



Summer News



Pen Mill Infant and Nursery Academy

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Issue 7

Message from Mrs Manning, Acting Headteacher

Dear parents and carers,

I would like to start by saying how wonderful your children are, they have been an asset to the school and behaved impeccably throughout the school year. The coach company commented that we have been the best school that they have taken on visits outside of school and that the children are polite, friendly and sensible. As always this is a pleasure to hear, well done.

The experiences at school have been thoroughly enjoyed by all staff and children and the new curriculum in place for September will continue to excite and engage the curious minds of our pupils. Our outcomes for year twos this year have met national expectations and in some areas exceeded these. This is a combined effort of hardworking children, dedicated staff and the support that you as parents and carers provide. Once again thank you and we hope we can continue to work together to improve the attainment and enjoyment of learning for all of our children.

This year we sadly say goodbye to a number of dedicated staff. On behalf of the governors, staff, parents and children we wish you all the best in your future ventures and thank you for all that you have done to support the school.

Karen Underhill, Ros Jarvis, Maria Peters, Louise Probert, Gill Pape, Marzena Zalewska, Katherine Price and Margaret Gulliver, you have all made Pen Mill special in your own individual ways and we will miss you dearly.

The year twos sadly leave us this year and I can vividly remember their first day in reception, they have been an absolute joy to watch grow and flourish and the confidence and maturity in the way they present themselves is commendable. We wish them every luck in moving to their new junior school and look forward to seeing them throughout the year as we develop our partnership with the junior schools.

As we head into the Summer holidays I would also like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has worked hard to support the school. I am grateful to staff, governors, friends of Pen Mill for their commitment and loyalty so generously offered to the school.

I wish you all a wonderful Summer and look forward to welcoming our new children in September.

Best wishes, Tracy Manning

Nursery - Carle class

We have had a busy last term! The children have been learning all about Space, the planets, moon and sun. We have been to the moon and back with baby bear from 'Whatever Next'. We have learnt about the different farm animals and the children had an opportunity of trying to milk a cow, when we turned our water tray in to Bertie the cow!

Sports day was a great success and thank you to all the parents that came along and supported the children. It was lots of fun and the children all enjoyed themselves!

We would like to say a BIG thank you for all your support this year and for all those children moving on to reception we wish you the best of luck. For those of you who are staying, we look forward to seeing you in September.

Also a massive goodbye to Mrs Peters who is retiring and we will all miss her so much!

Have a lovely and restful summer holiday.

All the best,

The Nursery Team



Reception - Sharratt & Waddell classes

The children enjoyed discovery week this half term and learning all about space. They got to conduct several experiments, making moon dust, craters and exploding volcanoes. We also learned about the astronaut Tim Peake and what it was like going to space, even how to use the loo there! A planetarium came into school which was a magical experience, the children were completely enthralled and still talk about it now. A crime scene greeted the children on a Monday morning and they had to work out who had stolen the bagels. There were finger prints to check, foot prints, threads from clothes and some writing. Turns out it was Mrs Crawley after much investigating. Thank you Ms Fletcher for such a fascinating week.



Year 1

The children have been thinking about the year that they have and remembering the best times. It has been a pleasure listening to the parts that stand out most for them and thought we would share them with you too.

Our favourite memories in Potter class.

I loved it when Mrs Croucher dropped the pancake because it made us all laugh. I enjoyed it when Yeovil Town came to Pen Mill because we played football and learnt new skills. It was really fun. I also loved it when we went on our school trips, my favourite trip was to Axe Valley because we got to hold different insects and saw lots of new animals. I loved it when we had our Inspire sessions because our mummies and daddies came in and worked with us. It was really nice. **Travis**

I loved our school trips, we went to the cinema, fire station, Lyme Regis and my favourite trip was to Axe Valley. I really liked seeing the white peacock displaying its feathers. I also liked going into the dome and watching a film about the sun and planets. It made me laugh when Mrs Croucher dropped a pancake on Pancake Day! I really really enjoyed filming Pen Mill Infant Academy News and watching us perform. I also enjoyed designing our Potter Garden and watching the plants grow. **Lexie**



I enjoyed it when we held the chicks in Nursery, they were soft and fluffy. I loved it when Yeovil Town came into school and we played football. I liked it when Mario came into school and put up the planetarium in the hall. We saw the planets and stars in the sky. I liked designing our Potter Garden and watering the plants. I loved being the Star of the Day. **Harry**

I liked it when Mrs Croucher dropped the pancake because it was really funny! I enjoyed Science Week because it was really exiting. I loved it when we went to Axe Valley and when we went to the cinema to watch Mary and the Witching Flower. I also liked going to the fire station and squirting the hose. I enjoyed Forest School and making bug houses with my friends. I love being in the Golden Book for working hard.

Jorgie



Year 2 - Jeffers & Donaldson classes

Our favourite memories in Jeffers class.

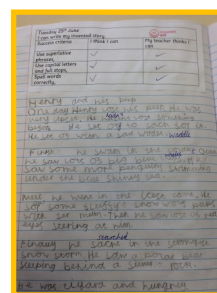
My favourite memory of Year 2 is when we went around the classes learning about different countries. I enjoyed learning about China because we got to make dragon puppets and pick up the rice with chopsticks. The lemon cakes from Portugal was my favourite food that I tasted. **Mason**



I enjoyed writing about Henry the Penguin, it was based on the story Augustus Smile.

Henry lost his peep and looked in the coldest ocean, iciest cave and the strongest storm but he didn't find it. Henry then saw a polar bear and began to talk using his peep, he realised he hadn't lost it after all! **Derry**

My best memory from year 2 is when Mrs Jackson was dressed as Queen Elizabeth I. We learnt that she loves Corgi's, has two birthdays and loves to eat jam sandwiches. The next day we invited the Queen to a tea party and had jam sandwiches and chocolate biscuits. **Libby**



Our favourite memories in Donaldson class.

My favourite memory is when I first walked into Donaldson class and met Miss Foster, Mrs Warnes and Mrs Organ. I remember when everyone in my class got on to the reading rainbow because we all read at home and so we all got a prize. I liked it when we won the attendance bear and got to make pizza's as a special treat. I loved hearing who is in the golden book each week. **Leo D**

My favourite memory is when we had a naughty elf in our class. He put orange peel all over the floor and Lilly had to clean it up. We made wanted posters and wrote him a letter. I loved the Easter raffle where we won Easter eggs and teddies. I liked it when Sycamore group won the most house points because that's my team. **Millie**

My favourite memory is when we had Victorian day. I had to wear the dunce's hat twice! Whenever a grown up came into the room we had to stand up. I liked it because Miss Foster was funny. I liked it when we had an animal mask competition because I enjoyed making it and bringing it in to show everyone. **Ashton**

I liked it when we went to the cinema to watch Mary and the Witches flower. I liked it when Mary went crazy on her broomstick. My favourite memory is when we went swimming and when we went into the big pool. Also we went to Westlands and had so much fun. Mr Shire let us play on a bouncy castle and the soft play equipment. **Hafeez**



Weekly Update - week commencing 15th July 2019

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

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

Our weekly updates are emailed to parents every Friday. If you have not been receiving these please advise the school office so that our records may be updated with your correct email address.

Attendance

Pen Mill Academy attendance - 94%

Well done to Nikita who achieved 100% attendance for the whole of the school year.



House Points

Well done to all the children in Sycamore house who achieved the most house points for the whole year.

Upcoming Dates - all dates can be found on our website

Friday 19th July

Last day of term

Monday 2nd September

Inset day

Tuesday 3rd September

Children return to school