

Menu for  
the week...



Growth mindset  
thought for the week



Week 3

Strive for progress not perfection.

25<sup>th</sup> November 2016

## Dates for your diary

28<sup>th</sup> November – Coventry Cathedral Y8  
9<sup>th</sup> December - Advent Fair  
13<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Concert  
14<sup>th</sup> December – Pupils' Christmas Dinner  
15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Assembly  
16<sup>th</sup> December – Pupils finish 1.00pm



## Star Pupil of the Week

### Week Beginning 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016

#### Year 5

Cooper Marsh 5JB  
Ethan McCormack 5LM  
Tristan Taylor 5CWK  
Zion Nrialike 5SC

#### Year 7

Sydney Evans 7LW  
Mia Szewczyk 7EN  
Emily Lewis 7JW  
Nicole Kinder 7KM

#### Year 6

James Barnett 6SB  
Jake Cartlidge 6AP  
Faith Kettle 6LK  
Isla Turnbull 6CA

#### Year 8

Tom Baker 8SH  
Nicholas Tracey 8SS  
Ella Milner 8RC  
Tiffany Rylance 8CWT

## Parking

Please can we remind you that unless you have received permission from school parents should not drive up to the top drive at 3.30pm. We have had a couple of cars recently driving up at speed which can put our cyclists at risk.

We have also been approached by some residents about inconsiderate parking. Please take care where you are parking. Many thanks for keeping all of the children safe.

## Successful 'Meet the Class Teacher' Evening

Thank you to all of the parents that braved the weather on Monday evening to attend our 'Meet the Teacher' evening for Y6, 7 and 8.

## **For all pupils**

### **Special Guest**

I am very excited to tell you that we will be having a special guest visiting school on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. 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.

Please encourage children to go to Ben's website to learn about him and to think about a question they might like to ask him during the assembly. <http://www.benrowlings.com/home.html>

Mrs Swift (SENDCo)

### **Talented Pupils**

Congratulations to Emily McNeil in Y5 who has been chosen to play the part of 'Holly' in the Christmas parade and show at Thomas Land.

Congratulations also goes to Heidi Webb in Y6 who was involved in a Fashion Show to raise money for Children in Need.

### **Advent Fayre**

This year's Advent Fayre is taking place on the afternoon of Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 in the Hall.

### **The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2016**

Thank you to parents for letting the children buy their poppies and related merchandise during break times. We are very pleased to inform you that we raised £322.59 for the Royal British Legion. Mrs Bennett did a lovely assembly explaining the importance of Remembrance to the whole school.

## Fundraising

We are running two charity fundraisers this Christmas. Children will be allowed to wear a Christmas Jumper on 16<sup>th</sup> 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 would also like to support Samaritan's Purse – Operation Christmas Child by making up two shoeboxes of gifts per class if possible. Our aim is that each class will make up one box for a boy and one for a girl. The class can decide on the age groups 2-4 years, 5-9 years or 10-14 years and which items to donate. Gift suggestions are:

**Toys** - Include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls or stuffed toys (with CE label), toy trucks, harmonica, yo-yo, skipping rope, ball, small puzzles etc.

**School Supplies** - Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks & paper, solar calculators, colouring & picture books etc.

**Hygiene Items** - Toothbrush and toothpaste, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel.

**Other Items** - Hat, cap, gloves or scarf, sunglasses, hair accessories, jewellery set, wind up torch, wrapped sweets (best-before-date must be at least March of the following year).

**Do Not Include** - Used or damaged items, war related items such as toy guns, play soldiers or knives; chocolate or other food items; liquids or lotions of any type including bubbles; medicines; hand-made or knitted stuffed toys; anything of a political, racial or religious nature; sharp objects; glass containers, mirrors or fragile items; playing cards of the 4-suit variety; clothing other than as listed above.

## Christmas Tree Festival

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

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

To make sure that ours is one of the most spectacular trees on display, over the next couple of weeks students will be 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.



**PENKRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
IS NOW ON FACEBOOK**



Like our page for updates, news, events and photos plus a handy weekly link to L'hebdo

# Facebook/Twitter Permission Slip

As we have now launched Penkrige Middle School on Facebook and Twitter, we will be adding pictures of different events that our pupils have taken part in. Please can you complete the permission slip below and return to school by Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Many thanks.

Please tick one option to indicate whether you give consent for pictures to be published on Facebook and Twitter.

Child's Name ..... Class .....

	Yes with Name	Yes without name	No
Facebook			
Twitter			

Parent/Carer Signature ..... Date .....





Please come and support  
our Advent Fayre 2016!  
All classes are running  
either a stall or game  
to raise funds towards updating the lockers.

Once again this year we would  
like to run the wine hamper.

If you have any bottles to spare,  
these would be very much appreciated.  
If anyone has any time to spare to help  
on the afternoon of the 9<sup>th</sup>,  
we would welcome you with open arms!

## Advent Fayre

As mentioned in previous editions of l'Hebdo, our Advent Fayre takes place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 me .....ticket/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 13<sup>th</sup> 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