



Penbridge School Newsletter
17th July 2023





Dear parents and carers,

Here we are in the last week of this academic year - we cannot believe how quickly this year has flown by.

Once again, our schools have shown what an amazing community we are, with lots of things to celebrate. When we look back over the year, we cannot believe how much we have fitted in - trips, visitors, shows, sports matches and tournaments, choir concerts as well as a successful Ofsted visit at each school showing that we are good in all areas. Thank you to our staff who put in so much effort to ensure the children have the best possible enriched education every day. Thank you to parents and carers for supporting us in the different aspects of school life, especially to celebrate your child's achievements.

Thank you as well to our amazing children who make us laugh and cry - they are all unique, working hard to be their best and show our Penbridge Values.

To our Year 6 children and Year 2 children that are leaving us on Friday, we wish you the very best of luck in your new schools. Please take everything you have been taught throughout your time with us to help you with your future learning. We say goodbye to some staff on Friday as well: Miss Mundy, Mrs Fleming, Mrs Hughes, Miss Harvey, Mrs Garner, Mrs Heap and Ms Bartlett. I'm sure you will join us in wishing them all the very best for their new adventures.

Just a reminder that on the last day of term (Friday 21st July) we are finishing just after lunchtime (1.15pm for the infant school and 1.30pm for the junior school). If you wish your child at the junior school to walk home on their own please complete the form: <https://forms.office.com/e/S5ZcJtsybq> by Thursday. Children will only be allowed to leave without an adult if we have your permission.

We would like to wish you a fantastic summer and look forward to seeing you on Monday 4th September.

Warmest regards

Mrs Webb, Mrs Denton and Miss Morris

11 Very lucky year 5 and 6 children yesterday had a once in a lifetime trip to Lord's Cricket Ground. The pupils took part in a variety of activities around the ground. They started their day with some mini cricket games where children got to participate in activities with other schools and have the chance to make some new friends. One of the Year 5 children even got the chance to bowl for England international Ravi Bopara.

After this they had a guided tour of Lord's which included the dressing room of the England team and even getting to go on the players balcony! After lunch the children got to take part in a mini game of cricket, this time it was on the Lord's Pitch. They ended the day with a fitness class called 'Drumba' the children enjoyed this and so did the adults with them joining in too.

It was a great day for everyone involved and a day the children will never forget. Thank you to Chance to Shine and Hampshire Cricket for this opportunity.













There was a very special visitor in Starfish Class. They all got to meet a unicorn, she was called Princess. She was very friendly and let them all sit on her. They really enjoyed meeting princess.













Clownfish Class had a great time going to Asda. They were shown around by Dani who is the community champion. They got to watch pizzas being made and all had a turn to serve a customer at the till.

