



# Weekly News



## Pen Mill Infant and Nursery Academy

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

- our website at [www.penmillinfants.co.uk](http://www.penmillinfants.co.uk)
- our school jotter App

21st May  
2021

### Golden Book Pupils

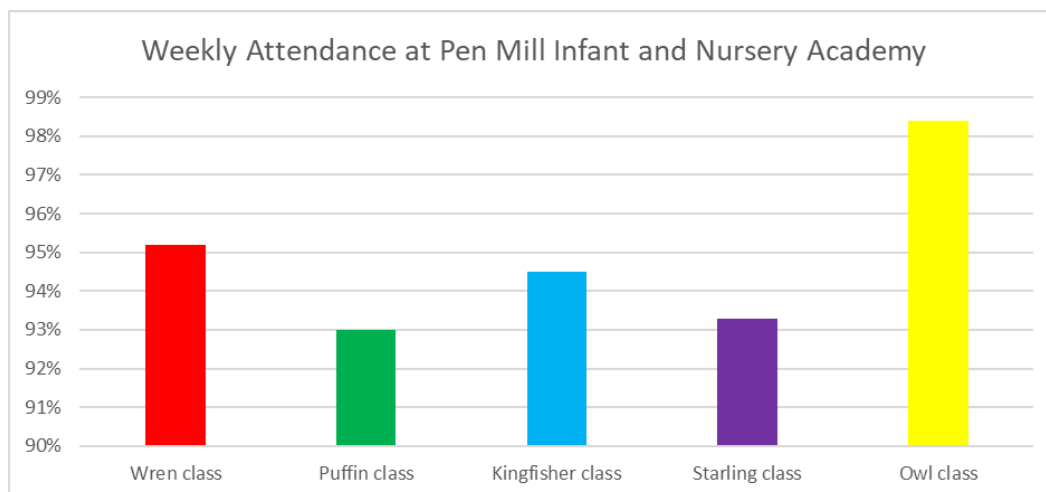
Awards were presented this week to the following children:

Cygnets	Pixie-Jai & Aeric
Wren	Freddie & Kai
Kingfisher	Aleena & Talia
Puffin	Elijah & Lacey
Owl	Maisy & Wiktor
Starling	David & Mia-May

### Attendance Awards

Pen Mill Academy attendance - **95%**

Our Attendance Bear was awarded to **Owl Class** who attained the highest class attendance with **98%**



### Team Points

Well done to **Sycamore Team** who achieved the most team points this week with **119 points**

## Message from Mrs Manning

Dear parents and carers,

As we very nearly approach the end to the first half of the summer term we celebrate the wonderful work of our youngest children within the EYFS.

Both Cygnet and Wren class have been working very hard on their language and communication skills using 'Fred the frog' to help them say, recognise and write the sounds they need for reading.

Recent visitors to the school commented on how happy, safe and sociable our children are and felt very welcomed.

Both Mrs Chamberlain, Mrs Cundy and their teams have done an amazing job in helping the children settle back into school life and the classrooms are vibrant, exciting and busy learning environments.

Next week we look forward to the excitement of 'Science Week' and cannot wait to share photos and examples of our learning from Carymoor and Bugfest!

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Manning



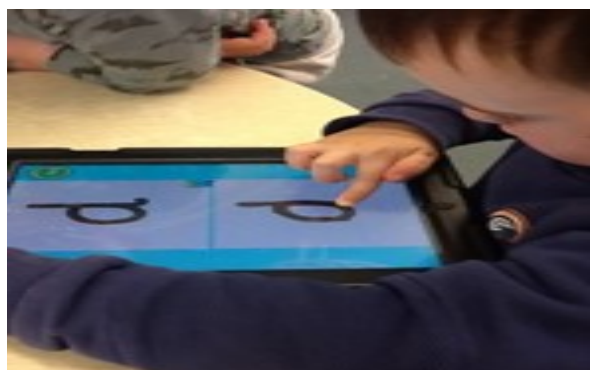
## EYFS - Cygnet Class - Big Question?

### What has Cygnet Class been up to this half term?

This half term we have been exploring dinosaurs and helping the dinosaur to find his roar! We made dinosaurs out of playdough, using pasta and sticks and we have been measuring how long and short our dinosaur toys are. We have stomped and roared like dinosaurs - one of our favourite things to do in nursery!

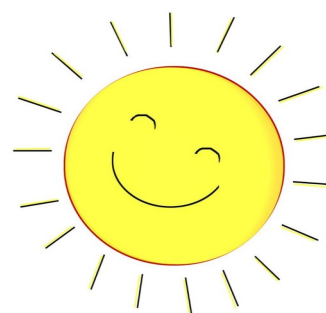


We have been learning all about superheroes and what our magical powers might be, some children said they want to be like Spiderman and some would like to fly! Our story 'There's a superhero in your book' has shown us that being kind is a super power and it is very important to be kind to our friends. We have made super worms with playdough and created our own superhero masks. In our last week we will be looking out for the evil pea and exploring the super veggies.



Our school leavers have been working very hard in Phonics this half term and have been amazing at recognising and writing their own names.

Let's hope the sun comes out for us soon!  
The Nursery Team



## What has Wren Class been doing this half term?



We have been learning about the Gruffalo this week. He has terrible tusks and terrible claws, terrible teeth in his terrible jaws, he's the Gruffalo! The children have made their own Gruffalo masks and were trying really hard with the smaller details and making sure that his eyes were orange etc.



They also made Gruffalo feet with Jaffa Cakes and white chocolate buttons. Yummy!

All of the animals in the story have different homes. We have been learning where woodland animals live and even used the scientific term 'habitats'. In Maths we have learned about adding and subtracting and different methods we can use to work out an answer. We have counted on fingers, used objects, number tracks and ten frames.

Next week we need to find our way back home from space. We are learning about the book 'The Way Book Home' by Oliver Jeffers.

Let's hope we make it back in time for half term!

Mission Complete  
The Reception Team



Upcoming Dates - all dates can be found on our website

SCIENCE WEEK	Monday 24th - 28th May 2021
VICTORIAN DAY - KS1	Tuesday 25th May 2021
BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 31st May 2021
HALF TERM	Tuesday 1st June - Friday 4th June

## Head Lice

A case of head lice has been detected within school  
Anyone can get head lice... mainly through direct head-to-head contact but also from sharing hats, brushes and other personal items. Head lice are a problem in many communities and do not reflect poor hygiene or social status. Please can you check your child's hair daily for the next few weeks and treat if necessary.

How to get rid of head lice? Please check the following link:  
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

## Victorian Dress up day - KS1

### **KS1 VICTORIAN DAY**

**Year 1 and 2 are invited to Dress up like  
a Victorian for the day  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

