

Menu for
the week...



Week 3

Growth mindset
thought for the week



All things are difficult before they are easy.

3rd November 2017

Dates for your diary

16th November Meet the class teacher evening Y6, 7 & 8 (details attached)

All pupils message

It was lovely to welcome children back after their half term break. We hope that you all had a great week off and managed to enjoy some family time. On Monday, staff spent time learning some more aspects of Visible Learning including Deliberate Practice, which teachers will be incorporating into lessons. We will be talking to students about what this actually means during the next few assemblies. Teachers are also focussing on verbal questioning in class as well as different methods of feedback to students about their learning.



Star Student of the Week

Week Beginning 16th October 2017

Year 5

Joseph Harvey	5JB
Isaac Payton	5LM
Amelia Williams	5CWK
Charlie Shore	5SJ

Year 7

Sam Dolphin	7LW
Harvey Monument	7EN
Olivia Whittle	7JW
Sophia Barber	7KM

Year 6

Lucy Wright	6SB
Kori Smallman	6AP
Chase Owen	6LK
Rhianna Shackleton	6CA
Cameron Tarplee	6PM

Year 8

Madison Kendall	8SH
Cameron Heighway	8SS
Lachlan Manley	8RC
Indianna Nicklin	8BH

All pupils

Parents' Forum

The second 2017/18 Parents' Forum will be held at **6pm** in the small science lab on **Wednesday 15th November 2017**. At the first meeting we discussed matters regarding achievement, homework, Visible Learning and parental involvement in school activities. At this meeting we plan to organise a number of activities (Disco, Advent Fayre & Reading Café) to be run by the Parent's forum.

Thank you in advance for any time and resources you can provide towards the running of the activities, without your support it would be difficult for these activities to take place.

As usual, we look forward to welcoming you. Please confirm your attendance via the school office.

Mr Cole.

Humanities Student of the Month

Congratulations to all of our hardworking winners for October. You have been recognised by your humanities teachers' for being conscientious, hard-working and having a positive attitude in lessons. We look forward to announcing the November winners at the end of the month.

Mr Cole

Year 5

James Murphy

[Amelia Giles](#)

Year 6

[Calan Campbell](#)

Year 7

Sophia Barber

Harvey Pitt

Year 8

[Alex Dicken](#)

[Sophie Burgess](#)

Year 5

Y5 Professor McGinty

Before half term I wrote in L'hebdo to explain that Professor McGinty was unable to visit school as planned. Professor McGinty has been visiting for many years and was very disappointed to be unable to make the original date. I'm very pleased to now inform you that the Professor will be able to visit us later in the school year. Therefore, it has been decided that the Professor will now visit year 5 to support them with their Y5 topic of Ancient Greece. Thank you for all of your contributions and understanding. Mr Cole

Year 6, 7 and 8 "Meet the Class Teacher" Thursday 16th November 2017

We are holding a "Meet the Class Teacher" evening for parents of Y6, Y7 and Y8 pupils on Thursday 16th November from 4 -7 pm.

During this evening, you will have a five minute appointment with your child's class teacher to discuss how your child has settled into their new year, and to strengthen links between home and school. You will also receive your child's interim report which will have information from each subject teacher regarding how your child has started this year, what they could do to improve and also what their annual targets are for core subjects.

Please return one slip to each child's class teacher as soon as possible. Your child will be given a slip completed with your actual appointment time.

Yours sincerely

Mrs N Frost

Meet the Class Teacher Thursday 16th November 2017

Child's Name..... Class.....

I/We would like an appointment for Parents' Evening. My/our preferred time slot is:

<input type="checkbox"/>	4.00-4.30 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	5.30-6.00 pm
<input type="checkbox"/>	4.30-5.00 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	6.00-6.30 pm
<input type="checkbox"/>	5.00-5.30 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	6.30-7.00 pm

I am sorry but I will be unable to attend

Teacher's use only: Your appointment time is:

Please give names/classes of your other children in Years 6, 7 and 8:

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Please give names/classes of your other children in Years 6, 7 and 8:

It is important that parents return a slip to school, for each child, as soon as possible so that appointments can be coordinated between teaching staff where appropriate.

