

Menu for
the week...



Week 1

Growth mindset
thought for the week



At PMS mistakes are expected, respected, inspected and then corrected

2nd December 2016

Dates for your diary

- 9th December - Advent Fair
- 13th December - Christmas Concert
- 14th December – Pupils' Christmas Dinner
- 15th December – Christmas Assembly
- 16th December – Pupils finish at 1.00pm



Star Pupil of the Week

Week Beginning 21st November 2016

Year 5

Cooper Marsh 5JB
George Dyke 5LM
Imogen Kendall 5CWK
Stephen Hill 5SC

Year 7

Liam Tuck 7LW
John Elsmore 7EN
Thomas Wright 7JW
Maddison Brassington 7KM

Year 6

Lauren Hunt 6SB
Lilly Pace 6AP
Leo Lloyd 6LK
Olivia Whittle 6CA

Year 8

Kirsty Hughes 8SH
Luke Barker 8SS
Byron Ranford 8RC
Will Birch 8CWT

Pupil achievements

Shannon Oakey 5JB raised £145 for St. Giles Hospice, completing the 3 mile Mini Mud Challenge. This involved a very challenging obstacle course, scrabbling through cargo nets, skips filled with cold water and foam, high walls, muddy tyres etc. Shannon had lots of fun and enjoyed raising money for St. Giles Hospice.

Taekwondo Star

Well done to Cameron Tarpley in 5JB for winning medals at the Taekwondo British Championship recently.

Pupils' Christmas Dinner

Please find attached the order for the pupils' Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 14th December. Please return the slip by Wednesday 7th December as the kitchen need to order the food. Thank you.



Christmas Menu

Seasonal Roast Turkey
Served with
Sage & Onion Stuffing
and Gravy

Bacon Wrapped Sausage
Roast Potatoes

Fluffy Mashed Potatoes
Peas, Carrots and Sprouts

Ice-cream

or

Iced Chocolate sponge

or

Homemade Christmas Pudding with Custard

**Christmas
Dinner**

A Turkey lunch will be provided on Wednesday 14th December, at the normal price of £2.15. As all the food needs to be ordered well in advance, we do need to know how many children will want a Christmas dinner.

Please send in the return slip below if you would like your child to have a lunch on that day. Dinner money should be **paid on the day please (unless you pay in advance which will include this dinner)** in an envelope marked you're your child's name and class. **No alternative meal, other than a vegetarian option, will be provided on that day.**

If your child has free school meals and does not want a hot meal, they can, of course, order a sandwich.

If your child requires a vegetarian meal, please indicate this on the slip below.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IF A MEAL HAS NOT BEEN ORDERED, YOUR CHILD MUST BRING A PACKED LUNCH FOR THAT PARTICULAR DAY PLEASE.

TO BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY 7th DECEMBER, 2016.

Christmas lunch

I wish my child to have a turkey lunch on Wednesday 14th December at a cost of £2.15.

(Please pay on the day)



A vegetarian meal is required please

Child's Name _____ Class _____

Signed _____ Person with Parental Responsibility

For all pupils

Special Guest

I am very excited to tell you that we had a special guest visiting school today. Ben Rowlings, a British Paralympic athlete, competes in sprint and middle distance events in the T34 classification. The main purpose of Ben's visit is to talk to the children about disability and aspirations for all. This is a very exciting time for school and we hope to continue Ben's work into next term.

Advent Fayre

This year's Advent Fayre is taking place on the afternoon of Friday 9th December in the School Hall from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. We invite friends and families to come along and support the event; refreshments will be available along with a multitude of stalls (organized by each class), raffles and the ever-popular wine-hamper! This year we are raising funds to upgrade the cloakroom lockers.

The year groups will be in the Hall at the following times: Year 5: 1.30pm-2.00pm. Year 6: 2.00pm-2.30pm Year 7: 2.30pm-3.00pm Year 8: 3.00pm-3.30pm.

Christmas Assembly

We will be holding our Christmas Assembly from 9.15am to 10.15am on Thursday 15th December. Families are invited to attend if they wish. We have space for up to 40 people. Places will be allocated on a first come/first served basis. Please phone the School Office if you would like to attend.

Christmas Concert

On the evening of 13th December we are holding a Christmas Concert. There will be performances by Sweet Harmony, Fusion and various solos, duets and small groups led by Mr Mason. Our newly assembled Staff Choir will also be making their debut! The show will start at 7pm; pupils involved need to arrive at 6.30pm in full school uniform. Refreshments will be served from 6.30pm onwards. Please fill in and return the attached slip and money to the School Office if you would like to buy tickets. Early booking is advised due to restricted seating.

Fundraising

We are running two charity fundraisers this Christmas. Children will be allowed to wear a Christmas Jumper on 16th December if they pay a donation of between £1.00 -£2.00. The money raised will go to Birmingham Children's Hospital. This charity is close to our hearts as it has helped PMS children both present and in the past.

We have also supported Samaritan's Purse – Operation Christmas Child by making up shoeboxes of gifts. We have had a wonderful response and the boxes will be collected on Friday. Thank you to everyone who has supported this appeal.

