

Welcome to the last PBA Press of the year!

I shall keep my comments short, you have all heard far too much from me over the last few months and now is really a time of reflection and I hope celebration.

In this issue, we have tried to capture the year in pictures. I hope you will agree, it has been quite a year with so much to look back on with fondness. Obviously, the impact of the pandemic has curtailed the second half of the year and also dramatically affected our ability to provide the education that is so important for our pupils. I am most grateful for the comments and support from our parents who have worked valiantly to try to undertake the home schooling throughout this period. It has not been easy but you have got the summer holidays and it's time for everyone to have a break. For those pupils who have attended school for the last month it has been different from normal but fantastic for us to have you in.

We now continue our preparation for September. At the moment we are all systems go for the new school and assuming that there are no changes in the guidance from the Government, we will meet on Monday 7th September for the start of a new year in school. I have said this before but it warrants repeating: thank you for your support during this year. By working together, we can achieve great things for your children and will help them grow into the socially responsible citizens of the future that the world today so desperately needs.

Have an enjoyable and most importantly restful summer.

S Adams

Steve Adams



Ambitious

Aspirational

Responsible



End of Year Certificates

Traditionally at the end of an academic year, schools hand out certificates of merit and achievement for those students who have shown a positive attitude to learning, great progress or continuously performed above expected.

This year has been a very different academic year to the one we would have predicted. Covid-19 it has given us challenges that we have never faced before.

We can safely say that **all** our students have adapted seamlessly and without question. The effort put in at home has been excellent and those that have returned to school have shown continued enthusiasm for learning.

As a result, it is an impossible task to select just a few children who have stood out and deserve a special mention and reward. You should all be proud of your achievements this year.

Well done!

Looking back over the year...



We went on a trip to
Cadbury World



We visited the new PBA site for the
first time



Conservation Club
started



We had a bake sale for
'Children In Need'



PBA was officially
opened



We held our open evening for
prospective parents & carers



The new site started
to take shape



We held a 'Praise Postcard'
competition



We wore our Service Uniforms for
Remembrance Day



We entered the PBA Christmas tree
into the Christmas Tree Festival



We went to the pantomime
oh yes we did!



We had Virtual Reality
demonstrations



We held a Christmas Concert at
St Marys Church



We wore our Christmas Jumpers on
Christmas Jumper Day



We enjoyed our very own
Christmas lunch

Looking back over the year...



We held a
New Years Resolution assembly



The new site
started to progress



We had an initial inspection
by Ofsted



We raised money for
'Sport Relief'



Juice and biscuits with Mr Adams
happened every fortnight



Science Day was held by teachers
from Samuel Whitbread Academy



We played
'Uno' tournaments



We went on a trip to the Imperial War
Museum in Duxford



The author Lou Treleven came to
visit PBA



We all dressed up for
World Book Day



We held 'Anti Bullying'
presentations



The new site started to look like a
school



The NSPCC came in and held
workshops



We raised LOTS of money
for the NSPCC



And then lockdown happened ☹️

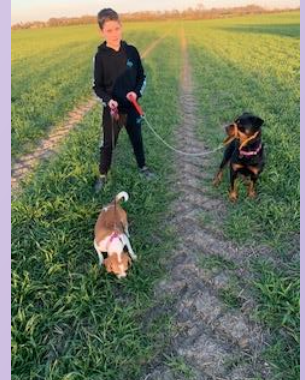
Looking back over the year...



So we
home-schooled



We learnt
valuable skills



We
exercised



And kept safe



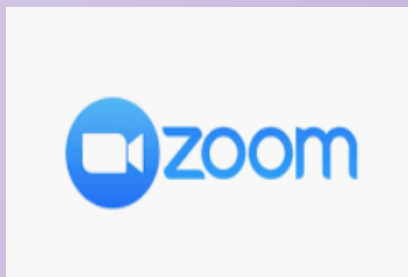
Miss Broadbent had
her baby



The new classrooms were beginning
to look like classrooms



Mr Brooks
joined PBA



We 'met' our friends through Zoom
calls



The new Year 5's started their step-up
process virtually



Lockdown eased and we 'returned'
to school



Lessons were
adapted



And we visited the new PBA site for
the final time before it opened

Phew!
Will 2020/2021 be as busy?!

