

Menu for  
the week...



Week 2

Growth mindset  
thought for the week



Think like the person you want to become.

16th March 2018

## Dates for your diary

20 <sup>th</sup> March	7LW & 7EN Stafford Castle
21 <sup>st</sup> March	7JW & 7KM Stafford Castle
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Break up for Easter at normal time (3.30pm)
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 6 Easter School
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> April	#Sorted Holiday Club
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to school for students

## Year 8 Parents Evening

Thank you to parents for attending the Y8 Parents' Evening last night. Miss Northwood and Mr Hunt will be running their appointments on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

I will also send out a separate letter to Mr Hunt's teaching groups next week regarding an update.



## Star Student of the Week

### Week Beginning 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018

#### Year 5

Evie-May Pitt	5JB
Maggie Trumper	5LM
Finlay Howell	5CWK
Archie Hassell	5SJ

#### Year 7

Kaitlyn Prince	7LW
Francesca Richards	7EN
Olivia Whittle	7JW
Adam Marchewka	7KM

#### Year 6

Rebecca Maiden	6SB
Martha Felton	6AP
Faith Clay	6LK
Hannah Dennis	6CA
Jessica Boulton	6PM

#### Year 8

Kiera Shackelton	8SH
Luke Grice	8SS
Nicole Kinder	8RC
Tom Wright	8BH

## **Student /Staff Achievements**

Good luck to any of our Parents/ Carers that are running the Stafford Half Marathon on Sunday. Look out for some of our staff who are also running; Mr Meredith, Mrs Jones, Mr Cole and myself are all running. Please cheer us on if you see us.

## **Reading Café**

We are thrilled how successful the Reading 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 Café.

## **Reading Café Rota**

8BH 23<sup>rd</sup> March

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

8SH 20<sup>th</sup> April

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

8RC 27<sup>th</sup> April

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

7KM 4<sup>th</sup> May

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

7EN 11<sup>th</sup> May

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

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

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

## Year 6

### Fair Trade

A group of Year 6 pupils from Mr Mobberley's class took part in the 'Ethical Challenge' organised by the CO-OP store as part of International Fair Trade Fortnight.

The children participated in activities in class led by Regional Manager James Knight from the CO-OP, who are the supermarket who promote Fairtrade more than any other. The pupils then learned about how and why the CO-OP began with the Rochdale Pioneers in Victorian times (which was very appropriate as this is the topic the children are studying in History), the distribution of wealth in the world and how the CO-OP supports this.

The pupils were introduced to the CO-OP's commitment to ethical trading and many of the Fair Trade products available.

This then led to the company's policy to reduce waste and the children were asked to guess how much waste was produced. With a huge amount of stock in each store everyone thought the amount would be huge but were amazed to learn that, through a range of recycling initiatives and a policy to never send waste to landfill, the store generates less than one wheelie bin of waste each week.

Following the activity, everyone was given some Fairtrade products and have produced some writing and designed posters promoting the Fairtrade initiative which will soon be on display in the Penkridge CO-OP.

The behaviour and enthusiasm of all of the pupils was superb and they all agreed they will take the Fairtrade message home to their friends and family.



## Year 7 & 8

### BBC School Report

On Thursday 15 March 2018 some of our Year 7 and 8 students visited Wolgarston High School as part of the BBC News School Report. They worked with the brilliant English Department to research, write and present their very own news bulletins. You can watch them here on the Penk Valley Youtube channel ==>

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLoMvreyQ4hXO2NEjSQ4wvbO0PbrnPj9fh>

## Year 6 only

Y6 Easter School – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April

We would like to run an Easter school for 2 days during the Easter holidays to do some fun activities to help us prepare for SATs. If students attend they will also be treated to a special activity on one of the days. Many of the activities on the days will promote revision but through very fun and practical tasks such as an Easter egg hunt.

The days will run from 9.30am until 2.30pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> April. There will be no cost to the days but we do request a £2 voluntary contribution for a special visitor. We must know names and numbers as soon as possible so that we can plan staffing and activities. Please note, we are also running our #SORTED Easter Club on these two days from 8am to 6pm. For Year 6 children the #SORTED price will be only £10 for the 4 hours of additional care and activities on top of Easter School.

Children do not need to wear uniform but will be required to bring a packed lunch. We may not be able to accommodate all students so please sign up quickly. If you would like your child to attend please complete the slip and return it to the School Office or ask your child to pass it to their Y6 Class Teacher.

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### Easter School

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my child to attend Y6 Easter School  
9.30am – 2.30pm, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April, Free of charge (voluntary contribution £2)

I will collect them at 2.30pm/ let them walk/cycle home themselves. (Delete as appropriate)

I would like my child to attend Y6 Easter School and also join the #SORTED club beforehand and afterwards

8am – 5pm, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April, £10 per day to pay via ParentPay

Signature.....

