



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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Dear Families,

Another week has flown by! Apologies for my unexpected absence this week – my youngest has been very unwell and even though she is getting better we are awaiting test results, which may mean more disruption to my normal working week next week. There will be a further update once I know more.

We only have one more week before half term and it is Children Mental Health week. As you know, we care about the mental health of our children all year round but weeks like this do help to provide a focus. The theme for this year is My Voice Matters and we will be talking to the children more next week about what we as staff and a school (curriculum) can do to have a positive impact on their health and wellbeing.

More information can be found here!
<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

It's Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 6th so the children will be focusing on areas around Online Safety during the week in their PSHE/RSHE sessions.

We are also going to be supporting the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity along with lots of other Malvern/Worcestershire based schools on Friday 9th February. Your child(ren) are welcome to come into school wearing a red top – there will be a donation box outside school on the day if you would like to contribute.

Class 1 News

This week in Class One the children have been working hard across the board. We have seen great determination and positive attitudes to learning - well done!

In maths, Hexagons have begun a unit on addition and subtraction to 20. The children have been adding by counting on from the biggest number. Pentagons have been introduced to the multiplication sign, using the key terms, groups of, lots of and times. They have been using their knowledge of equal groups to write the multiplication. The Reception children have been focusing on doubling and odd and even. They have used Numicon, alongside lots of other manipulatives, to explore this.

In English, Years 1 and 2 have been developing the skills needed to write a setting description. They have focused on use of commas and prepositional language. Next week, they will be planning, writing and reviewing their own setting descriptions.

Class 2 News

This week Class 2 have been carrying out lots of editing work in their English lessons. Year 3 and 4 have been editing and improving their writing in the first-person account and Year 5 and 6 have been editing diary entries as well as brushing up on some of their punctuation skills.



We have explored the Stone Age in forest school and, through our own research, making jewellery, tools and finding out what food they would have eaten.

I'd like to thank all our student volunteers who have taken part in assemblies this week, both for 'Open the book' and the worship committee assembly on Thursday. We all enjoyed them.

Year 5/6 have been extremely busy in their reading sessions as they have explored the works of Joseph Coelho. They have been inspired to write their own poems based on his metaphor of 'ones' life being a book – our spine is like the spine of a book and our experiences are the pages of a book. Here are a few examples:

The Great Tennis Poem

*Greatest shot, so powerful and strong
It is majestic feeling the ball on the strings
An equal opponent you always get a rally with,
As nerve-wracking as a hard opponent can be and
disappointing if they hog the ball,
The greatness of winning is unmatched!
Ethan*

*R – Ruby, Renee, Rosa
U – Useful at home
B – Betsy and I enjoy every moment
Y – Young lives are here at my home
S – Some days are good; some days are bad.
L – Life is sometimes hard
I – I am proud to be myself
F – From my parents
E – Enough to be myself; I'm proud!*

Screams

*Have you ever heard screams on a Monday night?
Looking at the bright, blue moonlight.
Ducking your head because of fright.
Scared for someone else's life.
Swearing is going through the air.
Wondering if you'll make it out of there?
Betsy*

Guitar Lessons

We are sorry that Mike Halliday was unable to take guitar lessons again this week. He will be able to make up one of the missed sessions at the end of this term, but not both. Music invoices that went out yesterday therefore include 8 sessions for guitar instead of 9 for this term.

Clerk to Governors Vacancy

We have a vacancy for this position which will average out at 2 hours per week over the year, supporting Full Governing Body and sub committee meetings which are held from 4.30 on Thursdays, once or twice a term each. An advert for this will shortly be going live on WM Jobs. We will share the link on Dojo when it goes live. If you or anyone you know may be interested in this, please look out for the advert or contact the office for an application form and job description. If you have any specific questions please ask either Ms Curnow or Chair of Governors Liza Christmas on liza.christmas@pendockpri.worcs.sch.uk

Community Links

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

- Nexus Fostering

Wishing you a restful and relaxing weekend,
Team Pendock

Future Dates for Your Diaries:

- Half Term – 12th – 16th February
- Friday 1st March - Non-uniform day in exchange for Easter egg donations
- Thursday 7th March – World Book Day
- Sunday 17th March – Pendock Spring Chicken Run
<https://www.entrycentral.com/runpendock>
- Thursday 21st March – Pupils' last day (Friday 22nd March is a TED)
- Monday 8th April – Summer term begins