A final message from the teachers...



Mrs Pearce

What a year! I feel very grateful for having the opportunity to meet some amazing colleagues and incredible children. Each and every one of you has inspired me in your own way - I would find it difficult to narrow down a favourite memory of the first year of Pix Brook. Think back from the Uno tournament to our school trips there has been plenty of memorable moments. I have also been in awe of the tenacious effort of all the children to work hard on their learning not just in school but also at home when completing the google classroom work. Reflecting on the first year also makes me consider the things I look forward to in the coming year, the new build and our growing community only makes me feel more excited for the possibilities of building more memorable moments that will shape the story of our school.

Miss Aksoy

Wow! What a year! Thanks to the staff and the children, I have had an amazing time. My best memories are: Turkish club, playing Uno after school, covering Morpurgo class and the list could go on... Well done to us all for coping so well during these unusual times. It has definitely been a year I will never forget and I can't wait for the next chapter at the new site. Have a great summer holiday and see you in September!



Miss Broadbent

What an amazing first year at Pix Brook. It has been fantastic to be a part of setting up such a wonderful school, a professional achievement I am very proud of. Personally, welcoming my son Ethan was a magical moment. Next year has a lot to live up to!

Mr Van Wyk

I want to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all the children in Year 5 who have all made this year at Pix Brook Academy a very enjoyable and rewarding experience. Have a fantastic summer and we look forward to start a fresh in September 2020.





Mrs Smyth

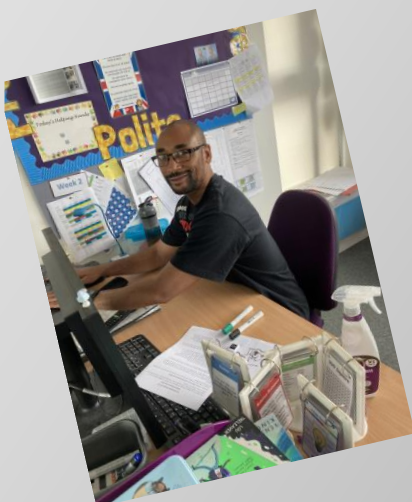
It has been the most amazing year and, apart from lockdown and I have enjoyed every minute! I got to meet lots of fantastic people and have taught some wonderful students. The highlight of my year will have to be the two trips we went on: Cadbury World and the Pantomime! They have provided myself and also lots of students with 'wow' moments that will be remembered for a very long time. I am so excited about the time capsule and seeing what Pix Brook creates to add to it. I have been so proud of you all during lockdown. It has been the highlight of week seeing the work that has been sent in. I have seen some truly awesome pieces of work which shows the effort and conscientiousness of our Pix Brook students. I am so glad I have got to see so many of you before we have our Summer holidays. I hope you have a relaxing break and look forward to starting our Year 6 journey together. Stay safe Pix Brook!

Mr King-Mand

Before you begin your very well-deserved summer break, I hope you take a chance to reflect upon your first year at PBA and all the wonderful memories you have begun making as a member of the Pix Brook community. I certainly will end this year with wonderful memories of our first year as a school and getting to know you all as individuals and as a year group. It has been a pleasure working with you all and seeing you develop and grow since that very first day of school in September 2019. You should all be proud of yourselves as you've shown you have the potential to achieve great things, as well as helping to set the high standards for future Pix Brook pupils to follow.

On a personal note, it has been wonderful working with pupils that support so many different football clubs, as it has provided me plenty of opportunity to gloat and brag even more about Liverpool deservedly winning the league in such style and with such flair. The dominance of this great club has returned once again to haunt all Manchester United fans this year and for many years to follow!

I wish you all a restful, safe and enjoyable summer holiday that I hope you will be able to enjoy. I will see you all in September in our wonderful new school.



