

Term 3 Week 1
10th January 2025



PENSHURST C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents

SCHOOL NEWS!

Dear Parents,
Happy New Year!



I hope you all had a lovely break and managed some time to relax and recharge. Fingers crossed the nasty bugs that have been doing the rounds go away.. Pupils have returned with positive mind sets and ready to learn; our curriculum is jammed packed with wonderful learning opportunities and enrichment – there is always something great going on in school. I consider it a privilege to be able to drop into classrooms and see some of the fantastic things the children are learning. I am sure that this term's Open Afternoon will give you that opportunity to see the outcomes of their lessons in your child's books and around the school on our display boards. You will also receive a copy of your child's class curriculum map that outlines the learning that is happening in class. These are also available on our website along with dates and times of key events.

With kind regards,
Sue Elliott, Headteacher.

Going for Gold

Maple Class: Bella, Deni, Louis, Jacob, Harry, Luca, Vinnie, Auguste, Ettie, Olwen and Rupert

Elm Class :Freddie, Harrison, Jacob, Annabelle W, Annie, Tilly, Leo, Theo, Ffion, Alina, Njal, Amelie, Rocky and Thea

Beech Class: Bunnirose, Freida, Noelle, George, Fred, Elwyn, Nate, Poppy, Max and Harry

Oak Class: Theo, Amelia, Freddie, Taylor, Emily, Chloe, Eva, Raphael, Ava, Harriet, Tatum, Luca and Henry W

STARS OF THE WEEK



Maple Class

Harry for working hard and showing great friendship

Elm Class

Year 1: Amelie for working hard and trying her very best at all she does
Year 2: Rocky for a positive approach to his work and keeping going

Beech Class

Year 3: Fred for a great start to the new term and new year! Great listening too.
Year 4 : Max for his incredible art work and being such a motivated learner

Oak Class

Year 5 : Taylor for working so hard in maths and mastering some tricky content
Year 6 : Raphael for his writing – wonderfully detailed work – well done!



The Friends of Penshurst School will be holding a Coffee Morning on Friday 7th February 2025 in the School Hall. Coffee, cakes, raffle and Oak Class Fundraising Games – come along and join in the fun! Cash and cards accepted.

Friday 7th February 2025 @ 8.45am – 10.30am



Our PTA has provides funding for Relax Kids and Enrichment Days – thank you.

366 Marathons in 366 Days!

You may have read or heard about James Cooper in the local news or radio. James is a friend of my daughter's and he is one amazing young man. Last year he 'challenged' himself to run a marathon (26.2 miles) for each day of 2024 (366 days). It was a challenge he set himself as he wanted to raise funds for The Samaritans – not only is he amazing he is very determined! Needless to say he completed his challenge on New Years Eve. Having run one marathon I am in awe of his achievement – can you imagine getting up **every** day – at a time many consider is the middle of the night – and running a marathon? So far James has raised over £125,000 for The Samaritans. Once he has recovered and his life returns to somewhere near what he calls 'normal' James has agreed to come in and talk with the children about mental resilience and overcoming setbacks. I am really looking forward to welcoming him and hearing his story. I think the children will be impressed too. For the rest of this academic year any additional fundraising (not PTA) we do in school we will be donating to James' Just giving page – so we can help him reach his fundraising goal.

You can read his story via this link – feel free to make a donation if you wish – can you add that you are a parent at Penshurst CE Primary.
<https://www.justgiving.com/page/smilinggg366>

Amazing Art !
Beech Class have produced some amazing art work this week when creating mandala in their art lesson



Mandala, which is Sanskrit for 'circle' is a geometric design. Mandalas are believed to represent different aspects of the universe and are used as instruments of meditation and symbols of prayer.



Personal Wellbeing
Pupils can try some of James' wellbeing tips when completing the Daily Mile

THE SMILINGGG DAILY PRACTICE
Walk - Jog - Run: 1 Mile
Whilst Completing Your Mile...
Gratitude: What are you thankful for?
Generosity: Give a smile to passers by.
Growth: How do you feel?
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