort and progress with Arithmetic; as did

Flynn (Rosemellyn) for his outstanding use of

vocabulary.

Well done!

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:

Sophie (Melbur) for always being attentive to everyone in the lunch hall, with lovely manners and a kind smile.

ATTENDANCE

w/c 04/03/2019		<i>Karslake</i>	<u>100%</u>
Eden	99.34%	Melbur	93.18%
Hendra	98.21%	Drinnick	99.38%
Prosper	99.07%	<i>Rosemellyn</i>	<u>100%</u>

⇒ **Parents Evening**

It was an absolute pleasure to see so many parents and carers at our final Parent Consultations of the year. Thank you for completing our Ofsted-style questionnaire; once again you have been overwhelmingly positive about our school. Your feedback is crucial in shaping the future of Nanpean School. We will collate these in due course. If you were unable to attend, please arrange a separate appointment with your child's class teacher.

⇒ **Book Amnesty**

Now that Spring has sprung we are enjoying many more Lunchtimes outdoors. Our School Council and RRS Group (AKA VIPs) have come up with another great idea about how they would like to spend their free time... Reading Al Fresco! The VIPs would like to set up a box of books for children to access at Lunchtime so that they can read outdoors and we need your help to make this happen! We are looking for donations of pre-loved books. So if you have any age appropriate, decent condition books, magazines or comics we will welcome them with open arms to fulfil our pupils' idea. As eager as we are to get this up and running, we have scheduled our Book Amnesty for **Thursday 14th March**. On this day can children please bring any donations in to school to their classroom.

⇒ **Snell Cup ~ 11/03/19**

This year's Snell Cup will be taking place on **Monday 11th March** at Brannel School. Slips were sent home to those children who have been selected to take part in this Football / Netball team event. We would like to see as many parents/carers and family members at the fixture to support our team as possible.

⇒ **World Book Day**

For World Book Day, we celebrated 'Comic Books' The children dressed up in Comic Book characters from across the world. The children had put a lot of thought and effort into their dressing up: We had some wonderful costumes, and characters such as Spiderman, Batman, The Hulk, Matilda, and Superman. It was a very enjoyable day, everyone took part including Mr Nicholls who arrived in school as Dennis the Menace. The children participated in a number of comic book related activities: looking at and drawing superhero logos, making masks, creating their own superhero, and comic book strip. They ended the day with year 5 and 6 taking the lead in filming superhero movie trailers in small groups. Well done to our year 5 and 6 children who were able to use the iPads and software better than most of our staff could!



⇒ **Staff Training / Inset Days for 2019 /20**

We have planned our Inset days for the next academic year, please make a note of the following dates, where the school will be closed to pupils for staff training: **Wednesday 4th September 2019, Thursday 17th October 2019, Friday 18th October 2019, Monday 6th January 2020, and Monday 1st June 2020**. Please note that these dates may be subject to change, but we will keep you updated if this is the case.

⇒ **Traffic!**

We have had some particular troubles with traffic around the school of late, with the Church Rooms being out of action, and the Council repairing damaged pavement all in one go! We appreciate parents and carers working with school staff to ensure that children are kept as safe as possible at drop off and collection times, despite it being particularly difficult over this week. We were not made aware of the plans to repair the pavement this week and we do not know how long workmen will take completing this task, or until the Church Rooms can be used again. In the meantime, please be extra careful, patient and walk, either from home if you live in the village or from somewhere in the village where it is safer to park, if you can rather than making a difficult situation more dangerous by trying to park close to the school.

⇒ **Accelerated Reader: Home Connect**

At Nanpean School we use Accelerated Reader to monitor children's reading. Home Connect is part of the Accelerated Reading program and will improve the school-to-home connection by allowing you and your children to log in to a website and view their reading practise and progress. Accelerated Reader is for pupils in year 2 and above. At your Parent Consultation, you will have received a letter giving you the details on how to access the website. It contains your child's username and password. Their password is personal to them to only allow you and your family to access their information from home. If you click on 'Email Setup' and enter your name and email address, you will automatically receive emails about your child's progress in reading. Emails are sent when your child takes an Accelerated Reader quiz and will inform you of their result.

⇒ **Free Entry at Lanhydrock this Weekend**

If you are stuck for fun activities this weekend, why not head down to Lanhydrock House. Entry is free this weekend (9th and 10th March). You will need to bring proof that you live in a PL postcode. There will be storytelling, a book trail, and you can use today's World Book Day vouchers in their shop.

DIARY DATES

Spring Term 2019

Monday 11th March—Snell Cup

Friday 15th March—Comic Relief—RED Fancy Dress

Friday 22nd March—Clay Schools 5-a-side Indoor Football

Tuesday 26th March—Indoor Cricket Tournament at Brannel

Thursday 4th April—Easter Service

Monday 8th April—Easter Holidays

Yours Sincerely,

Mr M. Nicholls
Head teacher