School Dinners

Please could you ensure that payment for dinners are made daily or paid in advance for the week - £11 or termly - £70.40 (remainder of this term). We are still getting pupils who do not have dinner money on the day. Thank you.

Healthy Fortnight

As a school we are aiming to work towards a healthier lifestyle for all our students and staff. We will strive to develop our mind-set to take care of ourselves physically, emotionally and mentally. Whether it be in our PSHE lessons, looking at our diet throughout the day, monitoring our daily exercise, we will be able to develop our knowledge and understanding of key areas that can aid lifelong good health.

It is nothing new that obesity and being overweight is an issue in England as well as Staffordshire as a County. For schools, Reception children and Y6 children are the main samples used to identify weight statistics. In England, 34% of Y6 children are obese or overweight and this is 33% in the Staffordshire schools. How does this compare to our school? Our data from Public Health England identifies a similar trend at 32.2% for our Y6 children.

We all want the same thing. That is, for our children to live a healthy life and have the information they need to carry on that healthy lifestyle into adulthood. One area we would like to address as a school community this coming fortnight is our diet and we would ask you as parents/carers to identify and discuss the foods that your child/children eat, providing information to our students to make informed choices about what they eat on a day to day basis. The Change4Life website is an excellent starting point. Just search 'Change4Life' (the NHS website has a link to it).

At school, we will be changing the menu for the breakfast club and the food available at break time for the next two weeks. We would like you to encourage your child to attend breakfast club or visit the canteen at break to buy something off the nutritious list below. Alternatively, this would be a good time for your child to try to bring a healthier snack in to school if they don't already.

Porridge	Beans on toast	Fruit tea cakes
Rice cakes	Dried sultanas	Yoghurts
A variety of fruit	Fruit jellies	Carrot sticks
Oven baked hash browns	Wholemeal toast	Slurps

We aim to send out a survey after the two weeks have passed to get your views on this healthy change. We will also be asking our school council for their thoughts. It is important to remember that this is not about cutting out all 'bad foods/drinks'. It is about educating our children/students about healthy foods and identifying and implementing moderation in our children's intake of different/varied foods as part of a healthy balanced diet.

We would kindly ask you to support us with this venture. A good diet, plenty of exercise and a sound understanding of good mental/emotional health are all key areas that will benefit our students in many years to come.

Year 6 Football and Netball

On Thursday evening, 2nd November a Year 6 football team from Penkridge travelled to West Hill Primary School in Hednesford to play their Year 6 team. As the match was 6 aside on a very small pitch a smaller squad than usual took part. At the same time Mrs Harwood took a Year 6 netball team to play the West Hill girls.

The football began with West Hill winning the toss and kicking off but it was Penkridge who took a very early lead with a thunderbolt goal from captain Rafe. This was quickly added to by Matthew and then a second from Rafe meant Penkridge found themselves 3 nil up quite early on.

The game then levelled out with both sides finding their composure with good shots and saves for both teams. Shortly before half time West Hill scored a goal following a terrible decision from the referee (Mr Mobberley) as there was a clear hand ball in the build up but the goal still stood.

The second half saw a slight shuffle in positions, organised by the team members themselves and for a while it looked as if West Hill were going to get back into the game especially after they hit the post and bar in quick succession but a goal from Fraser settled Penkridge putting them 4 - 1 ahead and a 5th from Joe just before the end was the 'icing on the cake'.

Both teams were fabulous ambassadors for their respective schools and gave 100% sportsmanship, commitment and attitude. Thanks to the several parents who made the trip to watch.

Whilst beaten the netball team showed the same terrific effort in their first ever game against more experienced opponents.

Football team: Cooper, Rafe, Joe, Spencer, Matthew and Fraser.



Year 5/6 Tag rugby club

As part of our extra-curricular provision, we have arranged for 'Progressive Sports' to continue the after school club in the sport of Tag rugby for year 5 and year 6 at our school. It had a successful attendance so it is important to return your reply slip and money as soon as possible.

Numbers are limited so places will be allocated on a first come basis. The cost will be £12 (cheques made payable to 'Penkrige Middle School) and will run for 6 weeks on a Tuesday after school until 4:30pm.

The first session will be on Tuesday 7th November, with the last session being Tuesday 12th December.

