

Menu for
the week...



Growth mindset
thought for the week



Week 3

You are capable of so much more than you can even imagine.

20th January 2017

Dates for your diary

January 24 th	Young Voices Trip
February 8 th	Y5 Parents' Evening.
February 16 th	Y7 Parents' Evening.
February 20 th -24 th	Half Term
March 2 nd	Y6 Parents' Evening



Star Pupil of the Week

Week Beginning 9th January 2017

Year 5

Jake White	5JB
James Hodgkiss	5LM
Lucy Nield	5CWK
Ellis Millard	5SC

Year 7

Nathan Howes	7LW
Harrison Owen	7EN
Izzy Austin	7JW
Zak Turner	7KM

Year 6

Hannah Prosser	6SB
Jake Cartlidge	6AP
Riven Winsper	6LK
Lewis Hindmarsh	6CA

Year 8

Lily Pedley	8SH
Bella Price	8SS
Katie Roberts	8RC
Carmen Shea	8CWT

Young Voices – Genting Arena, Birmingham

On Tuesday 24th some of our pupils will be taking part in The Young Voices performance at The Genting Arena. This is always a highlight of the year and we wish our singers all the very best for what is sure to be a memorable occasion.

For all pupils

In the Science pit

This week in Science pupils have been 'in the pit' learning about the respiratory system, the circulatory system and photosynthesis. In Year 7 pupils have been learning about the role of the respiratory system, how gas exchange occurs and the process of breathing. To do this, we have dissected a pair of lungs to see the structure first hand. In Year 6 pupils have been learning about the function of the heart. Again, we had the opportunity to see a

dissected and see and feel the difference between side, the right side, the veins and the arteries. A these activities will be posted onto the school page. We also started to investigate how exercise heart rate. Year 8 have been testing their of electricity and magnetism. They completed an analysed their papers to identify any gaps in their thus filled in these gaps. They have also started learning about the vital role photosynthesis plays in the survival of living things.

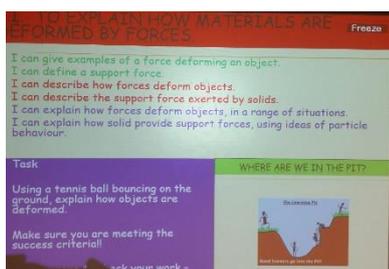


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In Science, we are very proud of the progress we have made with our transition to a Visible Learning school. We have introduced learning

walls and enable stations; these enable pupils to be more independent with their learning and helps us with our 5B's (brain, book, board, buddy and boss). At the start of each lesson, pupils are given the learning intention and the steps they will need to achieve it (success criteria) as well as the task that will prove learning has taken place. Pupils identify where they are in the learning pit at the start of the lesson and review this throughout the lesson. All the feedback that pupils receive is based around these success criteria.



The department's next steps out of the pit will be to support pupils with their understanding of the learning strategies that can be used within lessons. This will further enable pupils to understand what they are learning and how they are learning.

Visible Learning Journey

Last Friday we focussed on Visible Learning in our whole school assembly. We talked about the importance of students really focussing on their learning intentions and success criteria in lessons. Teachers will be using new 'ink stamps' in children's books from next week when students have used their success criteria well or met the learning intentions. Also ask your children about the 'sleeping otters holding hands'. We talked about how the otters supported each other as they slept. We asked the children to support each other similarly with their learning.

Pobble Writing



Well done to Y6 for all of their pieces of work that have been uploaded to Pobble following our workshop last week.

Y5 Parents' Evening - 8th February

Next week we will provide details about how to book appointments to meet Subject Teachers at our Parents' Evening for Y5.

RUNNING CLUB

ALL YEAR GROUPS

As part of developing a healthy lifestyle for our students, Mr Sutton will be providing a running club over two days. On Monday the club will be from 12:30-1:00pm and the Tuesday club will be from 3:30pm-4:00pm.

Students from all year groups are welcome and should wear their PE kit for the club. It doesn't matter what level of fitness you are. You do as much as you want over the time period. The aim is to have a social group run each session, working with and motivating each other to get fit and feel good, reaping the benefits of running.

These 2 sessions are completely free and are a great opportunity for the up and coming running competitions for those students who wish to participate in them (details will be published nearer the time).

If you are interested in the Monday session, then just turn up at the PE department at 12:30pm and let's run! If you want to attend the Tuesday session, then please complete the slip below and I will see you in the PE department at 3:30pm on Tuesdays.

Mr Sutton

Head of PE

After School Club Acknowledgement & Permission Slip

I give permission for my child Class to attend **running club** at Penkridge Middle School on Tuesdays from 3:30 pm – 4:00pm.

I will make arrangements for him/her to be collected

S/He is allowed to walk home from each session. **(Please tick one box)**

Emergency contact number

Medical notes (if applicable).....

Signed Parent/Carer