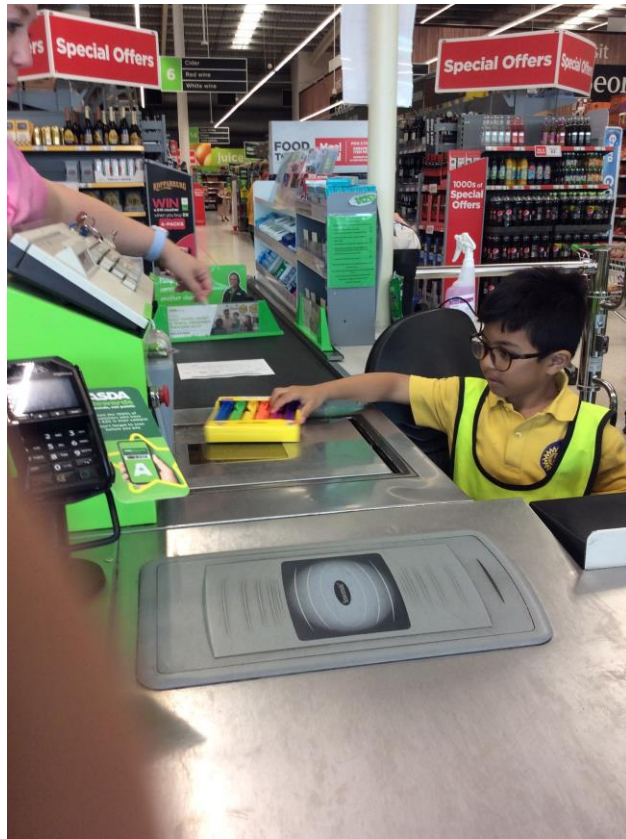








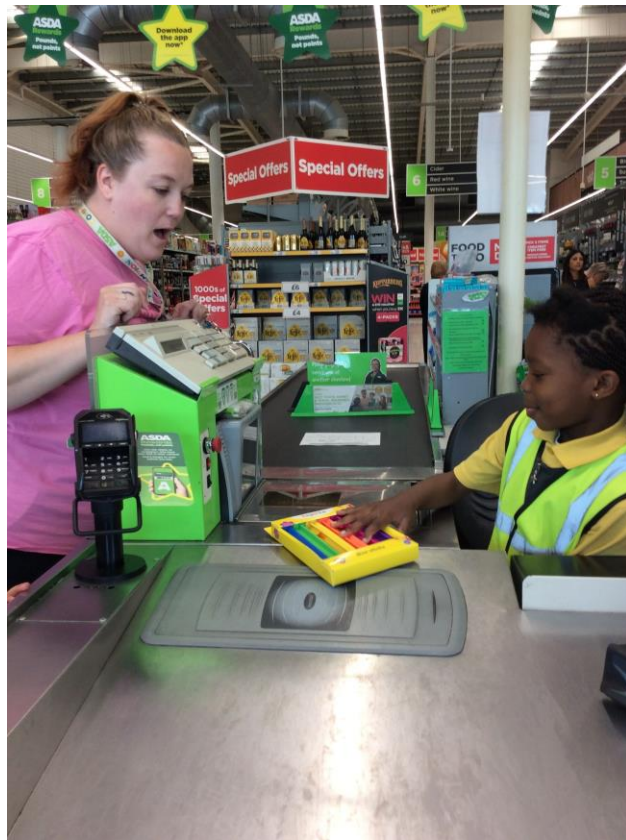




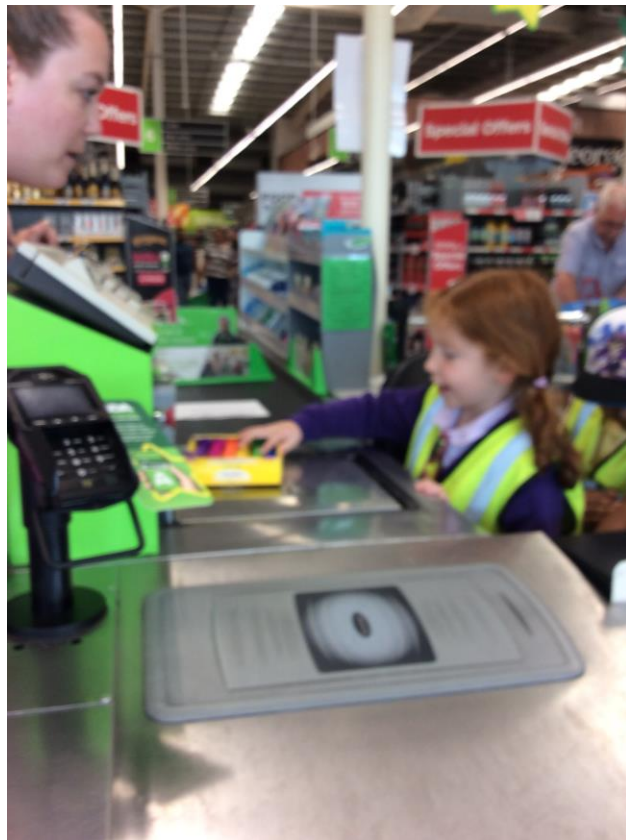
















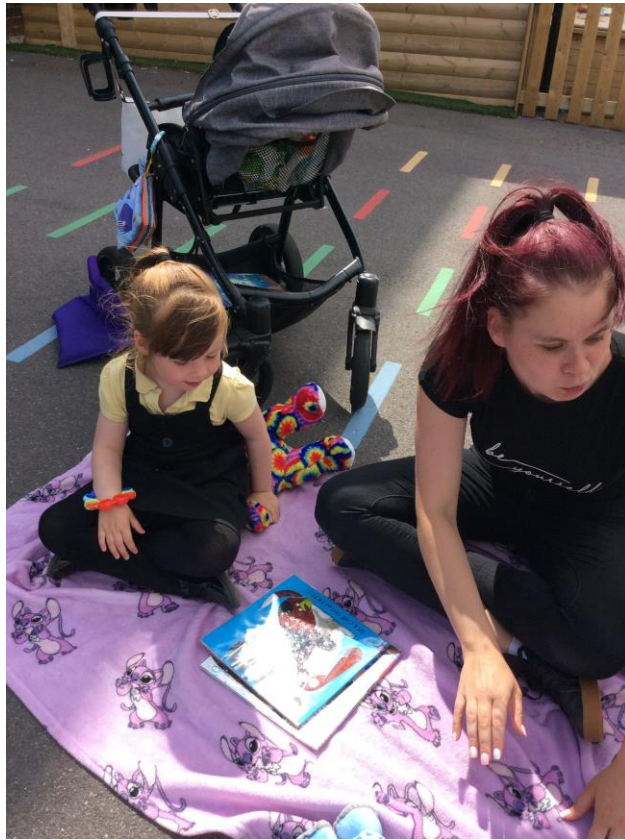


Clownfish class also enjoyed sharing stories with their friends and family and family at our 'Pop in for a story event'.









Well done to all Year 6 for putting on an amazing performance of The Wizard of Oz.



















Online Safety



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to help an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide is one of our many resources and before we do that, please do visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, links and tips for safety.

Online safety tips for parents & carers to KEEP CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE OVER SUMMER

School's out... for summer! Yes, it's that time of the year again: around six weeks at home for ecstatic youngsters. For many young people, a bumper stint of school means a welcome chance to spend even more time with their games console, phone, tablet or smart TV. So whether your children are likely to be scrolling on Snapchat, nesting in front of Netflix or trying to win on Fortnite, we've put together some top tips to help you keep them safe online this holiday.

THERE'S NO NETWORK LIKE HOME

Youngsters, especially, tend to be convinced that their home is a safe space. The fact that they're at home is a comfort and a reassurance. However, there are many ways in which your child's home could be a danger zone. Make sure your child is aware of the risks of using their phone or tablet at home, especially if they're using it to make purchases or contact personal details when not at school.

LIGHTS OUT, SCREENS OFF

This is a golden rule to try to limit how much screen time your child has overnight and at the end of the day. Staring at the screen of a game or the news before bed can have a negative impact on their quality of sleep - which can in turn affect their concentration, mood and energy levels the next day.

