

Menu for
the week...



Week 1

Growth mindset
thought for the week



Kindness changes everything.

29th March 2018

Dates for your diary

29 th March	Break up for Easter at normal time (3.30pm)
3 rd & 4 th April	Year 6 Easter School
3 rd – 6 th April	#Sorted Holiday Club
16 th April	Return to school for students
25 th April	Year 8 photographs



Star Student of the Week

Week Beginning 12th March 2018

Year 5

Dylan Mason	5JB
Alfie Kite	5LM
Alex Williams	5CWK
Abigail Fisher	5SJ

Year 7

Harvey Pitt	7LW
Callum Booth	7EN
Callum Brassington	7JW
Angus Thorpe	7KM

Year 6

Lacey Jones	6SB
Lea Blount	6AP
George Dyke	6LK
Joe Bramwell	6CA
Theo Davies	6PM

Year 8

Madison Cheung	8SH
Maisie Norman	8SS
Sophie Dawson	8RC
Nathan Tarrier	8BH

End of term

We have reached the end of a short but busy term. We wish all of our families a great Easter and a good rest. Students begin back on the 16th April. Whilst relaxing and family time is important please encourage your child to read and talk to you about what they are reading, practise times tables and money problems, keep a diary or bullet journal and complete some revision on websites such as Bitesize and Mymaths over the holidays. This will help them to prepare for any tests that will take place next half term.

Staffing Update

Classes previously taught by Mr Hunt will be taught by Science Specialist teacher Mrs Harrison after Easter (Monday to Thursday) with Mr Disley continuing to teach Science on a Friday until May half term. After May half term, Mr. McHale will join the school to teach all of these groups on a permanent basis. Between Easter and May half term, Mr McHale will be coming in to get to know his groups and do some catch up work. Mrs Harrison will continue to work for PMS as a cover teacher as required.

Our best wishes go to Mrs Kemble, who is starting her Maternity after Easter. Mrs Evans will be taking on her classes.

Congratulations to Mr Meredith who will take on the role of Assistant Head Teacher in September; there was much external interest in this post. This will increase the capacity of the Leadership Team, which is much needed as the school continues to grow. Mr Meredith will be focusing on the monitoring of teaching & learning across the school.

A new teacher, Mrs Grosvenor will also be joining us in September to teach primarily in KS2; she will act as a Primary Adviser – helping us prepare our children for the increasing demands of Y5 & Y6.

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

8SH 20 th April	8SS 8 th June
8RC 27 th April	5CWK 15 th June
7KM 4 th May	5SJ 22 nd June
7EN 11 th May	5JB 29 th June
7JW 18 th May	5LM 13 th July
7LW 25 th May	

Year 8 Only

Year 8 Drama Production - Chelsea's Choice

To support the Year 8 pupil safeguarding aspects we have booked a highly recommended drama production called 'Chelsea's Choice' to show Year 8 pupils on Wednesday 18th April. This has been shown in previous years to Year 8 pupils and is highly regarded by various agencies who deal with safeguarding issues.

This production addresses the issues relating to sexual exploitation, reaching young people to give them some skills and knowledge to be able to protect themselves from this form of abuse. The production shows how young people, boys and girls, are groomed by adults' exploitation using various methods, ensnaring them and eventually taking complete control and dominating their whole lives.

Through the drama production, pupils will gain a better understanding of the devastating impact that sexual exploitation has on a young person's life. This is a very useful and innovative way of raising awareness of the issues relating to sexual exploitation and reaching young people, giving them some skills and knowledge to be able to protect themselves from this form of abuse.

Thank you for supporting our pupils in this important safeguarding matter.

If you have any questions regarding this drama, please contact the School Office.

Year 7

Stafford Castle

Thank you for contributing towards the Year 7 visit to Stafford Castle. All students enjoyed a fantastic educational visit on Tuesday 20th March or Wednesday 21st March. The guides at the castle offered a wide range of experiences within and around the castle site to explore and understand issues linked to the Normans. Our students were attentive and quick to ask or answer questions. They particularly enjoyed trying on the Norman armour and handling the Norman weapons!