Your child will need to wear suitable clothing for an indoor and/or outdoor physical activity session. School PE kit does not have to be worn. A filled water bottle should also be provided.

Please complete the slip below, including how your child will get home after the session. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

S. Sutton

Mr S Sutton

Head of PE

-----Please tear off this slip and return to the school as soon as possible-----

Parental Consent – fixtures

(07/11/SS)

I would like my child: _____ in Form: _____ to participate in the after school Tag rugby club at Penkrige Middle school that takes place each Tuesday for 6 weeks, starting on 7th November. I have read and understood the details on the above letter and enclose payment for £12.

Please tick one box below.

I will make provisions for my child to be picked up from Penkrige Middle pl at 4:30pm.

OR My child can walk/cycle home from school

Signed _____ parent/carer

PRINT NAME _____ Date _____

Emergency telephone number _____

Medical needs (if any) _____

Year 5/6 Dodgeball club

As part of our extra-curricular provision, we have arranged for 'Progressive Sports' to continue the after school club in the sport of Dodgeball for year 5 and year 6 at our school. I believe this will be popular so it is important to return your reply slip and money as soon as possible.

Numbers are limited so places will be allocated on a first come basis. The cost will be £12 (cheques made payable to 'Penkridge Middle School') and will run for 6 weeks on a Wednesday after school until 4:30pm.

The first session will be on Wednesday 8th November, with the last session being Wednesday 13th December.

Your child will need to wear suitable clothing for an indoor and/or outdoor physical activity session. School PE kit does not have to be worn. A filled water bottle should also be provided.

Please complete the slip below, including how your child will get home after the session. Thank you.

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Parental Consent – fixtures

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I would like my child: _____ in Form: _____ to participate in the after school Dodgeball club at Penkridge Middle school that takes place each Wednesday for 6 weeks, starting on 8th November. I have read and understood the details on the above letter and enclose payment for £12.

Please tick one box below.

I will make provisions for my child to be picked up from Penkridge Middle at 4:30pm.

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PRINT NAME _____ Date _____

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BBC CHILDREN IN NEED – FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2017

To support this amazing, annual fund-raising event, Penkridge Middle School will be contributing through our PUDSEY'S PENNIES COLLECTION.

Last September the previous School Council launched the collection of pennies, which has been ongoing throughout the school year. Children bring in their donations to our Pudsey Collection Point in school. We appreciate any donations from family and friends of loose change. At our last count in July we had collected £109. Please keep on collecting.

To boost this total we will be holding a raffle in school on the 10th & 17th November at break and lunchtime for 20p a ticket. This will be drawn in assembly on Friday 17th November, we will have a grand total – and contacting BBC Children in Need with the amount donated. Prizes kindly donated by Penkridge co-op.

Thank you from PMS School Council for the donations received so f

Codsall Christmas Fair

Codsall residents once again extend a warm welcome to our neighbouring villages for an evening of seasonal festivities on Friday 1st December.

Codsall Christmas Fair is back again this year, bigger and better than ever. This great community event, organised by volunteers, is now double the size – meaning double the fun. With a lot more stalls, there is certainly something for everyone – ranging from arts, crafts, gifts, food and much more. You will not have to worry about those last-minute gifts.

For those that will be feeling peckish, we have even more hot food & drink stalls this year. We have hot pork sandwiches, jacket potatoes, German style bratwurst, pizza, and roasted chestnuts, allowing all the grown-ups to take a night off from cooking.

There will be many activities to keep the little ones busy including fairground rides, kiddie's roundabout, a bouncy castle and, of course, Santa will be in his grotto, granting everyone's Christmas wishes.

Live music will come from the Sunhoney, Sam Draisey, Alexandra Jayne, a Ukulele Band and the Salvation Army Band with Steve Kaos performing amazing feats in the streets. We also have an appearance from everybody's favourite football mascot, Wolfie, accompanied by Wendy.

Our traditional "Carols around the Christmas Tree" will then draw this wonderful evening to a close but our village pubs and clubs will continue the festivities into the evening.

You are all invited to come along, bring your friends and family, and celebrate this special event.

For more information, please visit our website: www.codsallchristmasfair.co.uk

