



Summer News



Pen Mill Infant and Nursery Academy

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Message from Mrs Manning, Deputy Head

Dear Parents and Carers

It's hard to believe the first half of the summer term has finished, it has been a hot but busy time at school. The children have recently enjoyed the Royal Wedding celebrations and it was lovely to all come together on the field and enjoy a picnic and class games. This term we welcomed back our Inspire sessions to promote calculation skills in maths. We have received some brilliant comments from staff, parents and children and have some good ideas for further sessions.

We are proud to say that the children continue to work hard, show excellent manners and a great kindness and respect towards one another, these are our Pen Mill values and together we will be continuing to promote this positive behaviour next term through assemblies and class discussions.

Thank you once again to you all for your continued support and a big thank you to all the staff who work so hard to make Pen Mill Academy a rewarding place to teach and a wonderful place for your children to learn and grow.

Have an enjoyable half term.

Best wishes
Mrs Manning

Weekly Update - week commencing 21st May 2018

All of the information on this page can be found on:

- our website at www.penmillinfants.co.uk
- the playground screen
- the class noticeboards

Golden Book Pupils

Carle	Emily-Jayne & Leighton
Waddell	Jude & Jorgie
Sharratt	Magizhini & Bella
Potter	Sara & Ashton
Bond	Claire & Oliwia
Donaldson	Finley & Izabelle
Cole	Viliam & Paige

Attendance

Pen Mill Academy attendance - 92%

Highest class attendance - Sharratt class - 95%

House Points

Well done to Lytes Cary house who achieved the most house points this week with 142 points.

Upcoming Dates - all dates can be found on our website

Friday 25th May	Last day of term
Mon 28th May - Fri 1st June	Half term holiday
Monday 4th June	Children return to school
Tuesday 19th June	Class photos
Tuesday 26th June	Vision screening for Reception children
Thursday 5th July	Sports day
Friday 6th July	Summer Fair at 3.30pm

Mrs Pape's Charity Cycle Ride

On Saturday 23rd June Mrs Pape and her husband will be cycling 120 miles on the first stage of the Tour de France in aid of Prostate Cancer UK.

A collection box will be held at the school office if anyone would like to make a donation.

Job vacancies

M & L Services require a reliable cleaner for the Yeovil area. 10 hours plus per week. Good rates of pay.

Please contact Marilyn on 07975 733430

Peter Rabbit Group



The Peter Rabbit Group is a friendly and relaxed group for parents/carers and their children aged from birth to pre-school (0-4). It offers a range of activities and gives you the chance to meet with other parents and share experiences. You and your child will get to make new friends, and have fun!

At The Peter Rabbit Group we...

Sing - songs help develop your child's language and speech. Action rhymes help develop coordination and motor skills.

Get messy - even the youngest child can paint with their fingers and enjoy the texture of play dough.

Read - we have a variety of books for you to share with your child both at the group and at home.

Talk - about your child's development and your experiences as a parent/carer.

Play - we provide a variety of toys to suit all ages. We play both inside and out.
Most importantly, we have FUN.

Session Times

We meet every Tuesday (term times only) 1.30pm - 3.00pm

There are nappy changing facilities available

For more details please contact the school office

Writer's Cup

Congratulations to Scotty in Potter class for winning the Writer's cup this term.

Nursery - Carle class



This half term the children have been learning all about mini beasts and habitats. The children have been looking after and carefully watching the frogspawn turn into tadpoles, and now nearly to baby frogs! We have explored many different animal habitats from farms, African grasslands, ponds and the woodlands.

The children had lots of fun learning all about the Hungry Caterpillar and all the foods he ate! They made some wonderful pictures of butterflies and caterpillars using their handprints. The children also learnt about healthy and unhealthy foods and enjoyed sorting all the healthy and unhealthy foods in to two groups.

