

PENSILVA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 1st March 2019

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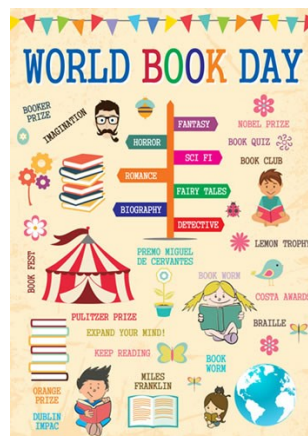
Daymer class and Balanceability

A few pictures from the Reception/Year 1 Balanceability course which took place yesterday. All children did really well and look forward to the remaining two sessions!



World Book Day - Thursday 7th March 2019

To celebrate World Book Day next Thursday (7th), we would like all children to dress up as their favourite book character. If they would like to bring the book in to correspond to the character then that would be lovely. We will be doing various activities on the day and look forward to sharing this with you on our Facebook page and newsletter.



Class Assemblies

This term, each class will hold their own sharing assemblies and parents/carers are warmly invited. They will take place in the school on the following dates:

Polzeath—Friday 1st March 2.45pm

Daymer—Thursday 14th March 2.45pm

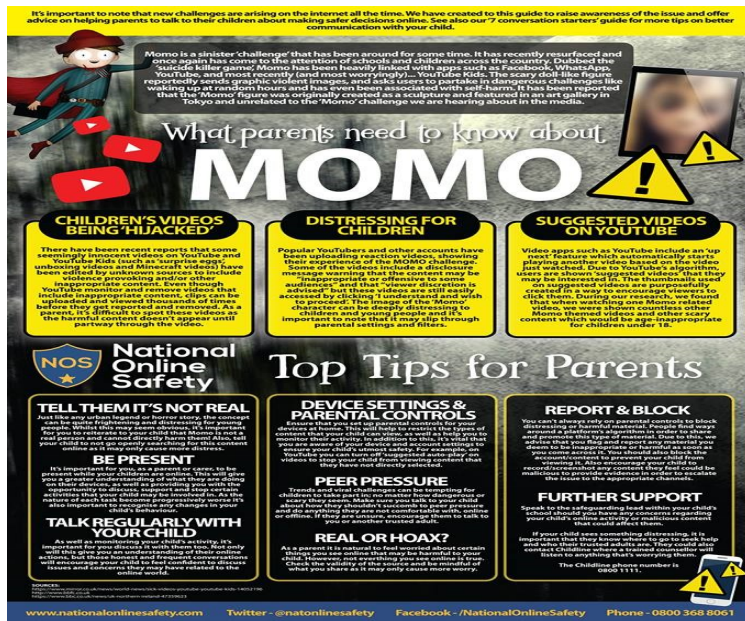
Holywell—Friday 8th March 9.15am

Harlyn—Friday 22nd March 2.45pm

Online Safety

Please be aware of an internet threat the 'Momo challenge'. There is a parent advice leaflet below (also on Facebook).

Parents need to be aware about online 'suicide games', especially the new MoMo challenge which encourages children to hurt themselves or each other. These games use scaremongering images and are linked to deaths. The MoMo challenge uses a disturbing black-haired, bug-eyed woman with distorted features. It is played on social messaging platforms where the user messages an unknown number and receives increasingly dangerous tasks. Children can also come across it when watching videos on Youtube, with disturbing chants and again challenges. Remember to talk regularly with your children about these apps and games and the potential risks they are exposed to. The NSPCC publishes advice and guidance for parents discussing online safety. This is something children have already raised with staff at the school.



04-03-19 Heatree parents information session
14-03-19 Pensilva v Foulansend football match
21-03-19 Pensilva v Harrowbarrow football match
05-04-19 Last day of term
08-04-19 to 22-04-19 Easter Holiday
23-04-19 Back to school
06-05-19 Bank Holiday. School closed.
Week of the 13th May—Year 6 SATs week
20th—22nd May Year 3 and 4 Residential trip to Heatree

24-05-19 Last day of term
27-05-19 to 31-05-19 Half Term
03-06-19 Back to school
07-06-19 INSET day. School closed.
10-06-19 INSET Day. School closed
11th to 14th June Year 6 Residential trip to London
23-01-19 Last day of school
24-07-19 INSET day. School closed.
25-07-19 INSET day. School closed.

Attendance

Daymer 91.67%
Polzeath 94.18%
Holywell 90.87%
Harlyn 98.47%

Whole school Attendance 93.90%
Authorised Absences 6.10%
Unauthorised Absences 0%
Lates 0.76%

Well done Harlyn class for this week's highest attendance!

Reading Challenge

Daymer 35%
Polzeath 67%
Holwell 62%
Harlyn 48%



Well done to Polzeath class.

Pensilva v Pelynt

A challenging away match for the team at Pelynt which proved difficult to referee at times. Pensilva pulled through winning 2-0! Well done!



Two menu changes next week—Tuesday 5th March for St Piran's Day and Thursday 7th March for World Book Day



Forest School at Pensilva



Children at Pensilva Primary School really enjoy Forest School. This outdoor approach sets learning in a different context for children where they can undertake a range of practical activities and carry out small achievable tasks. In addition, children learn to solve problems and be creative and imaginative in real life situations. For example, in the last six weeks pupils have: learnt how to tie knots to help make secure dens; discovered how important it is to build a den that keeps you dry; used clay to invent characters for a woodland story; painted stones to create a huge game of hide and seek and learnt how to light and keep a fire going safely for the purpose of cooking.

At forest school, children are physically active a lot of the time and their fitness and stamina improves as they go through their forest school sessions. The children develop their real life team working skills and learn to become more independent. Forest school helps children to develop their confidence. As they become familiar with this approach to learning, they can take their newfound confidence into school and into other areas of their lives.



Friday 15th March

To celebrate Red Nose Day this year the School Council at Pensilva Primary School have decided that, due to the media coverage on plastic pollution, the school will not be selling red noses. As an alternative, each class will be offering to paint red noses for a £1 per child. This will help us to support this brilliant charity in what we believe, is a more sustainable manner.

We have also decided to hold a mufti day where, for a contribution of £1 everyone can wear whatever they like to school. Henry, from year 6, will also be organising a penalty shootout for 20p per go.

Thank you for your support,

Pensilva School Council