

Welcome to this term's PBA Press!

It has been an unusual term but a great deal has happened. Notwithstanding all the issues associated with the lockdown, we have tried to continue to develop the school in this period. Most importantly I am pleased to say that we have made some really strong appointments to join the school in September. Ten additional teachers will be starting including four additional primary teachers; Head of KS3 Maths and English; Head of MFL and PE and teachers of Humanities and Science. This places the school in a strong position to welcome our new pupils in September and begin to deliver the "secondary" curriculum to our current Year 6 pupils. It is an exciting time. We will look to develop our team of support staff after Easter.

On Friday, the children will bring home some information relating to the construction of an additional facility at Pix Brook Academy. As you will be aware, during the last two years BEST have been working with the local authority and Willmott Dixon to construct Pix Brook Academy. This has been a long process and I consider us to have been fortunate to be working with a group of committed construction professionals in the form of WD. We are now in the fantastic position of being able to occupy our school and subject to some minor snagging and amendments, the school is finished. I am hoping that if the Government's road map out of COVID-19 continues, I will be able to provide all parents with an opportunity to visit the school. Plans are in place and we simply need to know that on the 21st June things can "open".

As part of the continued support by WD, we have been given the opportunity to take advantage of an offer to provide the school with an additional outside teaching facility. The purpose of the facility is to showcase the design capabilities within the company and to develop and improve their environmental understanding. This will also provide our school with an additional teaching space. Obviously, I am immensely grateful that WD selected PBA to take advantage of this. In my discussions with the WD team, I was very clear that for this to have the maximum impact, it needed a tangible input from our pupils. As a consequence of these discussions, WD are asking our pupils to enter a competition to influence the design of the "pod". The brief has been sent home with children and asks for ideas to be captured. This is very much a creative exercise and the imagination and thoughts of our pupils are what WD are asking for. There will be awards for the top three entries and we will look to work with WD on how we might include these in the final design.

This is a great opportunity for our pupils and while I anticipate some highly imaginative responses, I also expect we will receive some ideas that can be included. As always, we are looking for ways to bring the "real" world into school, it has been difficult over the last year but my hope is that this is the start of getting back to normal. We understand that much has been curtailed and our plans for bringing the wide range of opportunities and experiences back to the curriculum is very much a priority. I will bring more detail to this when the situation is clearer.

I know pupils have only been back for three weeks, in some ways this is not ideal, however we have noticed that some are already feeling tired and this break does provide some time for young people to get ready for next term. We all hope that the direction of travel remains positive and that our plans for visits to the school, sports day, awards evening, step up day and all the other events that usually populate the summer term can go ahead.

I know I speak for all at PBA when I say how much we look forward to welcoming you to the school in person. It remains for me to once again thank you for your continued support for the school and hope you enjoy the Easter period.



Mr Steve Adams
Principal



Ambitious

Aspirational

Responsible

News from Year 5 & Year 6

THE RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MARCH 8th

To celebrate the children returning to school, they were tasked with the challenge to complete something to represent the fact they are currently living history. There were lots of amazing ideas and creativity as they produced their commemorative pieces (a few examples below)



PIX BROOK ACADEMY'S GOT TALENT

We were wowed by the incredible talent we have at Pix Brook Academy.

It was a challenge for the judges, Simon (Mr Adams) Cowell, David (Mrs White) Walliams and Amanda (Mrs Smyth) Holden, to choose the winners as the standard of the talent was so high. The winners were:

Year 5: Poppy McGregor – Trampolining
 Year 6: Evie Ash – Gymnastics
 PBA Staff: Mr Williams – Impersonations



WORLD BOOK DAY

What a fabulous day we had on World Book Day. Lessons were linked to book, authors and illustrators. We took part in a DNA mystery and helped to catch a thief, listened to an author read and extract of one of their books and completed some artwork linked to the story. We also created some wonderful book-themed top trumps. A massive well done everyone who dressed up!



MARS DAY

We celebrated Mars Day on Thursday 18th March and joined the country in celebrating a day dedicated to the amazing achievements of the world's scientists and mathematicians.