Yours faithfully,

Mr Cole



All students

Dear Parents/Carers,

Mr Ruffle's Chess Club will no longer take place on a Wednesday lunchtime and is going to be moving to Thursday after school, as long as we have sufficient numbers. It will start at 3.30 pm and end at 4.30 pm. The fee for the session remains at £2.00.

Please confirm that your child wishes to come. Once I have received sufficient replies, I will confirm with you beforehand to let you know that the club will definitely be running and the start date.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Baker

CHESS CLUB

My child in Form

wishes to attend Chess Club after school on Thursdays.

I understand that I will be notified of the start date for the club.

IMPORTANT: Delete as applicable:

I shall pick my child up at 4.30 / My child may walk/cycle home by themselves.

Signed

Print name

Date

Physical Education update

Please read the information below to see the activities that your child/children will be learning next half term (Monday 16th April – Friday 25th May 2018) and the kit that they are required to bring to the lesson.

Boys

	<u>Y5*</u>	<u>Y5#</u>	<u>Y6</u>	<u>Y7</u>	<u>Y8</u>
Lesson 1	Half -Swimming Half - Athletics	Athletics	Athletics	Athletics	Athletics
Lesson 2	Athletics	Athletics	Athletics	Athletics	Athletics

All boys' PE lessons will require their PE top, black shorts, PE socks and trainers.

Y6 boys will require their hockey kit for their 2nd lesson of the first week ONLY (19th or 20th April). They will require shin pads and we strongly advise a gum shield and protective glove/s.

Girls

	<u>Y5*</u>	<u>Y5#</u>	<u>Y6</u>	<u>Y7</u>	<u>Y8</u>
Lesson 1	Half - Swimming Half – Athletics	Athletics	Athletics	Athletics	Athletics
Lesson 2	Athletics	Athletics	Athletics	Athletics	Athletics

All girls' lessons will require their PE top, black shorts, PE socks and trainers.

KEY

*swimming group (5LM/5CWK). Swimming for this group is until July 2018.

#non swimming group (5SC/5JB).

Continue to support us please...

- Students can wear their red top or new PE fleece (boys) or black sweater or new PE fleece (girls) and dark tracksuit bottoms, if the teacher deems it cold enough to wear them (hopefully, warmer weather will be with us by late April!)
- Kit organisation and issues regarding kit continue to cause huge disruption to PE lessons. Organisation has improved with some students; however, some students are relying on borrowing kit instead of organising themselves. Some students are also bringing in black shorts with white stripes down them. These are not part of our PE kit and students will not be allowed to wear them. As before, students will receive one warning for that week they forget it. After this, they will be issued with a lunchtime detention each time they forget part of or all of their kit in that half-term.
- Students have been told to take care of their kit because it is too expensive to replace. Unfortunately, losing it or misplacing it will not be a reason for not having it. The student will still have a week's grace from their warning to find their kit or replace it. Please help us to reduce the disruption to our PE lessons.
- All long hair must be tied up in PE lessons.
- Nails should be kept short.
- Piercings, watches and friendship/wrist bands must be removed.
- Some students may wish to wear their 'fitness tracker watch' during a PE lesson, especially in the athletics term. This is fine, if the PE teacher sees it as suitable for the lesson (running/sprinting; for example). However, we cannot accept responsibility for any damage to or loss of these items.

Thank you for your continued support.

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. Completed application forms to be returned by email to 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

K'Nex Workshop



Why not join Mikey for a make and play K'Nex workshop and learn how to make the most of K'Nex.

Penkridge Library

Tuesday 10th April

3.00pm — 5.00pm

£1.00 per child (Suitable for age 6+)

Drop in — no booking required

Please contact the Library for more information or to book a place, via the Staffordshire County Council Contact Centre, on 0300 111 8000 or e-mail penkridge.library@staffordshire.gov.uk



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The Beacon Bus (Penkridge Library)

The Beacon Bus is coming to Penkridge Library - come along and find out more about Beacon services for the blind and partially sighted.

Category: Library Events

Event Type: Regularly Occurring Event

Suitable for ages: No age limits set

Charges: Free

Booking Details: No booking required.

Contact Name: Penkridge Library

Telephone: 0300 111 8000

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