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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.

# 01 March 2024

Dear Families,



Another week has flown by and Easter is slowly creeping up on us! It's hard to believe that it's just three weeks until we break again for the Easter holidays. Just a reminder that Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March is a TED day where the children are NOT in school even though the adults are! Our last day of term is Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

Next week is another busy week with parents evening taking place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. If you're yet to make an appointment, please do so using this link. Appointment times will be confirmed via Class Dojo before the end of the day on Monday. https://forms.office.com/e/igT9ywgbEs

We are very much looking forward to World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. We will be focussing our activities around the book The Newsletter 21

Word Collector as we explore words and vocabulary throughout the day. Your children are invited to dress up as a 'word' – I wonder how many we can collect?

We will also be offering a book swap so please bring in a book or a few from home and swap them for something different. Any books that we have left over will be taken to a charity shop.

## Staffing

I am pleased to be able to let you know that we have had a wider pool of applicants for the SBM role and will be interviewing on Wednesday of next week.

Unfortunately for us (but brilliant for her), Ms Powell has made the decision to restart her career as a teacher and will be leaving us at Easter. Ms Powell joined us in 2021 as a teaching assistant after having a break from the education world. She now feels she is ready to dive back into the world of teaching – to which, we wish her the very best.

The following role has been advertised this week – please share widely amongst your friends and family as we look to recruit an Early









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Years teacher to work with Miss Chambers in Class 1.

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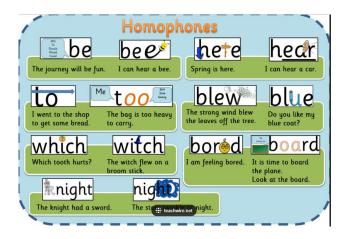
https://www.wmjobs.co.uk/job/189998/earlyyears-teacher/

### **Class 1 News**

This week Class One have continued to explore and learn about the Great Fire of London. We have finished the week by considering what London was like in 1666, compared to today.

In English, the Year 1 and 2 children have learnt about the key features needed for a nonchronological report. They then identified and labelled the key features in an example text. Meanwhile, the Reception children have been focusing on the gingerbread man in drawing club.

In SPaG, the Year 2 children have been learning about homophones. These are two or more words which sound the same but have a different meaning or spelling, such as knew and new. Any exploration of these at home would support understanding. Here are some as an example!



## **Class 2 News**

This week we have been continuing the theme of persuasion in English. Year 3 and 4 have been producing letters and Year 5 and 6 learning how to structure a good argument.

We really enjoyed a good dance exploring 60s dance moves in our PE lesson this week and it was great to see some imagination in putting

them together for a routine - especially from the year 5s!

Year 3 have enjoyed some measuring practise in their Maths lessons and Year 4 and 5 have started to explore improper fractions and mixed numbers. Year 6 are finishing their unit on Fractions, Decimals and Percentages before they head into the realms of shape.

Now we're all ready to relax for the weekend after a week packed full of learning.

#### **Friends' News**

Thank you so much for all the lovely Easter egg donations received today, they'll make lovely prizes for our runners in two week's time!

There's not long now to book your place for the Run, entries close on Thursday 14th March. www.runpendock.co.uk

Thanks also for all the offers of help on the day, it's very much appreciated, we couldn't do it without you.

Just a reminder the litter pick of the route will take place on Friday 8th March at 9am if anyone is free to join us!

## **Community Links**

 Pendock Parish Council Meeting in the School Hall at 7pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – discussions regarding the planning and infrastructure proposal – M/23/01712/OUT

Wishing you a restful and hopefully dry weekend.

## Team Pendock

## Future Dates for Your Diaries:

- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March Parents Evening
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March Parents Evening
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day
- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March Pendock Spring Chicken Run

https://www.entrycentral.com/runpendock

- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March Pupils' last day (Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March is a TED)
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April Summer term begins