Pupils watched a live session with Tim Peake and then joined in an interactive ROBOkids workshop. We then learnt all about Mars and the amazing rovers that have been sent up there. The children then completed the day by making their own outstanding Mars Rovers.



DIY Mars rovers

Before Mars day, we were asked to bring in a variety of our recycling items (some people brought their entire recycling bin!). So, for the last two hours of the day we built our very own upcycled Mars rover. We had to use the recycling items we had brought in to be as creative as we could. My favourite part of this activity was the challenge, where we had to try and make it move. This was difficult- but it was a fun activity- and some managed to achieve it in my class! When I looked around everybody was different and everybody was enjoying themselves. Some people had microphones, some had cameras, some had drills, some had solar panels and some even had little robot drones or 'buddies' to go to Mars with them. We used our knowledge we had collected from the rest of the day to help us. Overall, we made a lot of mess!

Webinar

We went on an extraordinary zoom call to some space specialists who were telling us about life on Mars which was really interesting. We learnt a lot of new things. Even Tim Peakes joined and told us about some things that are on Mars. It turns out that if you're 10-11 you might be the generation that get a chance to visit mars! While I was looking around the room I saw some people taking notes and a lot of people laughing and enjoying themselves

while we were watching a very cute robot, who was dancing to the gangland style, who also started a routine including brushing teeth, exercising and more. Overall, everybody enjoyed themselves and had a lot of fun!

Mars pods (not the cereal)

Ever want to live on Mars? Well, in the near future we may just be doing that. Nasa engineers are developing pods (pop up homes to live on Mars), and a common theme is a hexagonal shape. The hexagon is made up of many triangles, and the triangle is said to be the strongest shape because it distributes the weight evenly between its points. Another common theme is cone shapes. The cone-like pods are 15 feet high and 8 feet in diameter and they would sit vertically on Mars' dusty, rocky surface. The pods are designed to be 3D-printed in just 30 hours without any human assistance. Inside, the habitats have four levels, connected by spiral staircases.

Scientists say that children around 10-11 will go to Mars within their lifetime. Mars pods are a great idea and I hope that within our lifetimes we will see Mars through our own eyes.

Mars

Mars is the fourth planet from the sun. We think that Mars did have life and water but somehow it dried out. N.A.S.A has put some rovers on Mars to see if there is life and to take it back to Earth to have a look and see in a few years if we can live on Mars. And at the moment we have only found fossils of microscopic bacteria, but there are signs that billions of years ago mars was just like earth (but with a thinner atmosphere)

By Carla, Willow, Lacey and Olivia
Year 6 Blyton Class

Well done to all the children who designed their very own fantastic Mars Rover. The winners received an 'EcoBot'.



COMIC RELIEF: RED NOSE DAY 2021

Last Friday saw PBA partaking in many fun class-based activities to support and help raise funds for this very worthy charity. Pupils were invited to wear Superhero themed non-uniform (a few examples below)



We are delighted to let you know that Pix Brook Academy raised £551! Thank you!



PE

It has been so nice to have the students back in PE lessons! This term we have been doing gymnastics and badminton, with students learning lots of new skills. We now have full use of our Sports hall, Studio and the MUGA's. Soon the field will be ready and when clubs can resume we look forward to having many different extra-curricular clubs and teams.



In April the local sports partnerships are launching the '101 Challenge' in memory of Sir Captain Tom Moore and all that he achieved. We invite you to get involved and take part. Please see the details of how to get involved and there is a link if you want to raise money as well.

CHALLENGE 101

This time last year Sir Captain Tom Moore began his challenge to walk 100 lengths of his garden before his 100th Birthday.

Not only did he achieve this but he captured people's hearts across the world and raised more than £32 million for the NHS.

NOW IT'S YOUR TURN!

Sir Captain Tom Moore would have celebrated his 101st birthday on the 30th April. To honour his memory, we invite you to take part in our 101 Challenge.

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

You can choose any of the challenges below or even create your own!

COMMUNITY CHALLENGES:

- Collect 101 pieces of litter
- Carry out 101 Good Deeds
- Make 101 people smile

PHYSICAL CHALLENGES:

- 101 Exercises such as star jumps
- 101 km walk, run or cycle
- 101 of a skill such as keepy uppies

CREATIVE CHALLENGES:

- Build something with 101 Lego Bricks
- Write a poem or story with 101 words
- Write a '101 themed' sea shanty.

