

Menu for  
the week...



Growth mindset  
thought for the week



Week 1

Believe in yourself and you will be unstoppable.

11th May 2018

## Dates for your diary

8 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 & 7 GL Tests
12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 & 7 GL Tests
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs week
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 8 GL Tests
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 8 GL Test
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Sports Day - Thursday (Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Reserve).



## Star Student of the Week

### Week Beginning 30th April 2018

#### Year 5

Cameron Cowie	5JB
Evie Painter	5LM
Sonny Carson	5CWK
Edward Roles	5SJ

#### Year 7

Callum Duff	7LW
Mia Munnely	7EN
Grace Fletcher	7JW
Billy Richards	7KM

### Week beginning 23rd April Year 7 & 8

Emma Wood	7LW
Francesca Richards	7EN
Grace Fletcher	7JW
Lauren Hunt	7KM

#### Year 6

George Flint	6SB
Kori Smallman	6AP
Edward Poulson	6LK
Alex Macey	6CA
Calan Campbell	6PM

#### Year 8

Lottie Forman	8SH
Harry Joyce	8SS
Megan Wells	8RC
Linus O'Howell	8BH

Kiera Shackleton	8SH
Cameron Heighway	8SS
Tyler Hawley	8RC
Suranne Threadgold	8BH

May I ask that all of our PMS community join together in wishing our Y6 the very best of luck for their KS2 SATS next week? Teachers have worked tirelessly to ensure that students are fully prepared for their tests and equally students have responded well to the extra interventions that we have provided. All we ask now is for students to arrive in school on Monday morning well rested and ready for their busy week. They should try to see it as a chance to shine and show off all of their learning in KS2.

***Do your very best Y6 – we all believe in you!***

If your child is in Y6 please avoid taking them out of school on holiday after the SATS exams as we are still working hard to secure all of their writing evidence for their Writing Teacher Assessment. These assessments are submitted at the end of June. Thank you.

**Successful French Trip**

I was relieved and happy to greet our staff, led by Mrs Wilson and Y8 students back from France last Friday evening (at a very civilised time of 8.30pm). I am thrilled to hear from staff what a successful trip it was. Huge congratulations to the staff that led the trip so well but also very well done to all of the Y8's that went on the trip and represented the school in such a positive light. Tres bien!

**Attendance**

We are now using a company called ATTEND EDC (every day counts) as our Education Welfare Officers, along with other schools in the Wolgarston Collaboration and Penk Valley Academy Trust. Please also read the attached letter from ATTEND for more information.

**Reading/Careers Café**

We are thrilled how successful the Reading/Careers Café has been. Thank you to parents/relatives that have taken the time to come in with their child's class. To ease traffic congestion on the car park when we finish the café, we are letting the children in the café leave at approximately 3.20pm with their adult if they wish to take them. We will of course keep the other students until 3.30pm. You will receive a letter the week prior to your child's Reading/Careers Café.

**Reading/Careers Café Rota**

7JW 18<sup>th</sup> May

8SS 8<sup>th</sup> June

7LW 25<sup>th</sup> May

5CWK 15<sup>th</sup> June

5SJ 22<sup>nd</sup> June

5JB 29<sup>th</sup> June

5LM 13<sup>th</sup> July

## Year 6 only

Dear Parents/Carers

It is finally here, SATs week! All of the Y6 pupils and staff have been working extremely hard and now it is time to show what your children have achieved during their time in KS2. All we ask, is that everyone tries their hardest and feels proud of what they have done.

Below is the timetable for SATs week. The assessment tasks take place during the mornings of an otherwise normal school week.

Please ensure that your child attends school for each paper for each subject, otherwise a grade cannot be awarded.

	Session 1	Session 2
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Spelling, punctuation and grammar test	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Reading test	
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Maths Arithmetic, Paper A	Maths Reasoning, Paper B
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Maths Reasoning, Paper C	

Children will require the following equipment for one or more of the tests:

A blue or black pen

A pencil

Pencil sharpener

Eraser

Ruler showing centimetres and millimetres (for maths papers only)

Angle measurer or protractor (for maths papers only)

If the children do not have any of the above, especially the mathematics equipment, the school will provide it for them.

