



PENSHURST C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear parents

News from around the school

Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of another term it is always good to reflect on all the wonderful things the children have been part of .

I am sure when you come to our Term 3 Open Afternoon you will see this in your child's books.

There is so much great learning going on throughout school each and every day. I have seen some inspiring lessons happening across the school and that is largely down to the hard work of the teaching team – our teachers and support assistants really do work incredibly hard. Our curriculum materials are ambitious and the teaching team always rise to the challenge and create such great learning opportunities for all pupils.

So far this academic year, Elm Class have taken part in an experience day linked to the Great Fire of London and this week Beech Class have been immersed in all things Viking. On both days there were some very impressive costumes worn. Oak Class has been out and about to the Imperial War Museum (by train) . There has been some great 'hands on learning'. This week I visited Beech and Oak to hear their final music pieces – the concentration on all the faces was intense! We also found time to reflect and ask questions in subjects such as RE.

Pupils in Maple class have settled in so well to school life under the care and guidance of Mrs Williams. They are all now well and truly part of the school and sit so beautifully in our school Worship.

I am very proud of what we do here at Penshurst and thankful that I have such a great team. I am also incredibly proud of every child – they give their all and do their very best to demonstrate the school's vision and values.

Sue Elliott, Headteacher

Photos from around the school



Maple and Elm Class 'Winston and the First Christmas', St John the Baptist Church, Penshurst. Christmas 2023



Pupils in Oak Class shared their computing/DT fairground carousel projects with Maple Class – clearly a lot of fun was had!



Beech Class
Viking Day





Secret Santa Shopping

Many thanks to our PTA volunteers who made the Secret Shopping Event run so smoothly and provided the children with opportunity to buy some special little gifts for their loved ones. Many thanks to our fantastic PTA for the work they have done this year in raising much needed funds for the school.

Good Luck



Ms Schembri, who works in Beech Class, has left us this week to go on her maternity leave – she will be returning to work with us in 2025! She is expecting a little girl early in the New Year. We wish her and her family all the best and look forward to seeing her latest edition. We also say goodbye to Hugo(Y2) and his family as they make plans to move abroad. We wish them the very best for the future.

Christmas Performances

We held two very different Christmas events this week – different but equally lovely. The children in Maple and Elm clearly had a lovely time performing their Nativity 'Winston and the First Christmas'. They all spoke up well and the acting was wonderful. Our pupils in Beech and Oak held their Carols and Readings, again the children did themselves proud – speaking clearly and singing beautifully. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and friends that came along to watch and support – the children clearly felt proud of themselves and rightly so – in my opinion. Well done to everyone involved. Great costumes too!

Maple Class: Annabelle, Teddy, Tilly, Amelia, Finley, Theo, Ffion, Inara, Alina, Gabriel, Parker, Njal, Tilly.

Elm Class: William, Freddie, Harrison, Leo, Lina, Isabella, Thea, Jacob, Annie, Fergus, Lukass, Sofia, Rocky, Annabelle, Fred, Poppy, Tabby, Hugo, Joseph, Florence, Elliot, Elwyn, Freida, Nate, Lily & Imogen.

Beech Class : Max, Hattie, Gilbert, George, Barney, Noelle, Harry, Zachary, Leo, Bunnirose, Coco, Matilda, Chelsea, Sophie, Theo, Layla, Willow, Amelia, Isla, Ava-Grace, Taylor, Luca and Oscar.

Oak Class: Ava, Jack H, Jimmy, George, Tatum, Raphael, Freddie, Henry, Emily, Arlen, Tadhg, Jack E, Martha, Oscar, William, Chloe, Harriet, Aubyn & Arlo

**All reached GOLD in weeks 6 and /or 7.
Well done to them all!**



Stars of the Week – Week 6

Maple Class : Teddy for working hard

Elm Class : Year 1 Sofia for working hard, Year 2 Lily for demonstrating determination.

Beech Class: Year 3 Leo for trying hard with all learning, Year 4 Willow for keeping such a positive attitude.

Oak Class : Year 5 Tatum for speaking up in class , Year 6 Arlen for improving his presentation

Stars of the Week – Week 7

Maple Class : Gabriel for progress in this reading Elm

Class : Year 1 Freddie for amazing work in maths;

Year 2 Freida for a great attitude to learning

Beech Class: Year 3 Barney for all round excellence, Year 4 Isla for excellence and effort always!

Oak Class : Year 5 Henry and Year 6 Aubyn – both for their enthusiasm and designing of their carousels



DIARY DATES



Term 3 begins : Tuesday 2nd January 2023