For all pupils

Christmas Tree Festival

This year we are proud to be displaying a very special Penkrige Middle School Christmas Tree at St Michael's church in Penkrige as part of their Christmas Tree Festival.

Between Wednesday 7th December and Saturday 10th December the church will be open displaying our tree alongside over forty other trees from local organisations.

Our students have been busy crafting their own decorations for the tree led by Mrs Wheat. We hope that you will be able to join in with the festival by coming to see it for yourselves.



The Tenner Challenge!

Young Enterprise are running a challenge in February 2017 where they provide participants with £10, and they have to run a small business for 4 weeks, making as much profit as they can.

The idea is to make as much money as possible, whilst having a positive impact on society in some way. There are competitions to enter along the way to make it even more exciting!

I am going to run this project with a total of 8 students from Years 7 and 8. Each student will be allocated £10 towards the team's "starting money" and this has to be used to start the business. It could be used to buy materials, for example. If there are 8 students in the team, the starting money can be up to £80.

At the end of the project, the starting money and an additional £1, for each £10 borrowed, needs to be paid back to Young Enterprise. The rest of the profit can be kept for the school. My plan is to use this for future STEM activities in the after school club, to enhance learning in these subject areas.

Throughout the challenge, you will work as a team, start a small business, make a profit and enter competitions. You will also have to keep an online log of the progress of the business.

What's in it for you?

- Exciting opportunity to run your own business.
- Have a positive impact / influence on an aspect of society.
- Represent your school.
- Good for your CV to apply for college, sixth form, the Army, University etc.
- Raise money for the STEM club, which will enhance other student's learning in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

How do you get involved?

If you want to get involved, you need to write a short letter outlining your plan for a potential business and the invention / product that you have thought of.

If you want to be in with a chance of getting involved, you need to hand your letter to me before the Christmas holidays.

There are only 8 spaces available - good luck! ☺

Miss Northwood (Science Teacher)

Advent Fayre

As mentioned in previous editions of l'Hebdo, our Advent Fayre takes place on Friday 9th December in the School Hall from 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

If you would like to attend the Fayre at the same time as your child, the year groups will be visiting the stalls in the Hall at the following times:

- 1.30 to 2.00pm: Year 5
- 2.00 to 2.30pm: Year 6
- 2.30 to 3.00pm: Year 7
- 3.00pm to 3.30pm: Year 8

Please encourage your child to bring coins to spend as change can be in short supply, especially during the early part of the Fayre.

We are in need of items of **bric-a-brac** to sell (always a popular stall so perhaps it's an opportunity to have a good clear-out at home of unwanted items that can be bought by others) plus **bottles** and **chocolate** for the tombolas.

We would also appreciate any **raffle prizes** (Chocolates/Biscuits etc. Cakes to be handed in on the day before or on the day itself, please).

During the last few years, we have put together a **wine hamper** consisting of 10 assorted wines. The tickets cost £1 each. If you would like to purchase one of these tickets but are unable to attend the Advent Fayre, you can fill in the slip below, returning it with your money, and we will make sure that your name is put into the draw. We also run a General Raffle at 50p per ticket. If you would like some of these tickets, please include it on the form below, returning it together with the correct money.

Thank you for your support in other fund-raising events which have taken place. We look forward to seeing you on Friday 9th December. If you are able to help in any way on the afternoon, then please contact Miss Barnes or Mrs Watts at school.

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Advent Fayre

Please send meticket/s for the wine hamper.raffle tickets. I enclose £.....in payment for these.

Parent/Carer Name

Pupil's Name/Class



PENKRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Christmas Concert

On

Tuesday 13th December 2016 at 7.00p.m.

In the School Hall

Performances by Sweet Harmony, Fusion and various solos, duets and small groups.

Making their debut will be our new Staff Choir.

We hope you will be able to join us on this occasion.

The price of the tickets will be Adults £1.50 and Children £1.00.

Early booking is strongly advised due to restricted seating in the Hall.



Christmas Concert

Name of pupil..... Class.....

I require..... Adult tickets £1.50 each

..... Children's tickets £1.00 each

Total enclosed.....

Signed..... Person with parental responsibility

What's on in December

at libraries in South Staffordshire

Penkridge Library 0300 111 8000		
Every Friday 10.00am - 10.30am Term Time Only	Baby Bounce and Rhyme – suitable for pre-school children	Free No need to book
Every Wednesday 6.00pm Every Saturday 8.00am	Penkridge & South Staffs Runners – meet outside Penkridge Library Suitable for ages 18+	Free New members welcome
Third Tuesday of every month 5.30pm - 6.30pm	Staffordshire Shakespeare – are you interested in Shakespeare's writing and life? Why not drop in to this new monthly group. Suitable for ages 16+	Free New members welcome – no need to book
Thursday 1st December 2.30pm - 3.30pm	Reading Group – read and talk about books. Suitable for ages 16+	Free New members welcome No need to book
Monday 14th November – Monday 2nd January 2017 during normal library opening hours	'14' is a series of creative short films by Junction 15 in response to the poems of Staffordshire's Poet Laureate 2013-14, Tom Wyre on the theme of life on the Home Front in WWI. '14' was commissioned by Staffordshire Libraries & Arts and in partnership with Archives & Heritage	Free

