



PENSHURST C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear parents

THIS WEEK'S NEWS



Dear Parents,

I hope that you are all looking forward to Sports Day next week – you might want to take the opportunity, over the weekend, to dust down your running shoes ahead of the parent races!

Pupils have been practising and are looking forward to the day, the weather forecast doesn't look too bad at the moment so fingers crossed we get a nice warm dry day. Please bring along your picnic and something to sit on and enjoy the fun. The Friends of Penshurst School will be providing refreshments and cake – cash or card payment is accepted. A gentle reminder to park considerately and safely.

Please do not park in Forge Stores car park.

Next week we will be welcoming some of our September starters into school when they attend one of our 'stay and play' sessions. We have a number of siblings and some new faces – I am very much looking forward to welcoming them to 'big school'.

Our pupils in Year 5 and 6 had a great residential trip last week; I am sure many memories were made that they will take with them. A big thank you to Miss Bettridge and Mrs Lane who gave up their time – thanks too go to Mrs Gammer who does the background work to ensure the trip runs smoothly. A real team effort.

Many thanks to the PTA who have been completing some great painting with pupils across the school. Each child is creating a painting (mostly family portraits) that will be framed and displayed at the forthcoming summer coffee morning where you can view your child's masterpiece. Pupils will also provide some entertainment – pop the date in your diary – Friday 12th July 2024.

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards,
Sue Elliott, Headteacher.

STARS

OF THE WEEK



Stars for week 2 and 3

Maple Class: Raffy for showing great curiosity. Amelia for demonstrating resilience and determination.

Elm Class : Year 1 :Isabella for increased confidence with her reading. Sophia for working well with others.

Year 2: Alfie for working hard in maths. Nate for demonstrating a positive attitude to working.

Beech Class : Year 3: George for brilliant writing. Zachary for bringing excellence to his computing
Year 4: Taylor for excellent times tables work. Layla for bringing sunshine and compassion to the class.

Oak Class: Year 5: Jimmy for showing great enthusiasm for learning which has resulted in great progress.





Going for Gold

Maple Class: Alina, Theo, Raffy, Annabelle, Njal, Ffion, Teddy, Amelia, Tilly, Ralph & Finley

Elm Class : Nate, Imogen, Tabby, Lily, Freida, Jacob, Sofia, Lina, Annabelle, Isabella, Elwyn, Alfie & Freddie

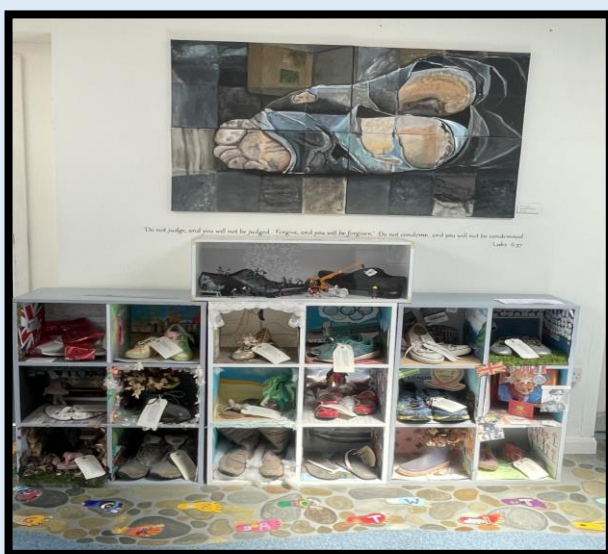
Beech Class

Tilly, Ava-Grace, Luca, Layla, Chelsea, Noelle, Bunnirose, Zachary

Oak Class: Jimmy



Pupils in Year 6 participated in 'Bikeability' this week; they were all successful in achieving both Level 1 and Level 2. Congratulations to them all.



Walking in the shoes of others – art installation in communal area

Open Afternoon Wednesday 3rd July

Parents and carers are welcome to come along to school from 2pm on 3rd July and look at your child's work with them. This is a great opportunity to look at the progress your child has made across the year and for your child to share their work with you. I hope you will be able to come – the afternoon runs from 2pm and continues after school until 5pm.

Our Vision

Walking in the Shoes of Others

At Penshurst we have a strong vision that is based on the story of the Good Samaritan and involves 'walking in the shoes of others'. We encourage the school community to think beyond themselves and demonstrate our values of compassion, determination, courage and friendship. We have a number of displays across the school that focus on our vision – in the main communal area there is a 'shoes' installation – that houses shoes, trainers, boots – a range of footwear in fact – that tell a story. For example; I have a pair of running shoes displayed that I used to run the London Marathon; together with the shoes are my medal and other linked artefacts. Each contributor tells their story on a tag. Visitors to the school comment on the installation and the special message that it delivers.

Over the coming months I will be updating the installation – I would like to ensure it also reflects some of our current pupils, parents, staff and governors. If you have completed or experienced something special and can spare the shoes you wore then I would love to hear from you and listen to the story your shoes tell. They will then be added to the display and the story will be shared in our school community. Please don't be shy - let me know either in person or by emailing me at headteacher@penshurst.kent.sch.uk
I look forward to hearing from you soon!

