

## Welcome to the final edition of PBA Press for this academic year!

What a term! There have only been seven weeks since our last PBA Press and yet we seem to have had quite a lot to celebrate and manage.

With the end of another academic year complete, it is crucial to take a moment to reflect back on the year and celebrate those key moments in the life of the school that is so difficult to do during the term. Our last big “event” of Sports Day, was a fantastic way to really capture the joy of the summer term. The opening event including a Haka by staff, really started the day with a bang and it continued from there. The pupils competed in their tutor groups and were a credit to themselves and the school. Competition was fierce yet fair and all the pupils had an opportunity to be involved. The support throughout the day for all the competitions and races was enthusiastic and the weather, dry but cool, made for ideal conditions. The final race of the day, the staff 100-meter relay probably brought the biggest cheer and while modesty prevents me from sharing the members of winning team it is clear that this could easily become part of PBA tradition. (Although miscellaneous injuries and stiff muscles reminds us why running flat out is really for the young!) The closing event included medals and photographs for all winners. A great day.

Moving back into the year, there are other highlights. Science Week was a triumph of organisation and commitment by staff here and parents and others who gave of their time for free. Pupils really enjoyed the variety and expertise shared. The Jubilee event was a great moment and the planting of our Jubilee oak tree is something that should provide a reference point in time as the school grows. Visits by a theatre company; Hitchin museum; Geobus fossil workshop; Willmott Dixon’s sustainability day; the trip to the space centre in Leicester; Red Nose day; world book day; the pantomime and many others all provided those memorable moments for our pupils. The arrival of our first set of SAT results was also a cause for great celebration. Pupils who have had to work through COVID during the last two years were tested against the same standards as in previous years and have performed magnificently. They deserve great credit and I’m pleased we managed to re-schedule the trip to Gulliver’s Land following the heat on Tuesday.

Our hope and plan, is to continue to extend the opportunities for young people to enhance their understanding and experience of the world. This is of course in addition to the normal diet of lessons and extra curricula activities that make up the “normal” pupil experience. Next year is fast approaching and the plans are already in place to build on last year’s events.

It has been another incredible year. We end with great memories and plethora of activities and events to emulate next year. September provides another great opportunity for a host of new staff to join the school and look to make their mark. Although COVID is no longer the headline news, it has been for much of the school’s history and it remains a challenge for us to manage and it has been fantastic to see our young people respond so magnificently to everything that has come their way. As I so often do as I reflect on this year, I am struck by the fortitude of staff, parents and pupils who just “get on with it”. With the summer break about to start, I would like to wish everyone a healthy, safe and enjoyable few weeks. We start back again on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September for the new year at PBA. I wonder what that has in store for us?

Enjoy the summer break and we look forward to seeing you in September.