Thank you to you all for attending our Inspire Together with the focus on numbers. The children had fun making fruit kebabs with Miss Gear, making sure they counted all the fruits they were using. Please continue to carry on doing the hard work at home with your children it really does make a big difference.

Finally the children absolutely loved getting involved in all the festivities for the Royal wedding, they made cakes and sandwiches for our Royal wedding picnic. It was lovely to see all the children looking so smart on Friday.

This half term we say goodbye to Miss Gear, who will be leaving us to go on to university. We wish her the best of luck and know that she will make a fantastic teacher!

Have a lovely holiday!
The Nursery Team



Reception - Sharratt & Waddell classes

Reception have had a fantastic half term finding out about the seaside. In literacy the children have been exploring writing stories and have written some 'Sharing a shell' stories using the story maps they created. The children have also explored writing for different purposes including writing postcards and lists of things to take to the beach.

As part of our topic we looked closely at rock pools and talked about the different sea creatures and plants that we might find in rock pools, the children then went on to create their own.



In art the children explored different techniques and media whilst creating some very detailed observational drawings of flowers including lilac and bluebells. They were so beautiful we made them into this fantastic display.

The children really enjoyed our educational visit to Gore farm. They explored life cycles of farm animals and then had great fun meeting all the animals. Holding chicks and cuddling lambs is going to be an experience that I'm sure they will never forget.



This half term the children have worked very hard, doubling larger numbers and subtracting and adding using 100 squares, number lines and multilink. They have also applied their understanding to solving problems. They have become increasingly skilful at recording, using the correct signs, + - and =. We have also revisited shape, both 2D and 3D, naming them and describing them in terms of faces, corners and edges. We have been very impressed by their perseverance.

We enjoyed our Inspire sessions which were focused around Maths and the story Handa's Surprise. It was lovely to see so many of you there. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Year 1 - Bond & Potter classes



At the beginning of this term the children went on an animal adventure to Axe Valley Wildlife Park. During this trip the children enjoyed learning about the different animals, which included lemurs, zebras and meerkats. Some of the children were even brave enough to handle a snake and a tarantula!

These first-hand experiences allowed the children to create amazing recounts about their adventures and a thirst for writing 'Guess Who' poetry, inspired by the 'Monkey Puzzle' story, by Julia Donaldson. Some of these are now displayed in our school hall.

The enthusiasm for learning these animal facts continued with a science led theme for non-fiction writing. Mammals, birds and reptiles are a few types of animal that the children have been learning to identify and describe. Ask your child to impress you with their favourite animal fact.

In Maths, Year 1 children began by looking at different groups of numbers and identified how to make each group equal by adding more. The children then had the opportunity to explore and understand how to find half and a quarter of shapes and numbers. This was done through lots of practical activities including making pretend pizzas, which you can see on Tapestry.

Afterwards, the children delved into learning vocabulary for giving directions and explored moving around in the playground, with their peers, using words such as; forwards, backwards, left and right. Once confident with this the children developed their learning, thinking about positional language. This involved identifying where shapes and objects were in relation to others e.g. *the ball is next to the box* or *the red circle is above the green triangle*.



Year 2 - Cole & Donaldson classes



In Year 2 this half term the children have enjoyed our 'Where the Wild Things Are' topic. They created their own wild things and described them. They changed parts of the story to make it their own more unique versions. The children have made fact files about weird little monsters which included a Venus Flytrap.



We spent a week on activities based on 'The Enormous Crocodile'. The children created their very own 'Roly Poly' birds from character descriptions. They loved having their parents and grandparents in during our 'Inspire Together' maths session. Many of the children commented on how much they enjoyed it. Finley left the class that day stating "that was the best day ever".

Some of the children have been to Sunningdale Lodge with Mrs Gulliver to sing to the elderly people. Mrs Gulliver has been so proud of the way that the children have put so much effort into learning the words and showing off their good behaviour out of school.

Well done to all of the children for completing their SATs. They showed great perseverance and enjoyed the challenge.



Royal Wedding Celebrations

