L'hebdo

Your weekly newsletter from Penkridge Middle School

Menu for the week...

Growth mindset thought for the week

Week 1

The Easter bunny hasn't been ……yet!!

7th April 2017

Dates for your diary

April 7th	Finish for Easter. Return Monday 24th April.
April 12th & 13th	Easter School
May 8th	Year 6 SATs week.

Star Pupil of the Week
Week Beginning 27th March 2017

Year 5		**Year 6**	
Alex Ballance	5JB	Lauren Hunt	6SB
Neve Skidmore	5LM	Finn Murray	6AP
Ed Poulsom	5CWK	Katie Evans	6LK
Farleigh Spencer	5SC	Sienna Delaney	6CA
Year 7		**Year 8**	
Harvey Morson-Mills	7LW	Lily Pedley	8SH
Georgia Yeomans	7EN	Luke Keane	8SS
	7JW	Hannah Booth	8RC
Oliver Millard	7KM	Carmen Shea	8CWT

We wish all families a Happy Easter and a well- earned break for the children. We look forward to seeing the children back on Monday 24th April. We do however, wish some of our Y8 children and staff 'Bon Voyage' as they travel to France on the first day back for five days.

Pupil and family achievements

Last Sunday, Emily McNeil from 5JB took part in a dance show at the Garrick Theatre in Lichfield. The highlight of the evening was dancing with Pasha Kovalev from "Strictly Come Dancing" to the well-known song, "Gangnam Style". She was also very pleased to receive a tee-shirt from him, decorated with all his forthcoming tour dates.

Matthew Wenlock-Evans
On Sunday 26th March Matthew gained his 5th belt which now means he is a kick boxing 'green belt'. We're very proud of him.

Well done to Harry Stevenson 7EN, who has been selling raffle tickets to win Easter Egg prizes this week. He has done this to help his mum raise money for Clics Sargent – a children's cancer charity. His mum Amanda is currently raising money by treking in Nepal to Poon Hill for ten days which is an amazing challenge. She is doing brilliantly well making us all very proud. Amanda is up to £945 on her page and her son Harry wanted to help get to £1000. Thank you for families who have supported by allowing their children to buy tickets.

If you would like to sponsor Harry's mum please log onto her 'just giving' page:

https://www.justgiving.com/Amanda-Stevenson8?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraisingpage&utm_content=Amanda-Stevenson8&utm_campaign=pfp-email.

Clic Sargent does amazing work helping with childhood cancer which is an increasing area of concern in health care.

Congratulations also go to Olivia Whittle 6CA who came first in a golf tournament –Junior Penkridge Masters.

Warmer Weather (we hope!)

After Easter please can you ensure that your child brings in a clean water bottle every day? You may also send in a sun hat and sun cream if it gets warmer.

Year 6 Easter School

All of the parents who have responded to Easter School have a place. We look forward to seeing them at 9.30am until 2.30pm on 12th and 13th April. Please can pupils enter and exit through the Small Science Lab on both days? The days are non-uniform but please send a packed lunch. We may be outside at times so please ensure that trainers/suitable clothing and footwear are worn. Phones will be collected in by staff at the start of the day. The sessions are being run by Mrs McVittie, Mr West and Mrs Frost.

Safety on the drive

We have had a few near misses with careless driving at the top of the drive recently. If this involves taxis please rest assured we follow this up. Please can we politely remind everyone to drive carefully?

Competition:

Children have been informed today in assembly that they can enter an optional 'bullet journal' revision competition which is open to all years. The deadline for bringing in their bullet journal to show us is the first Friday back. As parents if you are not sure what a bullet journal is you can see examples on google images or pinterest. We thought that this was another fun way to encourage all year groups to revise. Please encourage your child to read, go on Pobble 365, Bitesize and Mymaths during the holiday in short sessions to help them prepare for tests which will run during the next half term.

Young Persons' Civic Award

Voting is now open for the annual Penkridge Parish Council's Young Persons' Civic Award and Civic Award 2017 nominations and we are trying to get the message to as many people as possible. Please see attached document.

Thank you.

Easter greetings from the PE Department

Well done to all our students who have participated in an activity/sport so far this year. It has been a busy one and we are delighted with the efforts of our athletes in their competitions. Congratulations to them for their participation and results. We look forward to a successful summer term of activities.

We would like to inform you of a change to the learning activities **after Easter**. We will be beginning our 'Athletics' scheme of learning in both KS2 and KS3. Due to the shorter term after Easter, athletics may continue a few weeks into the last summer term. This allows us to complete all the learning within a typical 6-7 week timeframe. **All students** are required to bring their PE kit and trainers suitable for use on the field. Please bear in mind that we are still experiencing cooler temperatures and your child's red top would be more suitable than the white top alone. When the temperatures do increase then students will need to wear their white top. Thank you.

Kit required: red and/or white top, plain black shorts, red or white socks and suitable trainers

Extra-curricular timetable (starting week beginning Monday 24th April)

Please note: Apart from dance on Thursday after school, all clubs are FREE! Mr Sutton will begin his clubs after the France visit (w/b 2nd May).

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BEFORE SCHOOL 8:15-8:40am	No clubs	Table Tennis	No clubs	No clubs	Rave-ercize
Breakfast club	Breakfast	8:30am	Until	8:45am	daily
LUNCHTIME 12:30-1:00PM	All years Athletics (Track only)	All years Athletics KS3 High Jump indoors	All years Athletics	All years Athletics Y5/6 Boys & Girls Cricket	All years Athletics
AFTER SCHOOL 3:30 – 4:30PM	No clubs	All years Running club (3:30pm-4:00pm)	No clubs	All years Dance (S.Woollett)	No clubs

Further clubs may be added during the term, so please look out for them in L'hebdo each week. Happy Easter!