**Mr Steve Adams**  
Principal



# Pix Brook Academy Staff 2022/2023

## Year Group Staff

Year 5



Mrs M Horwood  
Head of Year



Miss N Priestley  
Shakespeare



Miss T Power  
Gandhi



Miss E Izzard  
Attenborough



Mrs J Gregory  
Nightingale



Mrs B Whelan  
Pankhurst



Mr E Van Wyk

Year 6



Mr F Cook  
Head of Year



Mr J Williams  
Sachar



Mrs M White  
Tolkien



Mrs E Murphy  
Blackman



Miss V Broadbent  
Morpurgo



Mrs Robertson-  
Browne  
Austen



Miss C Binks  
Zephaniah

Year 7



Miss D Freeman  
Head of Year



Miss C Parker  
7CPR



Miss E Haulier  
7EHR



Mr J Hill  
7JHL



Miss R Luck  
7RLK



Mrs R Josan  
7RJN



Mr S Collins  
7SCS

Year 8



Mr W Fleckney  
Head of Year



Mrs I Pearce  
8IPE



Mr S Brooks  
8SBS



Mr J Szwajbak  
8JSK



Mr M Dawson  
8MDN

## Senior Leadership Team



Principal  
Mr S Adams



Vice Principal  
Mr I King-Mand



Associate Principal  
Mrs T Smyth



Assistant Principal  
Ms V Lewis

## Teaching Staff

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY			MFL		
Head of Department	Mr	King-Mand	Head of Department	Ms	Lewis
DT Teacher	Mr	Fleckney	MFL Teacher	Miss	Hallauer
Food & Nutrition Teacher	Mr	Cook	PE		
ART			Head of Department	Mr	Szwajbak
Head of Art	Mrs	Poxson	PE Teacher	Mr	Dawson
ENGLISH/DRAMA			PE Teacher	Miss	Jack
Head of KS3 English	Mr	Campbell	PE Apprentice	Mr	Natui
English/Drama Teacher	Mr	Collins	SCIENCE		
English/Drama Teacher	Miss	Luck	Head of Department	Mrs	Adams
HUMANITIES			Head of KS2 Science	Mrs	Murphy
Head of History	Mr	Brooks	Science Teacher	Mr	Hill
Deputy Head of Humanities	Mrs	Pearce	Science Teacher	Miss	Parker
Head of KS2 Humanities	Mrs	Robertson-Browne	Technician / Teacher	Mrs	Cook
MATHS			ICT		
Head of KS3 Maths	Miss	Bryant	Head of Department	Mr	Williams
Maths Teacher	Miss	Freeman	MUSIC		
Maths Teacher	Mrs	Josan	Head of Department	Mrs	White

## Support Staff

SEND			SITE		
SENDCo	Mrs	Whent	Site Agent	Mr	Miles
Assistant SENDCo	Miss	Gifford	Assistant Site Agent	Mr	Wood
Specialist Teacher of SEND	Mrs	Reeve	Cleaner	Miss	Fox
Disadvantaged Pupil Progress Lead	Miss	Harding	Cleaner	Mr	Wood
Head of ASD Provision	Mrs	Murphy	Cleaner	Mr	Allworth
Teaching Assistant	Mrs	Ash	Cleaner	Mr	Betts
Teaching Assistant	Mrs	Betts	Cleaner	Mr	Lowden
Teaching Assistant	Mrs	Pais	KITCHEN		
Teaching Assistant	Mrs	Hicks	Catering Manager	Miss	Pegg
Teaching Assistant	Miss	McDade	Kitchen Assistant	Mrs	Wood
Teaching Assistant	Miss	Sidhu	Kitchen Assistant	Mrs	Mirowska
Teaching Assistant	Miss	Bonnington	Kitchen Assistant	Mrs	White
Teaching Assistant	Miss	Norman	PBA EXTRA		
Teaching Assistant	Mrs	Sacco-Farag	Club Facilitator	Miss	Bonnington
Teaching Assistant	Mrs	Webb	Club Assistant	Mr	Natui
Teaching Assistant	Mrs	Gilliland			
Teaching Assistant	Mrs	Theobald			
Teaching Assistant (Maternity Leave)	Mrs	Thaneja			
OFFICE					
Business Manager	Mr	Wilson			
Data Manager	Mrs	Payne			
Office Manager	Mrs	Chandler			
Reception/Administrator	Mrs	Dallas			
Office & Attendance Administrator	Mrs	Stewart			



# Year 5

## End of Year Round-Up



Wow. What can I say to summarise our first year at the school? To think back to my first day in September when I met you all, how far we have all come is unreal. You truly are an outstanding Year group and it has been an honour to be your Head of Year (and class teacher - unlucky Churchill!). Luckily I get to keep this privilege and I cannot wait to see you all grow into socially responsible young people in the coming years at Pix Brook. I cannot even try to put all of our memories into one paragraph but some that stand out to me are our fantastic trips, being so proud of you all watching your various sporting fixtures, laughing with you at lunchtimes, being reminded that Spurs haven't won a trophy since 2008 (you know who you are!) to name a few. This has been my first year as a Head of Year, and has been simply the best! I know that each year will be better than the last and I am so excited to watch that happen. I hope that all of our students and their families have a wonderful, safe and restful Summer break, and myself and the Y6 team look forward to welcoming you all back (only upstairs this time!) in September. Remember, be the very best version of yourselves, because you are all remarkable!

Mr Cook & The Year 5 Team

### Churchill

To the amazing Churchill class,  
We are honoured to have been your teachers this year! You are an absolutely amazing class and Miss Broadbent is very lucky to have you next year! We have made some brilliant memories such as our various trips, Zachary's dancing, Isla's laughing, moving classrooms upstairs (then back down again!), the ice cream van, Mr Cook getting confused in nearly every ICT/Music lesson and most importantly... THE MACARENA! We wish you all the very best next year, do yourselves proud and please come and tell us how you are getting on. Have a wonderful, restful Summer.  
Mr. Cook & Mr Van Wyk



### Gandhi

Wow, what a fun-filled year Gandhi Class have had!



We started the year watching our class caterpillar's metamorphosis and grow their wings and over the year I have watched as every member of Gandhi class grew theirs. We have finished our year with a very successful summer term. All children achieving their highest marks on their Maths PIXL papers, coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in sports day, with some new school records set, creating our crowns for the school's jubilee lunch and planting our jubilee flowers together. I cannot wait to watch every member of Gandhi Class grow throughout their years at Pix Brook. Good luck in the future, love Miss. Power.

