



13th November 2023
Penbridge School Newsletter





Dear parents and carers,

Last week we had parents evening at both schools. Thank you to all the parents who came into school or spoke to the class teacher on the phone about how your child is progressing with their learning in school. Our teachers will reach out to any parents that haven't attended or had a phone call over the next week.

This week we are thinking about anti-bullying and children have been wearing odd socks today in school. It is important that children understand the difference between bullying and other children being unkind to them. Bullying is when something is happening over a period of time and on regular occurrences. If you have any concerns please report these to a member of staff.

On Friday we will be celebrating Children In Need. Children and staff should come into school wearing yellow, spotty or Pudsey bear themed clothing with a donation of £1 going to the charity. Each school has different events and a letter was sent last week. Please see the office if you have not received this. Please start to send in donations for the Junior School Bring and Buy (toys and books) from today. The children at the Junior School will all visit the bring and buy on Friday so bring in some money to spend if you can.

We hope you have a lovely week ahead.

Warmest regards

Mrs Webb, Mrs Denton and Miss Morris

Seahorses Class enjoyed playing with dinosaurs in slime and cracked open some dinosaur eggs to find a dinosaur inside.







Year 5 and 6 school councillors joined Fr Bob and Members of The Royal British Legion for an Act of Remembrance at the Cross of Sacrifice in Kingston Cemetery on Wednesday 8th November.

Year 6 created a stunning display of art work based on the theme of Remembrance after discussing the relevance of the poppy. The children were able to apply their recent WW2 knowledge to understand the significance of remembrance to people around the world.



Several children at the junior school have reached Rock Hero status on Times Tables Rockstars which means they can answer each question in less than one second! An amazing achievement - well done. Look out for more Rock Heroes in next week's newsletter.



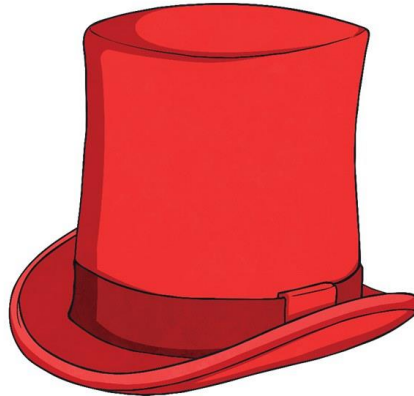




Year 2 have been learning about why we celebrate remembrance. The children wrote poems which are displayed in the Year 2 corridor. They painted poppies which they held when observing our 2 minutes silence, to help us remember the people they had been learning about. They also created some remembrance pebbles which will be placed in our nature garden. This will help us remember even after the day has passed.



The Red Thinking Hat



The Hat of Emotions

We hope you're enjoying our journey through the "Thinking Hats" series. Today, let's meet the Red Hat, the Hat of Emotions. This hat is essential for developing emotional awareness and empathy in your child.

What does the Red Hat do?

The Red Hat focuses on emotions and feelings. When your child wears it, they can express their emotions openly, discuss their feelings, and consider how others may feel.

How can parents use it at home?

1. Sharing emotions: Create a safe space for your child to express their feelings without judgment. The Red Hat can help them become more self-aware and empathetic.
2. Resolving conflicts: Encourage your child to use the Red Hat when dealing with disagreements. Discuss their feelings and help them consider how others might feel to find peaceful solutions.
3. Building empathy: Explore stories or situations together where characters experience different emotions. Discuss how those emotions might feel, nurturing empathy.

By incorporating the Red Hat at home, you'll foster emotional intelligence, gain a better understanding of your child's feelings, and promote healthier social interactions.

Stay tuned for the Blue Hat, the Hat of Organisation, in our next newsletter!

Online safety



There are lots of fun and interesting things you can do on the internet. And it can be a great way to stay in touch with friends. But it's important to understand how to stay safe online.

Sometimes people will try to trick you into clicking dangerous links [or sharing things about yourself](#). Or something you've shared might be used to [bully or frighten you](#).

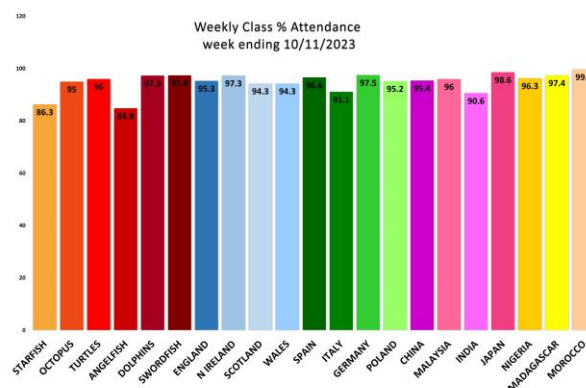
Childline have lots of tips to stay safe online.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/staying-safe-online/>

School Attendance



Please see the graph below for this weeks class attendance.



