



Pendock CE Primary School

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We aim to enable and encourage all those connected with Pendock school to be the best that we can be. By living out our Pride in Pendock values, we strive to inspire children, parents, staff and our wider community to fulfil their potential and enjoy life in all its fullness.

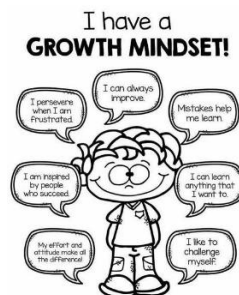
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Newsletter 16

Dear Families,

Thank you to those parents who were able to join us for assembly this morning – it's always a pleasure to share the week's achievements in school with everyone, whether they took place in or outside of school. It is wonderful to hear the children identifying areas that they are showing perseverance in and achieving the rewards (intrinsic and extrinsic) as a result. We've talked a lot this week about asking for help and who we can ask for help.

It has been lovely to welcome the Open the Book team back to school this week and Rev Julie led our collective worship on Tuesday. Her assembly explored how one can use their positive attitude to help them persevere. She had several 'negative and positive thoughts/sentiments' written out and the children dropped all the negative thoughts on the floor and embraced the positive, affirming sentiments. Some of these are encapsulated in this image which links to our work on developing a Growth Mindset.



We share with you a general outline of what the children have been up to in school to enable you to continue to support and encourage your children at home. Reading regularly, using mathletics/times table rockstars/numbots, sharing Class Dojo posts etc.. are all ways that can support your child.

Class 1 News

It's been another busy week in Class One.

The Year One and Two children have been becoming more familiar with 'Around the World in 80 days'. They created a range of actions to retell the story using a model text. We finished the week by making a class story map. The Reception children have been exploring the magic porridge pot in drawing club.

In maths, the pentagons are continuing with a unit on money. They have been comparing amounts of money using greater than, less than and equal to. Hexagons have been continuing a unit on place value to 20. This week they have used base 10's to understand numbers 11 - 20 further. The Reception children have begun a new focus on mass and capacity this week, using the words heavier and lighter.

In science, the children have been learning all about Amphibians and Reptiles. We compared the key features of the two, for example, Amphibians have



moist skin and Reptiles have dry, scaly skin. Next week we will be learning all about fish and birds.

Class 2 News

This week Class 2 have been looking at stories linked to their Stone Age topic. Year 3 and 4 have been retelling and looking at the settings in The Stone Age boy. They have produced some beautiful descriptions. Year 5 and 6 have been exploring 'Ug; Boy genius of the Stone Age.' They have written book reviews related to their understanding of the story.

All groups have produced some very creative work in computing where they are learning about animation and adding sound.

We have also enjoyed welcoming back Miss Mackinder to the school who gave us a great art lesson on Monday and taught us how to weave paper.

Neurodiversity Awareness for Parents

On Wednesday 24th January at 2pm we have Corinne Haines leading a parent information event on Neurodiversity Awareness. This invite is to all parents and there will be refreshments provided. This session will also inform you on what the children will be learning during their sessions.

Bugs

We thought it would be useful to make you aware that we have had several children absent Thursday/Friday with a temp/sickness type bug. A gentle reminder, that if your child has been sick or suffered from diarrhoea then they must be 48 hours clear before coming back to school. We have had a big push on hand washing (using soap) again this week to help reduce the potential of spreading these germs.

MMR Vaccines

Vaccination UK have asked us to make parents aware there has been an outbreak of Measles in the West Midlands which has been on the rise within the last few weeks. If you have a school age child who is outstanding one or both doses of the MMR, please contact their office on 01527 390030 to make an appointment. This will most likely be at a Saturday clinic.

Some requests from Mrs Evans

Please can you save me any Pringles tubes and hand-wash containers that you have?

Friends' News

We're looking forward to the Spring Chicken Run on Sunday 17th March. Head over to www.runpendock.co.uk to sign up for the 1k, 5k or 10K races and to find more information. As always, we'll be needing plenty of help in the run up to the race day, further details in due course.

Many thanks to everyone who uses our clothes and textiles recycling bin located on the road outside the school. We're making a regular and steady profit from it. Please could we ask for donations to be bagged up before going in to the bin? Recently we've had loose items being put in, which are getting wet in the rain if the bin is getting close to being full. The company then won't take these items, and they are disposed of. Thank you very much!

Community Links

Please see the attached which may be of interest to you:

- Parent / carer online workshops from Autism Training Network.

Wishing you a restful and relaxing weekend,
Team Pendock

Future Dates for Your Diaries:

- Wednesday 24th January – Reception Hearing Screening
- Neurodiversity Awareness for Parents session
- Half Term – 12th – 16th February
- Sunday 17th March – Pendock Spring Chicken Run
<https://www.entrycentral.com/runpendock>
- Thursday 21st March – Pupils' last day (Friday 22nd March is a TED)