### Shakespeare

Shakespeare class have had such a fun year! We have managed to cram in so many fun activities and good memories this year- from Cadbury's World to space centre trips! I am so proud of every child in this class, they have worked so hard and it has genuinely been a pleasure to teach each and everyone one of you! I am so excited to see them continue their journey at PBA  
😊 Miss Priestley



### Attenborough

What a year we have had in Attenborough! The past academic year has flown by and we have had so much fun with the trips, non-uniform days and of course the day-to-day lessons! Time flies when you're having fun! Watching the class grow from a quiet and shy group of pupils to the thriving, motivated and energetic people they are now has been wonderful to see. I am so proud of each and every pupil in Attenborough this year and I wish you all the luck in the world for Year 6. Have a wonderful summer!

Miss Izzard





## Pankhurst

WOW! I have come to the end of my three years at Pix Brook. It has been full of laughter, positivity and growth. Watching Pix Brook go from a building site to a massive school, going on school trips, the pandemic, sports day, races on the playground and lots of fun in the classroom have been some highlights of my time here. Thank you to Pankhurst 20-21 and Pankhurst 21-22; both classes have made my experience here at PBA one of a kind. From Jairaj's sense of humour to Felix's stories, I will definitely miss them all. Big shout out to the Year 5 team for making my journey delightful! Thank you to Mr Adams for supporting me all the way! I will miss working here for sure!

Miss Aksoy



## Turing

It has been a wonderful year for Turing class with so many highlights to pick out! It is common knowledge now, but I will be taking this class up into Year 6 (where we will be renamed Sachar class). I was only able to make this decision because of how fantastic this class has been all year. Some major highlights in the summer term have been: the children learning about Tudor times through the eyes of William Montague in English; we have learnt all about shapes and volume in Maths; in Science, we have looked in depth at the human life cycle and how we grow and change and in ICT the students created some wonderful websites all about the Terrible Tudors! I know the children are looking forward to a lovely summer break, but I cannot wait to get started next year with this amazing class!

Mr Williams



## Nightingale



WOW! What an amazing year we have had in Nightingale class. Better known by many as the Percy Pig class.

The children have been a real pleasure to teach, I cannot believe that the year is nearly complete. Thank you so much children, for making my smile and laugh every day. Also, thank you for laughing at my amazing jokes...

We enjoyed reading Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. After reading the last couple of chapters, the children had been learning and translating a few Japanese words. They then had the opportunity to write their own name in Japanese. This was such an enjoyable lesson, enjoyed also by the Governors whilst on their learning walk.



During science, Mrs Gregory challenged the class to pick up jelly cubes covered in oil, Esme accepted the challenge and as you can see, was overjoyed when completing it.



During DT, the children were given paper and masking tape to construct the most stable bridge. Here are the winners.



Nightingale class, was the place to be on a Tuesday lunchtime for Pokémon club. This will be running again next year.



Have a fabulous holiday and enjoy your continuing journey at PBA. From a very thankful Mrs Gregory 😊😊😊😊😊

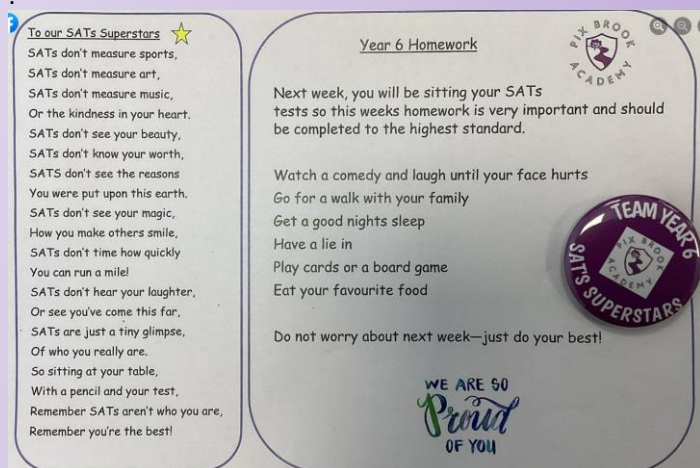


# Year 6

## End of Year Round-Up



So, we have now come to the end of our academic year and it seemed that it was just a few weeks ago, when we sent out the Term Summary for Year 6. Looking back to the beginning of the academic year (Sep 21), Year 6 have done so much, such as going to see Aladdin, the Blists Hill Victorian Town trip, World Book Day, STEM week as well as SATs week, where the Year 6 started their day with a nice breakfast each day provided by the school canteen. Then they had their Big Writes to get on with and they work so hard to complete their end Topics in various subjects throughout the year. We also have numerous visitors that have shared the knowledge on things like: Space, Engineering, History, Science and Sustainability, among others.