Mr Brooks

What a great special end of the year this has been. Despite living through this unnatural situation, the Pix Brook community have made me completely natural at the school. If this end of year has been anything to judge by then next year will be very exciting. I have enjoyed the enthusiasm that pupils at Pix Brook have approached every task they have been given. I really enjoyed the end of year picnic, especially the staff and school all doing YMCA in unison. That will be my enduring memory of Pix Brook 2020 a school that pulled together and smiled and danced their way through the most challenging of times.

Thanks to all staff and students for making me feel welcome.



Mrs Whent

Well what an exciting and eventful first year we have had. I have enjoyed getting to know you all so much, and I can't wait until we start our new journey together in the 'real' Pix Brook! Starting a new school, all of us together has been brilliant. We have such an amazing opportunity and we will be a huge part of history, where you all grew up. The picture of me is one of many sunny walks in lockdown, and I hope it represents a time at home for you getting to enjoy the beautiful area we live in. Hopefully you have an amazing Summer and I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Mrs Chandler

Who could have ever predicted how our first year at Pix Brook would have gone! We have made some wonderful memories this year and been part of an amazing experience. I can't wait to start at our new site and be part of the next chapter.

Have a wonderful summer and stay safe ☺



Mr Wilson

What a first year it has been. I have thoroughly enjoyed the many varied experiences at Pix Brook and of course the lunch times!

The Pix Brook Journey has been a momentous one and I am looking forward to the future and seeing the school develop.

Have a fun Summer



Thank you so much for all the lovely gifts we have received, it really is truly appreciated



Have a lovely summer break – see you in September!



Diary & Term Dates

September	Thursday 3 rd Friday 4 th Monday 7th Friday 25 th	- Staff Training Day (no school) - Staff Training Day (no school) - Start of Autumn Term - School Photographs
October	Thursday 1 st Monday 5 th – Friday 9 th Friday 23 rd Monday 26th – Friday 30th	- Meet the Tutor Evening (all years) - Year 6 Bikeability Course - Non-Uniform Day (Wear It Pink Day) - Half Term
November	Monday 2nd Tuesday 10 th TBC Date TBC Friday 13 th Thursday 26 th Monday 30 th TBC Monday 30 th – Friday 4 th Dec	- Staff Training Day (no school) - Cadbury World Trip (Year 5) - Black Country Museum, Dudley Trip (Year 6) - Children In Need - PBA Open Evening - Flu Immunisations (all years) - Open Morning Tours
December	Thursday 10 th Friday 11 th Friday 11 th Saturday 13 th & Sunday 14 th Thursday 17 th Friday 18 th Monday 21st – Friday 1st Jan	- Parents Consultation Evening (all years) - Christmas Jumper Day - Christmas Lunch - Christmas Tree Festival at St Marys Church - Pantomime Trip to the Gordon Craig Theatre (all years) - Last Day of Term (NO after school clubs) - Christmas Holidays
January	Monday 4th Tuesday 5th	- Staff Training Day (no school) - Start of Winter Term
February	Friday 12 th Monday 15th – Friday 19th	- Non-Uniform Day - Half Term
March	Thursday 4 th Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th Thursday 18 th Monday 22 nd – Friday 26 th Monday 29th – Friday 9th Apr	- World Book Day - Year 5 Bikeability Course (Team A) - Parents Consultation Evening (all years) - Year 5 Bikeability Course (Team B) - Easter Holidays
April	Monday 12th Tuesday 13th	- Staff Training Day (no school) - Start of Spring Term
May	Monday 3rd May Friday 28 th Monday 31st – Friday 4th Jun	- Bank Holiday - Non-Uniform Day - Half Term
June	Monday 7th Friday 25 th	- Start of Summer Term - Sports Afternoon
July	Friday 2 nd TBC Date TBC Date TBC Wednesday 21 st Thursday 22 nd July	- Step Up Day - End of Year Trip (all years) - End of Year Activity Day - End of Year Celebrations Afternoon - Last Day of Term (NO after school clubs)