Dates for your diary



This week:

Monday 13th November - Odd socks day and the start of anti-bullying week.

Friday 17th November - Children In Need - please see the previous letter about the events at each school.

Next week:

Monday 20th November - Year 1 music festival - letter has been sent to parents.

Parents are invited to join a maths lesson on the following dates at the Junior School:

Tuesday 21st November - Year 4 10:00 - 10:30am

Wednesday 22nd November - Year 5 9:15 - 9:45am

Thursday 23rd November - Year 6 9:15 - 9:45am

Friday 24th November - Year 3 10:00 - 10:30am

Parents are invited to observe and join in with a phonics lesson on the following dates at the Infant School there will be 12-15 places for each session:

Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th November at 9:30am in Year R

Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th November at 9:05am in Year 1

Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th November at 9:05am in Year 2

Other Future dates:

Thursday 7th December - Times Tables Rockstars Day - more details to follow

Thursday 7th December 9:30 - 10:00am Year 3 topic showcase

Friday 8th December 3:30pm - Year 2 hot chocolate and story

Wednesday 13th December 2:30pm Year 4 topic showcase

Wednesday 13th December 2:40pm - Year 2 topic showcase

Wednesday 13th December 2:40pm - Year 1 topic showcase

Thursday 14th December 2:15pm - Year 6 topic showcase

Bikeability Year 6 - week commencing 8th January 2024

Bikeability Year 5 - week commencing 15th January 2024

Christmas Dates:

Tuesday 5th December 2:00pm - Year 5 Christmas production for parents 'No-one Wraps Like an Elf'

Tuesday 5th December 9am - Year 1 Christmas crafts (half a class at a time - there will be a sign up sheet shortly)

Wednesday 6th December 9am - Year 1 Christmas crafts (half a class at a time - there will be a sign up sheet shortly)

Tuesday 5th December 2:40pm - Year 2 Christmas crafts (half a class at a time - there will be a sign up sheet shortly)

Wednesday 6th December 10:00am - Year 5 Christmas production for parents 'No-one Wraps Like an Elf'

Wednesday 6th December 2:40pm - Year 2 Christmas crafts (half a class at a time - there will be a sign up sheet shortly)

Thursday 7th December - Year R Christmas performance to parents

Friday 8th December - Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day

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Friday 8th December 5:30pm - Infant and Junior Choirs singing at The News Carol service in St Mary's church

Wednesday 13th December 6:30pm - Choir performing 'No-one Wraps Like an Elf' with Portsmouth Music Hub at St Mary's Church

Monday 11th December 10:00am - Northern Ireland class 'Songs Around the Christmas Tree'

Monday 11th December 2:30pm - Year R Christmas crafts (half a class at a time - there will be a sign up sheet shortly)

Tuesday 12th December 10:00am - England class 'Songs Around the Christmas Tree'

Tuesday 12th December 2:30pm - Year R Christmas crafts (half a class at a time - there will be a sign up sheet shortly)

Wednesday 13th December 10:00am - Scotland class 'Songs Around the Christmas Tree'

Thursday 14th December 10:00am - Wales class 'Songs Around the Christmas Tree'

Christmas Discos

Year R : 1 - 2 pm Monday 11th December

Year 1 & Year 2: 2 - 3pm Monday 11th December

Year 3: 1:45 - 2:45pm Thursday 7th December

Year 4: 1:45 - 2:45pm Monday 11th December

Year 5: 1:45 - 2:45pm Tuesday 12th December

Year 6: 1:45 - 2:45pm Friday 8th December

School holiday dates for 2023-24:

Monday 23rd October- Friday 27th October 2023 - Half term

Monday 18th December - Monday 1st January 2024 - Christmas holidays

Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February 2024 - Half term

Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April 2024 - Easter holidays (Thursday 28th March is an INSET day)

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May 2024 - Half term

Wednesday 24th July - Summer holidays begin

INSET Days:

Friday 1st December

Monday 29th January 2024

Monday 19th February 2024

Thursday 28th March 2024

Friday 5th July 2024

Contact us



If you have any questions or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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Email: office@penbridgeschool.org.uk

Or visit our **website** for more information about the schools: www.penbridgeschool.org.uk