FOCUS ON FACTS

The internet is phenomenal at spreading news, which is great, but it's also great at spreading lies. Don't let your child be misled by what they see online. Encourage them to go into their settings, check their privacy settings and make sure they're not sharing anything they shouldn't. Encourage them to be sceptical of what they see online - especially if the person involved isn't around to provide their side of the story.

KEEP TALKING

It's never a bad idea to talk to your child about what they're doing online. When you're talking to your child about what they're doing online, it's important to be open to listening to what they have to say. If you can signal potential risks and in advance, you can help them to avoid them.

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LIMIT SOCIAL AUDIENCES

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DEMONSTRATE GOOD HABITS

Children often learn their digital behaviour from watching the grown-ups around them. So make sure your child knows you're having positive and responsible social media, for example, in your own life. Even if you're not on social media, you can still show them how to use it responsibly. You can also show them how to use it responsibly.

WATCH FOR EXCESSIVE GAMING

With no school, children often take every opportunity to play. It's not a bad thing, but it's important to be aware of the risks of excessive gaming. You can help your child to be aware of the risks of excessive gaming.

IT'S THE GREAT OUTDOORS FOR A REASON

For most youngsters, holidays are a great time to be outdoors. This time of year is a rare opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and to get some fresh air. Encourage your child to be outdoors and to enjoy the outdoors. You can help your child to be outdoors and to enjoy the outdoors.