GOOD LUCK!

www.teambedsanduton.co.uk
 April 2021
 Show us your challenges
 @BedsSchoolGames
 #Challenge101

You can also view the video via Twitter -

<https://twitter.com/BedsSchoolGames/status/137395108>

PIX BROOK'S PARLIAMENT TALK

Year 5 and Year 6 took part in an online workshop arranged and delivered by the education team at the Houses of Parliament. The workshop was called 'Introduction to Parliament'. It covered who works in the House of Commons/Lords and what they do, the difference between Government & Parliament, how you become an MP/Member of the House of Lords and an introduction to law making.

Both Year 5 and Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and learnt things that they did not know before about our Parliament and how our country is democratically governed. Hopefully the workshop has inspired some of our pupils to follow a path into politics and government and, who knows Pix Brook Academy may even have the future Prime Minister in its midst!



On Wednesday 10th of March 2021 we went on a call with two parliamentarians that told us all about the houses of parliament and how it works.

We learnt about the House of Lords and the House of Commons. Pix Brook learnt that the House of Commons think of a law and then they give the bill to the House of Lords - they keep passing the bill back and forth until they agree. When they have fully agreed they give the bill to the Queen and all she has to do is sign the bill.

Boris works in the House of Commons and he has to try and answer all their questions. In the House of Lords there are people in different subjects including scientists, athletes, chefs and more!!!

In the House of Commons there is a speaker but he doesn't actually speak; he points to the next person who is about to speak. The House of Commons is green and the House of Lords is red. It was a really interesting and exciting talk.

By Charlie and Harjevan
Year 6 Blyton Class

AMAZON WISH LIST

A massive thank you to all the parents and pupils who have purchased books from the school's Amazon book wish list as well as those who have donated second-hand books. As you can see from the photograph, you have all been incredibly generous and we are very grateful to have so many wonderful books to add to our library. The donations are still coming in and we can't wait to get the library up and running so the pupils can start borrowing these wonderful books.



This week's donations are from:

Teddy Ellis	Amelia Farrow	Harrison Fryer
Jamie Wenn	James Lyon	Christopher Corne
Evie Standing	Eddie Scutaru	Olivia Cross
Evie Spaul	Tommy King	Willow Du Plessis

ART

In Art, the children have been creating a Driftwood boat sculpture using sticks/twigs that may have fallen from trees, wood and fabric found at home.

The children were very good at sharing the resources that they brought in. Mrs Gregory, very bravely, let the children use hot glue guns to stick their creations together. Mr King-Mand was thoroughly impressed with the Year 5's standard of achievement. The winners are:

Joint 4 th	Ella P, Ella W, Charlotte N
3rd	Sophie C
2nd	Freya W
1st Place	Charlie D



Other News

MRS WHENT RUNS A HALF MARATHON!

Mrs Whent is the first to admit she's no runner despite being a PE teacher! After double knee surgery a few years ago, training for a half marathon is no mean feat for her! She'll be raising money for Alzheimer's Research UK in memory of her Nan who she was very close too. The race takes place at the end of April.

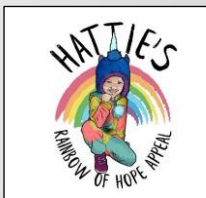
If you can donate a little she would really appreciate the support!

You can donate to her JustGiving page by clicking here:

[Just Giving - Mrs Whent](#)



HATTIE'S RAINBOW OF HOPE APPEAL - UPDATE



You may remember in the last issue of PBA Press, we mentioned that Miss Jack was walking & running to raise money for 'Hattie's Rainbow of Hope Appeal'.

The update on Hattie is below (written by her mum):

We were at Addenbrookes today and had some good news. We wanted to let you know, they've decided to stop Hattie's chemo. There is no active cancer and continuing with chemo is likely to cause even further damage and they feel all the chemo has done its job. There is still a long way to go, but hopefully things will just keep on getting better. Thank you so much for all the fundraising you have done and the support you have given us.

