

Menu for  
the week...



Growth mindset  
thought for the week



When the world says, 'Give up,' Hope whispers, 'Try one more time.'

Week 3

10th February 2017

## Dates for your diary

February 16 <sup>th</sup>	Y7 Parents' Evening.
February 20 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term
March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y6 Parents' Evening
March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Y8 Parents' Evening



## Star Pupil of the Week

Week Beginning 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017

### Year 5

Theo Davies	5JB
James Hodgkiss	5LM
Ethan Rowley	5CWK
Henry Partington	5SC

### Year 6

Kieran Widdowson	6SB
Will Jarvis	6AP
Molly Williams	6LK
Callum Booth	6CA

### Year 7

Libby Botten	7LW
Corey Carter	7EN
Jessica Fox-Dean	7JW
Oliver Speed	7KM

### Year 8

Elissa Dodd	8SH
Luke Keane	8SS
Jodie Tams	8RC
Josh Harvey	8CWT

## Pupil achievements

### Congratulations

We are very proud of Isla Turnbull who was picked by Squad Coaches at Birches Valley Gymnastics Club to be 'Gymnast of the Year'. This is a fantastic achievement.

## For all pupils

### Cover

Mrs Wright will be off today and next week. Her lessons will be covered by Mrs Thomas who is our regular Cover Teacher and is a Maths specialist. Mrs Frost will be teaching some of the Y6 Maths lessons during the week.

### Safer Internet Day

To mark Safer Internet Day 2017 Penkridge Middle School is joining Government ministers, celebrities, industry figures, schools and police services to inspire people to 'Be the Change' and unite for a better internet today.

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. We will be joining hundreds of individuals supporting the #SID2017 social media campaign to inspire positive action.

### Power of Image

New research launched to mark Safer Internet Day reveals that images and video play a central role in young people's digital lives and are powerful tools of communication, self-expression and creativity. Encouragingly, young people are using the power of image to make a difference: 4 in 5 young people (80%) said that in the last year they have felt inspired by an image or video online to do something positive. Furthermore, two thirds (67%) have posted an image or video on the internet for a variety of positive reasons, including to support friends (40%); to share something interesting with others (31%); and to encourage others to do something positive (17%).

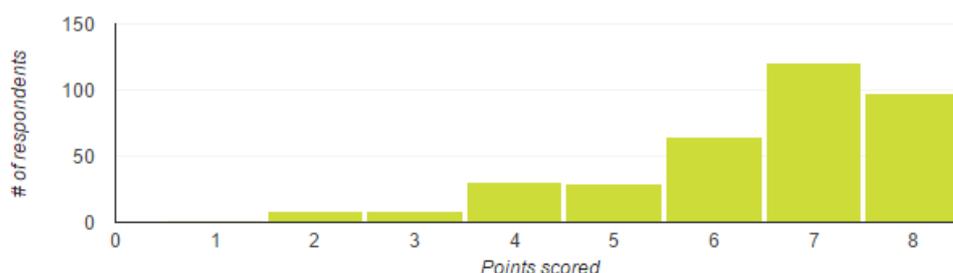
However, while many of their experiences were positive, many young people are having negative experiences online.

### Safer Internet Day 2017 in action

To encourage the students of Penkridge Middle School to enjoy a positive experience online we have been learning all about the power of images in class this week and everybody has taken part in our #SID2017 challenge. Students have created a piece of digital content to promote online safety, with the best examples being posted on the school's Facebook and Twitter pages in the coming weeks.

We have also been completing an online safety quiz and I have been really impressed with how well everybody has done. With most scoring 6 or more out of 8, it is clear we know how to stay safe online.

Total points distribution



In other news, there are a few things in the pipeline from Computing so keep a lookout on our social media site for more coming soon.

## Year 5 only

Thank you to parents who attended our Y5 Parents' Evening. We hope that you found the evening informative. May we remind you that next week is Y7 Parents' Evening on Thursday evening? Well done to Y6 who have completed a round of Mock SAT's this week. We are proud of your efforts towards meeting your Golden Targets.

## Year 7 only

Prior to Christmas Y7 completed a questionnaire that had been requested to be done by Cassie Parsons, the school nurse. Following on from this Cassie has been asked (by the NHS) to come back into school to have a very brief one to one chat ( a couple of minutes) with any pupils that responded negatively to a question related to their general feelings about how happy they are feeling. This is to assess whether any pupils would benefit from any further emotional support from the school nurse or other agencies. If Cassie did feel that a pupil needed any further support she will then get in touch with parents to ask their permission. Cassie will be in school to do this on **8<sup>th</sup> March**. Not all pupils will be seen. **If you do not wish Cassie to speak to your child if they have been picked up by the survey then please email the school on [office@penkridge.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@penkridge.staffs.sch.uk) for the attention of Mrs Hodson.**

Thank you - Mrs Frost

## From Wolgarston for Parents of Y7 pupils

At Wolgarston High School we are always looking to engage with parents in the local area and would appreciate two minutes of your time to discover your thoughts and aspirations for your child(ren)'s future education.

If you would be so kind as to complete our online questionnaire, which can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YR7Surv> , it would be much appreciated.

If you would like to speak with me, please contact me on 01785 788400 option 4.

Many thanks in advance for your support with this request,  
Jan Marson  
Senior Finance Support Officer

## For all pupils

### Pudsey's Pennies! – BBC's Children in Need 2017



The School Council of Penkridge Middle School have decided to hold a collection (Pudsey's Pennies) to raise money for BBC's Children in Need this year! Students may bring in loose change to school- mainly coppers- that they can drop off at the Pudsey Point in the donation box that will be located in the dining corridor, near the Office. As a school, we are hoping to achieve and exceed our target of raising £200 for November this year-that's 20,000 pennies overall! It would be greatly appreciated by the Children in Need if you could collect some pennies over the course of the year to contribute to this good cause! A penny can make a difference!

**Parents' Evening - Year 7**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 4.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.**

Year 7 Parents' Evening will be held on the above date. This is your opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their subject teachers.

The Year 7 evening will be held in the Hall and Music Room; appointments will be made at five minute intervals. Your child will be responsible for organising your appointments with their teachers. Please return your child's reply slip to the Class Teacher and your child will then use this slip to record your appointments. To ensure your child has adequate time to collect appointments please return the reply slip as soon as possible. Your child will then need to pass back to you the reply slip prior to the evening. Of course your child is welcome to attend the evening with you. Your child's books will be available for viewing during the evening in one of the Year 7 classrooms so allow extra time for this.

It would also be very helpful if you could indicate on your reply slip which subject teachers you would like to see and also an indication of preferred time of evening.

**Year 7 Parents' Evening - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 4.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.**

Pupil's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

We/I will/will not be attending Year 7 Parents' Evening. (Please delete as appropriate)

We/I would like to see the following subject teachers during time slot

\_\_\_\_\_ (approximately)

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