

PENSHURST C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



Dear parents

News from around the school

I hope you all had an enjoyable weekend – the cold spell has now passed and we are back to the challenges of wet and windy weather. We have lost three fence panels at the side of the school field – finding someone to replace them is proving tricky – if you do know someone then please do pass on the information to the school office.

Last week Mrs Schembri, who works in Beech Class, had her baby – a girl – we all send our best wishes and congratulations She promises to bring her in soon so the children in Year 3 and 4 can have a cuddle.

We are very lucky, this term, to be visited by students from Sevenoaks School. The students are working with each class on a simple PE activity in which each pupil scores a personal best and these are returned to every two weeks or so to provide an opportunity to demonstrate improvement. We also add an element of challenge through giving house points – at the end of the term we will publish our most improved pupils. This also provides opportunities for both our pupils and the Sevenoaks students to work with children from other settings who are different ages – Mrs Williams was very impressed with how the older students engaged with Maple Class and made the activities fun and meaningful.

In case you missed the email from the office team we have an Open Afternoon on 31st January between 2pm and 5pm. All parents and carers are invited to come along and see the great work your child has been completing. I hope you will be able to come along.

Sue Elliott,
Headteacher



Stars of the Week



Maple Class: Reception Year: Ffion for writing amazing sentences (W2) Finley for demonstrating our value of friendship (W3)

Elm Class : Year 1 Lina for amazing writing (W2) Annie for working hard and being such a great Spanish speaker!

Elm Class – Year 2 Alfie for settling in so quickly (W2) Florence for attention to detail in all her work but especially her art work (W3)

Beech Class: - Year 3 George for his great work and being a role model within the class (W2) Max for his positive attitude to school work. (W3)

Beech Class: Year 4 – Oscar for his excellent written work (W2) Ava-Grace for her excellent written work across the curriculum (W3)

Oak Class :Year 5 Harriet for great confidence in her maths work (W2) Henry for his participation and knowledge on a recent school trip (W3)

Oak Class: Year 6 Jack for his enthusiasm in geography (W2) Oscar for his great efforts in all subjects.



Penshurst Young Leaders

Our Year 2 children had the opportunity to take part in a Young Leaders Scheme which started this term. Pupils learn about a range of ways of being good leaders with a focus on key values such as kindness and courage.

They all have some great ideas about how we can promote kindness in the school and beyond.



Going for Gold

Maple Class: Theo, Tilly, Annabelle, Ffion, Amelia, Finley

Elm Class: Elwyn, Isabella, Freddie, Harrison, Freida, Alfie, Annie, Lina, Rocky, Jacob, William, Nate, Annabelle, Imogen, Sofia, Tabby, Thea, Fergus, Joseph, Florence and Lily

Beech Class: Luca, Isla, Coco, Layla, Sophie, Oscar & George, Ava-Grace, Chelsea, Taylor, Max, Noelle and George.

Oak Class: Jack E, Arlo, Tadhg, Chloe, Oscar, Freddie, Harriet, Tatum, Emily, Henry and Martha

Pupils Reaching 'Gold' in Weeks 2 & 3

SCHOOL UNIFORM

A reminder that pupils should be wearing winter uniform until we return following the Easter holidays. Full details of our school uniform requirements can be found on our website or the office team can provide a paper copy of the information.

Thank you for your support with this .



Friends of Penshurst School

The Friends of Penshurst School are holding a Coffee Morning on Thursday 8th February. This will take place in the School Hall. This is a community event and everyone is welcome to come along after morning drop off (from 8.45am)

There will be additional lure of the table top games that Year 5 and 6 pupils are putting on – bring along your cash for the games – card payment accepted for refreshments.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Phonics at Penshurst

At Penshurst we have a bespoke phonics scheme of learning that Mrs Foy has written herself to ensure it reflects the needs of pupils at our school. It was a huge piece of work which was recognised in our 2022 Ofsted Inspection as a strength of the school; and rightly so !

Today I received a letter from Damian Hinds (Minister for Schools) congratulating us on our Year 1 phonic test results (100%) – this puts us in the **top 1%** of all primary schools in the country

An amazing achievement – well done to Mrs Foy and the teaching team. This means that children at Penshurst have the best possible chances of being fluent readers with a love of reading.



DIARY DATES

31st January (Wednesday) Open Afternoon 2-5pm
8th February (Friday) Friends Coffee Morning from 8.45am to 10.30am – all welcome
9th February (Friday) last day of Term 3 – Own Clothes Day