Towards the end of the appointment Hattie asked the consultant what it all meant,

"Have I still got cancer??"

The answer was the best thing I've ever heard

"You HAD cancer. You don't have cancer now

SCHOOL LUNCHES

The new Summer Term menu (see following page) will be in operation after Easter. Please order and pay via the 'accounts' section on your ParentMail account.

Selections must be made by **midnight** every **Sunday**. If there is no selection made, we will assume your child is bringing in a packed lunch.

EQUIPMENT

Please can you make sure that your child is re-stocked for their return after Easter. Please can you also make sure they have tissues, hand sanitiser and a water bottle with them too.

Equipment List



pencils



rubber



ruler



sharpener



handwriting pens (blue)



green pen



scissors



glue stick



colouring pencils

FIDGET TOYS

We have noticed that children are bringing fidget toys into school. Please can we ask that the children avoid bringing them in unless they have a specific SEND need as they can be distracting in lessons. If you believe that bringing that a fidget toy may be helpful for your child, please contact their child's class teacher to discuss.

JIGSAW PUZZLES

We are looking to expand our games area and would be very grateful for any donations of 50+ piece jigsaw puzzles. If you have any that you would like to donate, please could your child bring them to the school office. Thank you for the ones we have received already.

VACANCIES AT PIX BROOK ACADEMY

Assistant Site Agent Job -

<https://www.mynewterm.com/.../EDV.../Assistant-Site-Agent>

PE LESSONS

All pupils are requested to come to school dressed in their full PE kit on the days they are taught PE (see timetable below). Please make sure they are wearing their PE uniform standard outerwear so that they are warm enough throughout the day.

FYI – We return after Easter on WEEK 1

Class	Week 1	Week 2
Zephaniah	Tuesday & Wednesday	Tuesday & Wednesday
Blyton	Tuesday & Wednesday	Tuesday & Wednesday
Morpurgo	Tuesday & Wednesday	Tuesday & Wednesday
Shakespeare	Monday & Wednesday	Tuesday & Thursday
Churchill	Thursday	Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
Nightingale	Wednesday	Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
Attenborough	Monday & Wednesday	Tuesday & Wednesday
Pankhurst	Thursday	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

HOMEWORK CLUB

Homework Clubs has recommenced and the schedule is as follows. Finish time is 3.50pm.

Day	Class
Monday	Zephaniah
Tuesday	Churchill Attenborough Morpurgo Blyton
Wednesday	Pankhurst Shakespeare Nightingale

SAFEGUARDING



Pix Brook Academy SAFEGUARDING TEAM

We are here to keep you safe

Who can you speak to if you feel worried?

You can speak to **any adult** that works in our school about **anything** that is worrying you or making you feel upset at any time.

There are also 3 adults who have the really special job of keeping you safe. They are known as the **Designated Safeguarding Lead** and **Deputy Safeguarding Leads**. Their special job is to listen, support and help you at any time of the school day.



Mr King-Mand
Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Smyth
Deputy
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Pearce
Deputy
Safeguarding Lead

Tell us if you feel worried or upset about anything. For example, you should speak to us:

- if you feel upset or worried about anything at all (even if you think it is not important)
- if someone has hurt you physically, emotionally or mentally
- if you are being threatened or forced to do things
- if someone has done something to you without your permission
- if you feel unsafe in school, at home or when you are out and about
- if you feel uncomfortable in any way
- if you know of another pupil who is worried, upset or being hurt (even if they have told you to keep it secret)
- if you are scared or worried about going home

There are special organisations you can contact if you need to speak to someone when you are not at school. Their job is to also listen, support and help you.





