

Menu for  
the week...



Week 1

Growth mindset  
thought for the week



Patience, Persistence and perspiration make an unbeatable combination for  
success.

17<sup>th</sup> March 2017

## Dates for your diary

April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 8 leavers' photographs.
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Finish for Easter. Return Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April.
April 12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup>	Provisionally Easter School
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATS week.

## Ofsted Report.

We are pleased to send out to you today, a copy of our Ofsted report, which was sent into school yesterday. Please find it attached as a pdf report. The Ofsted framework has changed considerably since the last inspection in 2013 and the bar has been significantly raised. We are very pleased with the report and staff are already busy working on the action points that we have been given. Once again, I would like to thank both parents and children for completing the surveys for us when we were inspected.



## Star Pupil of the Week

Week Beginning 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017

### Year 5

Aimee Bramwell	5JB
Isabelle Bramwell	5LM
Ellie Downing	5CWK
Maple Norman	5SC

### Year 7

Madison Cheung	7LW
Casey Shea	7EN
Libby Williams	7JW
Fern Boulton	7KM

### Year 6

Kai Wollaston	6SB
Jacob Green	6AP
Lowri Morris	6LK
Tom Dillon	6CA

### Year 8

Elliot Smith	8SH
Beth Jones	8SS
Ella Milner	8RC
Connor Heath	8CWT

## Pupil achievements

Phillipa Brown came first in the West Midlands NDP Acrobatics competition, held at Cannock Leisure Centre on Saturday.

She will take part in the British Championships in May and we wish her every success.

Well done to Dylan Wilde in 7KM who presented how to dog train with his dog recently at Crufts 2017. He was representing The Kennel Club Good Citizen Dog Scheme. This is a fantastic achievement and we are very proud of him.



Also we are very proud of Betsey Moran 6AP who wrote to Theresa May giving her some useful suggestions on how to use technology such as ipads to speed up the decision making in the Government around Brexit. Betsey has received an official letter back thanking her for her suggestions.

## Use of mobile phones.

Although we insist that mobile phones are handed in during the school day we are having a number of issues with students using their phones as they walk down the drive. If your child does bring a phone into school please can you remind them that they should not be using it to take photos or message others as they walk down the drive? Any students that cause further issues will be banned from bringing phones into school. Thank you for your support in this matter.

## DT/Art

A polite reminder that there are over 80 pupils who have not yet contributed £5 towards Art & D/T materials and food ingredients which was requested in September. These contributions go towards a visiting African Artist working with Year 6 and all year groups for food and resistant textiles materials. Whilst this is a voluntary contribution, it is difficult for school to offer the curriculum opportunities without this funding.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs M De-Loyde

## Music at Penkridge Middle School



In January over 70 Penkridge Middle School students went to the Genting Arena to sing as part of the world's largest children's choir. This was such a wonderful musical experience, not only did we get chance to sing lots of uplifting songs but we also witnessed some great performances from world renowned musicians. Witnessing a range of professional performances at Young Voices 2017 has inspired the pupils to create their own music groups and our Year 7's and 8's have been practising hard over the last few weeks creating a full piece of music that will be recorded onto CD for them to take home to share with family and friends over the Easter period.

### **Music and Visible Learning**

Our students have really enjoyed the challenge of climbing out of 'the pit' in their music lessons, especially with their group compositions. Students are encouraged to take ownership and responsibility for their work and lesson by lesson have been creating their own success criteria for band and performance. They are helping each other with next steps and ultimately climbing out of 'the pit'; we are really looking forward to recording the band performances before Easter in our Composition assessment lessons.

### **Instrumental lessons**

At Penkridge Middle School we offer a range of instrumental lessons across the academic calendar, providing the students with the opportunity to learn how to play drums/percussion, piano/keyboard, guitar/ukulele, violin, flute, oboe and cello. Ashli Giles, one of our talented musicians (a violinist), recently took part in the Mary Moss music festival and proved a great success. She has also written some music since and now has a CD of her music compositions to show for all of her hard work.

### **Extra-Curricular Life**

We offer a wealth of extra-curricular clubs each week and these are popular amongst the students; these sessions take place at lunchtimes and integrate Visible Learning. We currently run; sweet harmony singing group, Ukulele group, Band/ensemble and Fusion group.

Mr D.Mason

Head of Music

**Year 6 only**

Easter School – April 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>

We would like to run an Easter school for 2 days during the Easter holidays to do some fun activities to help us prepare for SATs. If students attend they will also be treated to a special activity on each day. On one day we will be having a special visit from some animals and on the other day we will be having an ambulance come to school and students will be able to see how it works etc. Many of the activities on the days will promote revision but through very fun and practical tasks such as an Easter egg hunt. We propose to run the days from 9.30am until 2.30pm on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> April. There will be no cost to the days but we must know names and numbers as soon as possible so that we can plan staffing and activities. Children do not need to wear uniform but will be required to bring a packed lunch. We may not be able to accommodate all students so please sign up quickly. If you would like your child to attend please complete the slip and return it to the school office or ask your child to pass it to their Y6 class teacher.

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**Easter School**

Childs Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my child to attend the Easter school.

Signature.....

If they gain a place on the Easter school I will collect them at 2.30pm/ let them walk/cycle home themselves. (Delete as appropriate)