



Pennyhill Primary School

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Coronavirus update

I know that some parents are anxious about coronavirus. Please note that there have been no confirmed cases with any member of our school community. We continue to follow the daily advice given to schools by the Department for Education and the Public Health Organisation. If we need to make any changes or take any other additional action, then you will be informed as soon as we know that changes are required.

In line with current advice, please can you contact the school office if you feel your child needs isolation.

Please remember that if you have questions there is a Department for Education helpline which is available to answer questions about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to education. Parents and can contact this helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

We continue to make plans for trips and events in the upcoming weeks. These are all risk assessed in line with up to date information about coronavirus and if we need to cancel or make any changes to pre-planned events, then this will take place, as appropriate, and you will be informed of the decision.

"In Eco-Schools we are looking at healthy minds, we also look at being healthy and fit. Having an opportunity to play games at lunch like cricket and football helps us towards being fit, healthy and relieving stress. We also made kind words stones for children to read them and feel happy and positive." Kyle 5R



Last week, our brand new sports clubs with Premier Education finally started, and the children have had a fantastic time trialling some new sports and really getting involved in their new activities. There has been a real buzz from them about the sessions and it has been great to see them so active and engaged!

Larson: Volleyball was so much fun - like playing tennis but with your hands! I can't wait to go again next week!

Paulina: I really enjoyed volleyball. It was fabulous! I'm so glad I got a place!

Kehl: I like archery a lot, it was fun.

Kunashe: Archery was great and I enjoyed it a lot. I'm really looking forward to next week!

Hasti: It was great to get to let loose in table tennis and I really enjoyed the fact we get to try new activities we haven't done before.

Jack: Table tennis was a new sport for me that I hadn't played before so it was a lot of fun to try it and get to have a go at something brand new.

Myles: Hockey was really fun; dribbling was hard but good and I had a great time!

Tripat: Hockey was perfect! Controlling the ball and the stick was quite hard, but I tried my best and really liked it!

This week the Year 3 children have been learning all about Dyson in their Design and Technology lessons. They found it very exciting to look at the air multiplier fan and how it was different to other fans on the market. They discussed the job of an engineer and became engineers with their own designing, making and improving a product.



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Picture News

In Picture News this week children have been thinking about whether they should have a say in what they learn at school.

The found out about Joe Brindle, a 17 year old from Devizes School, who is a founder member of Teach the Future. The group are recently formed and are taking their call for environment issues to be taught in schools as part of the curriculum to Parliament! Ministers have agreed that "it is vital that pupils are taught about climate change" but the group believe that schools are failing to prepare them for a climate emergency.

Things to talk about at home...

- Which are your favourite subjects at school? Talk about what you like about them.
- Ask people at home who are older or younger what their favourite subjects are.
- Were there any different subjects mentioned?
- Are there any new subjects that you think should be taught? Explain why.

School Term Dates

Spring Term 2020

Mon 6th Jan – Teacher Day – no school for children

Tues 7th Jan – Fri 14th Feb

Half term: Mon 17th Feb – Fri 21st Feb

Mon 24th Feb – Fri 3rd April

Easter break – Mon 6th Apr – Fri 17th April

Summer Term 2020

Mon 20th April – Thurs 21st May

Friday 22nd May is a Teacher Day – no school for children

Half term: Mon 25th May – Fri 29th May

Mon 1st June – Fri 17th July – break up for summer holidays

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is very important and the Government target is for us to be **above 96%**.

Last week our attendance was: 93.7%

Friday Treat winners (squash and biscuits) in Years 1-6 are: 5R

Reception attendance winners: Elephants – Ansh, Giraffes –Scarlett-Mae & Tigers - Abdul

Pupils of the week

1E-Ayla	4B –Riley
1R –Porscha	4W –Kenzie
1A –Whole Class	4P –Jayden
2E –Oliver	5E –Harrison
2A –Mrittica	5R -Ashdon
3E –Malak	5A –Charlie
3A –Charlie	6E –Darsh
3R –Yousef	6A -Ethan
4R – Amy	

Easter Bonnets and Easter Egg competition!

We plan to hold our annual Easter bonnet/ Easter egg completion on Wednesday 1st April. As usual, the Easter bonnet competition will be for children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The Easter egg competition will be for children in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.