Pix Brook Academy Lunch Menu
Summer Term 2021

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	Cottage Pie Quorn Cottage Pie (V) Mashed Potato Cabbage/Sweetcorn Syrup Sponge & Custard Yoghurt or Fruit	Macaroni Cheese Quorn & Veg Casserole (V) Garlic Bread/Creamed Potatoes Broccoli/Sweetcorn/Peas Shortbread Biscuits Yoghurt or Fruit	Roast Pork Quorn Sausages (V) Roast Potatoes Cauliflower/Green Beans Jam Tart & Custard Yoghurt or Fruit	Beef Lasagne Vegetable Lasagne (V) Garlic Bread Sweetcorn Mousse Yoghurt or Fruit	Pizza Breaded Fish (V) Wedges Baked Beans Iced Sponge Yoghurt or Fruit
Week 2	Beef Pie Cheese & Onion Rolls (V) Creamed Potatoes Cabbage/Peas Fruit Muffins Yoghurt or Fruit	Italian Chicken Cauliflower Cheese (V) Rice Green Beans/Sweetcorn Marble Sponge & Custard Yoghurt or Fruit	Roast Turkey Quorn Roast (V) Roast Potatoes Broccoli/Carrots Cheesecake Yoghurt or Fruit	Sausage Roll Quiche (V) Herby Potatoes Baked Beans/Peas Rice Krispies Cakes Yoghurt or Fruit	Hot Dogs or Chicken Nuggets Vegetable Nuggets (V) Chips Baked Beans Cookie Yoghurt or Fruit
Week 3	Chicken Pie Quorn & Vegetable Pie (V) Creamed Potatoes Carrots/Broccoli Chocolate Chip Sponge & Custard Yoghurt or Fruit	Spaghetti Bolognese Vegetable Bolognese (V) Garlic Bread Sweetcorn/Cauliflower Iced Carrot Cake Yoghurt or Fruit	Roast Beef Quorn Fillets (V) Roast Potatoes Brussel Sprouts/Mixed Veg Chocolate Tart Yoghurt or Fruit	Meatballs Quorn Balls (V) Rice Peas/Carrots Angel Delight Yoghurt or Fruit	Pizza Fish Cakes (V) Chips Baked Beans Ice Cream Yoghurt or Fruit

Community News

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BAKE OFF

Bake us your best Easter themed showstopper
Take a photo & email it to
arleseyeventsgroup@gmail.com
Deadline for entries
5pm Thursday April 1st 2021



Made with PosterMyWall.com



EASTER EGG HUNT

29TH MARCH - 5TH APRIL
SOLVE THE CLUES & FIND THE EGGS!
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Individual skills UEFA coaches Team play

High Quality Football Coaching by very experienced coaches
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Developing - Technical skills – Physical skills – Psychological skills – Social skills

Start Back Date - Wednesday 14th April 2021
£4 per session - 13 week block of Development

Times/ages: 5-6pm = 5 - 9 years & 5-6pm = 10 - 14 years

UEFA B coaches – Youth Award Level 3 - Enhanced DBS - Safeguarding
BFAS (Basic First Aid for Sport)

Contact: **Natasha – 07957980492 – natasha@4cornercoaching.co.uk**
www.4cornercoaching.co.uk







CLASSES FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

GYMNASTICS CLUB

**RECREATIONAL 1HR £30
PER MONTH**

FRI - 4:00-5:00
5:00-6:00
6:00-7:00

SAT - 9:00-10:00
10:00-11:00
11:00-12:00

**PRE SCHOOL 45 MIN £28
PER MONTH**

FRI - 4:00-4:45
SAT - 8:45-9:30
9:30-10:15



Contact:
Pixgymnastics@gmail.com



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01223 473820

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Diary & Term Dates

March	Monday 29 th – Friday 9 th Apr	- Easter Holidays
April	Monday 12 th Tuesday 13 th Thursday 15 th Friday 16 th	- Staff Training Day (no school) - Start of Spring Term - Year 6 Science Virtual Workshops - Year 5 Science Virtual Workshops
May	Monday 3 rd May Friday 28 th Monday 31 st – Friday 4 th Jun	- Bank Holiday - Non-Uniform Day - Half Term
June	Monday 7 th Friday 25 th	- Start of Summer Term - Sports Afternoon
July	Friday 2 nd Date TBC Date TBC Date TBC Wednesday 21 st Thursday 22 nd July	- Step Up Day - Parents Consultation - Open afternoon for Parents - End of Year Activity Day - End of Year Celebrations Afternoon - Last Day of Term (NO after school clubs)

2021/2022

September	Thursday 2 nd Friday 3 rd Monday 6 th	- Staff Training Day (no school) - Staff Training Day (no school) - Start of Autumn Term
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