Equipment, when taken into the test room, must be in either a clear pencil case or a clear plastic bag.

Some tips which may be useful to you:

- Make sure your child has a good night's sleep the night before the test.
- Make sure your child has a nutritious breakfast on the morning of the test and that your child is feeling happy and confident when they leave for school.
- Make sure your child arrives at school on time and not in a rush.
- Encourage your child to do their best.

If your child is unwell during the SATs week, please try to bring him/her in for the tests if at all possible, in order that their hard work is rewarded. If that is not possible, please get in touch with the school as soon as possible and alternative arrangements can be made.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs M Wright  
Key Stage 2 Leader

**Year 8 only**

**Visit to Alton Towers**

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July, we will be taking Year 8 pupils to Alton Towers as a reward for their hard work throughout the year. Pupils will need to arrive at school as normal but will return to school at approximately 6.00 pm (depending on traffic). The cost of this trip will be £25.50. All pupils should bring with them a packed lunch and a drink or, if they prefer, they can purchase food on site (though food prices tend to be high). School uniform is not required but pupils should be suitably and sensibly dressed and be mindful of the weather conditions.

Your child should bring with them a high factor sun cream and a hat, in line with our school policy relating to care in the sun.

On this occasion, pupils can also bring their mobile 'phone with them to contact each other in the theme park and for us to contact them, if necessary. If they do bring their 'phone, we will ask for their number just for use on that day for safeguarding purposes. Numbers will be shredded afterwards. Please note, though, that school cannot be responsible for loss or damage to 'phones which are brought along on the day. It is the responsibility of individual children to take care of their 'phone and other belongings.

Staff will be available to the pupils during the day either by phone or at the designated meeting point. The pupils are reminded they **must follow all safety guidance for each ride** and their movement around the site.

Children will be informed that if they do not show a positive attitude in lessons and around school during this term, then they will not be allowed to go on the trip. The school's decision on this will be final and no discussion will be entered into.

**Please make payment for the visit via Parent Pay by Friday 8th June 2018 if your child is attending the trip.**

**Please also let us know if your child has a current Merlin pass prior to making any payment.**

Please also note that ***we will not be able to buy tickets for pupils who have not paid by this date and they will, therefore, not be able to go on the trip.***

Mr D Hodson  
Key Stage 3 Leader

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**Alton Towers – Friday 13th July 2018**

Name..... Class.....

I give permission for my child to go to Alton Towers on Friday 13th July 2018.

I understand that school cannot be responsible for damage/loss to mobile phones and that my child is responsible for their possessions on the day.

Signed..... Parent/Carer

## Visit to Walsall Football Club

Twelve pupils from Penkridge Middle School along with two friends from Cannock Chase High School have enjoyed the thrill of being international ball boys and flag bearers this week as they have undertaken duties for a two UEFA Under 17s qualifiers held at Walsall's Banks's Stadium. The children were invited to undertake these roles by Walsall FC head of community Adam Davy who said that it was due to the fact the same children had done a similar job for Walsall in the past had always been extremely reliable and well behaved.

Friday's match was played between Portugal and Norway and the children were treated as an integral part of the staff from the moment they arrived, being briefed by a member of the Football Association and were guided throughout. Prior to the match they held the official flags on the pitch as the players lined up and undertook their roles as ball boys in a tightly contested 0-0 draw between the teams. Due to the relatively small crowd there were lots of opportunities for the boys to go into the stands to retrieve the stray balls and keep the game moving. After the game the children had the opportunity to meet some of the players and received a commemorative Tee shirt and wristband from UEFA..

Monday's match saw England take on Italy in front of a much larger crowd of over 7000. The game was played on the warmest May Day in history and was also live on television so was a truly brilliant experience. The boys got a really close encounter of the action, with those near the dugouts particularly enjoying the very animated managers and bench and their celebrations after each goal in a 2 - 1 win for England. At the end of the game both teams stopped to talk to some of the children and sign autographs. The ball boys were again presented with gifts from the FA.

This has been a fantastic experience for everyone and the children have done their job well and represented UEFA, the Football Association, Walsall FC and their schools superbly. They all hope to be able to do a similar activity on numerous occasions in the future.



The groups before both games



Holding the flag