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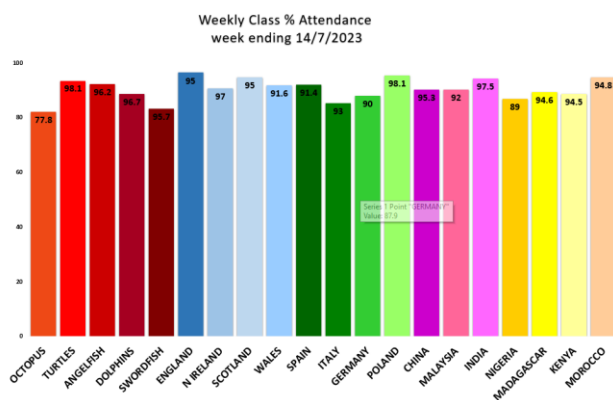
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School Attendance



Please see the graph for your child's class attendance for last week.



Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge 2023 starts on Saturday 8 July and runs until Saturday 23 September. The challenge encourages children aged 4 to 11 to read up to six library books during the long summer holiday. More information can be found here:

[Summer Reading Challenge – Public Library Service \(portsmouth.gov.uk\)](https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/libraries/summer-reading-challenge)

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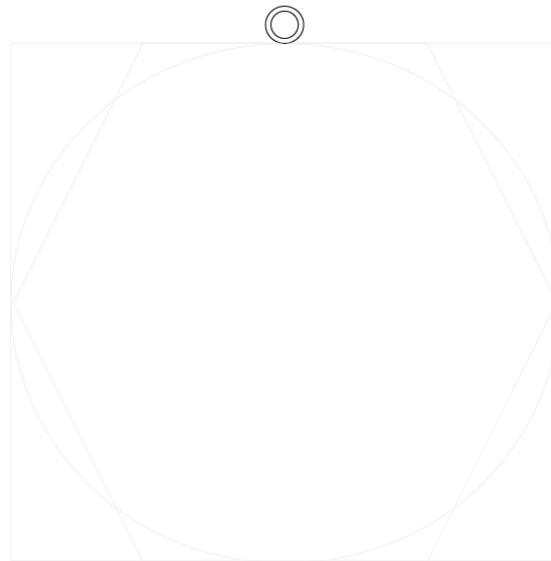
MHST Summer Workshops

Design a new medal over the summer

The Hampshire School Games have run out of their medal supply and are now looking to order more. They would like some ideas and a new design so they are looking to the young people of Hampshire & IOW to design a new medal. The winner will have their design used for all the Hampshire School Games finals in 2023/24.

HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL GAMES MEDAL DESIGN COMPETITION

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Please consider the following:

1. Do not put a date or year in the design.
2. Do not have one specific sport on the medal as it is awarded across many different sports.
3. Do not use colour, only use black pen or pencil.
4. Keep the design simple.
5. Which shape would you prefer.
6. What material should it be made of, wood, metal, plastic?



Dates for your diary



This week:

Monday 17th July - Year 2 production to parents (pm)

Monday 17th July - Year 3 topic showcase (10.00-10.20am)

Monday 17th July - Year 4 topic showcase (2.30pm)

Tuesday 18th July - Year 2 production to parents (am)

Tuesday 18th July - School nurse clinic at Penbridge Junior School (sessions must be pre-booked by phoning the office)

Wednesday 19th July - Year 6 topic showcase (2.15pm)

Friday 21st July - Last day of term (finish at 1.15 for the Infant School and 1.30 for the Junior School)

Remaining school holiday dates:

Monday 24th July - Thursday 31st August - Summer holidays

School holiday dates for 2023-24:

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

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

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

Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April 2024 - Easter holidays

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

Wednesday 24th July - Summer holidays begin

INSET Days for next year:

Friday 1st September 2023 (Children start back at school on Monday 4th September 2023)

Friday 20th October 2023

Friday 1st December 2023

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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- Penbridge Junior School: New Road, Portsmouth, PO2 7RW

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If you would prefer to **email** we now have one email address for both schools:

Email: office@penbridgeschool.org.uk

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