If they gain a place on the Easter school

**Year 7**

**Stafford Castle 2018**

Thank you for contributing towards the Year 7 Humanities visit to Stafford Castle.

**Students in classes 7LW & 7EN will visit on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018.**

**Students in classes 7JW & 7KM will visit on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018.**

Please remember to make sure students arrive to school on time and bring a packed lunch for the day (which should not include glass bottles). All students will be expected to wear their school uniform and a coat. They will also need to bring their notepad and writing equipment for the day.

As always, students will need to be: attentive, polite and at all times respectful. Cooperation and good behaviour is paramount, not only for the reputation of the school, but also for the health and safety of everyone.

Mr Cole

#### **Penkrige Library proposed changes**

Please also find attached a document containing information about Staffordshire County Council's proposal to change Penkrige Library from a county-managed to community-managed service. There is a public event next Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at Penkrige Library which we urge you to attend. Also in this attachment is a survey so you can let Staffordshire County Council know your thoughts.

## Lunchtime Supervisor

Location	Penkridge Middle School
Employer	The Penk Valley Federation
Contract	1 hour 10 minutes per day
Start date	ASAP
Salary	Grade 2 Pro Rata (Term Time)

The school is part of the Penk Valley Federation along with 4 other schools: St John's First School, Marshbrook First School, Princefield First School and Wolgarston High School. The vision of the Federation is to take collective responsibility for ensuring that every child and young person in our federation receives an excellent education, achieves high outcomes and realises their potential.

### About the Role:

We are seeking to appoint a reliable, flexible lunchtime supervisor to look after children during lunchtimes and make sure that they are safe. Duties include supervising children in the dining hall, playground and school premises, clearing tables, disposing of waste food and drink and sweeping/mopping the floor. They should have a real passion for working with children, relate well to staff, act responsibly and be able to keep calm and respond quickly to situations. You will also be responsible for administering first aid.

Full training will be given.

For further information, please visit our website [www.penkridge.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.penkridge.staffs.sch.uk). Completed application forms to be returned by email to [j-whitehouse@penkridge.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:j-whitehouse@penkridge.staffs.sch.uk) or by post for the attention of Jenny Whitehouse at the school's address.

Penkridge Middle School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service. Penkridge Middle School is an equal opportunities employer.

"This Authority/school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people/vulnerable adults and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment"

This position is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure check under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. Further details regarding this check are available from schools or by visiting [www.crb.gov.uk](http://www.crb.gov.uk)

# #SORTED Planning

## Easter half term

Tuesday

Wednesday

AM

3rd

PM

Design and create morning !

Cryptic Easter egg hunt

Learning outcomes

Using a range of equipment and materials such as plaster of Paris to design and create your own mini sculpture! Then paint and decorate to take home !

Learning outcomes

Working together in team to go on an Easter egg hunt around the school. Work out the clues and cryptic messages to find the next clue to lead to the prize !

AM

4th

PM

Creating our own tile mosaic !

Animal lady visiting  
(TBC - a small additional charge may apply)

Learning outcomes

To identify and design the type of picture they want to create and then sketch it out!  
Using safety goggles and gloves they smash up tiles then use them to create their masterpiece !

Learning outcomes

The animal lady will be coming to the school with a range of animals for the children to meet and pet and maybe even feed

### The layout of the day !

**8am-9am-** The children will arrive. There will be a free choice of games available.

**9am-12:30pm-** AM activity

**12:30pm- 1:30pm** -lunch time, a range of activities and outdoor play.

**1:30pm- 5.00pm-**PM activity

### Times and prices

**8AM-5PM, £22.50**

AM+PM Snacks are provided

We will also be offering a wrap around for Year 6 Easter School on the Tuesday and Wednesday 8am-9:30am and 2:30pm-5pm for **£10**

### What you will need:

- Please provide a packed lunch and a water bottle.
- Please ensure children have appropriate clothing including coats and sensible shoes

Thursday

Play leaders: Miss Charlotte and Mrs Kelly

Friday

AM

5th

PM

Textile morning  
(please bring an old t-shirt + socks)

Giant foot ball and giant balloon fun!

Learning outcomes

Using your old t-shirt to create a custom pillow. We will also use range of materials to create items such as pom poms and sock monkeys !

Learning outcomes

We will be having a picnic lunch on the grass then enjoying a game of foot ball with a giant ball. The session will finish balloon games .

AM

6th

PM

Creating our own Easter eggs !

Creating a Crystal maze around the school.

Learning outcomes

Using chocolate egg moulds and lots of chocolate we will be creating our own Easter eggs. There will be a range of food to try out and create the dream Easter egg filling !

Learning outcomes

Turning the school into the crystal maze ! Going from room to room in the school finding physical and intellectual challenges whilst working in teams.