Also the whole of the Pix Brook Academy pupil community had an opportunity to look at the Time Capsule and suggest items to put in it so in 50 years' time, the future PBA pupils will be able to see what life was like in 2020's!. We must not forget, that we have been part of History ourselves by taking part in the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, commemorated with many fun activities and finally captured with the whole school photo in front of our newly planted Oak Tree.

We all took part in one amazing Sport day, organised by our even more amazing PE department at PBA and how proud Year 6 have made us; participating and cheering for their peers and demonstrating a genuine sporting spirit, way to go PBA!!

I have been so privileged to be part of "The learning journey" that all our Year 6's have gone through and witness how, in one way or another, they have developed as more mature and independent individuals. I feel proud to be your Head of Year! In addition to this, you have also moved a bit closer to become a KS3 pupil with all the new challenges and opportunities ...

...to continue to grow into a socially responsible citizen that is Positive Polite, Prepared and Perseverance!!

I have to mention and thank our great Year 6 form tutor's team, who always have had the pupil's best interest at heart, when planning lessons and making decisions on fun learning activities such as the End of Year trip to Gulliver's Land which is taking place this Thursday and we are all looking forward to it; pupils and staff alike!

So, I take this opportunity to wish all a great summer and well-deserved restful time with family and loved ones and looking forward to welcome you all back in September as our new Year 7's but, for now get ready to enjoy your summer and recharge your batteries with plenty of sunshine, play, fun and fresh air!

Mrs Horwood and the Year 6 Team

### Geobus



What an amazing year it has been! Finally, Pix Brook was able to complete its first full year since the school opened and we have packed everything into it. A few highlights must be the abundance of trips: Science Museum, Pantomime, Gulliver's Land, Blist Hill and Cadbury World: a wealth of enrichment to bring the pupil's learning to life. We have been fortunate to have visitors support our learning with our Saxon visit, Tudor visit, pop-up planetarium and the Happy Puzzle company. Mix into this Wilmott Dixon, Science week, Christmas Jumper Day, Sport's Day, Jubilee Celebrations and much, much more. This year has been busy but also filled with fantastic opportunities for all of our pupils and they have excelled at every chance making us all incredibly proud. Last but not least, our first ever SAT's results showing how dedicated and conscientious the pupils are too. Who knows what next year will bring? Wishing you and your family a relaxing and safe Summer. Mrs Smyth

### Art Lesson





# Year 7

## End of Year Round-Up



Here we are, at the end of school year that has absolutely flown by!

It has been with great pleasure to witness the successful transition of our Year 7 students into the start of secondary school and Key Stage 3.

At the start of September, we started with around 70 students and today we now have 90 students in Year 7! It has been excellent to see the new students settling into the school and becoming part of the Pix Brook community.

The year has been a success and each and every student has made me proud to be their Head of Year at some point during the academic year. The students have matured remarkably and have progressed in all areas of the curriculum.

As Year 8 fast approaches, the students now face a further transition into a new school day with six lessons, tutor group changes and that Maths, French, Science, DT and IT will now be taught in sets. Once again, I am hopeful that each and every Year 7 student will feel comfortable with the transition and it will be as 'smooth' as last September. On a personal note it will be great to see the year 7 students begin to study new subjects within design and technology, including Food and Graphics.

At the beginning of July, the Year 7 students were involved in step-up day. The students sampled a day of their time Year 8 timetable and were able to meet some of the new teachers joining us at PBA. I know that all of the new teachers enjoyed meeting you all for the very first time and are very much looking forward to September.



Throughout the year there have been some real highlights. To name a few the trip to the Houses of Parliament, collapsed timetable days with Science Week and STEM workshop, the performance by Solomon Theatre Group, sporting fixtures across a range of sports, history days and of course our first end of year disco. We have just held our first 'full' PBA sports day and what an amazing day it was – I would like to personally thank the PE Department for organising such a wonderful day that was enjoyed by both students and staff. The level of performance from the year 7 students was brilliant, but perhaps more importantly the positive attitude and teamwork was even better! Well done to all.



One final thank you is to the amazing Year 7 form tutors that have all worked unbelievably hard this year – they have been there every single day for our Year 7 students.

It is at this point I would like to wish every one of you a safe, restful and fantastic summer holiday and I am already looking forward to the start of September as Head of Year 8.

Mr Fleckney and the Year 7 Team



# Teaching & Learning News

## Geography

This time of year we like to reflect on the progress the students that have made since the beginning of the year. Year 5 have had some great learning experiences with some exciting topics including Rainforest, communities and UK geography. Seeing their final pieces of work shows not only their progress they have made but also the pride the children have in the work they produce. Year 6 have had the challenge of developing their geographic knowledge as well as new vocabulary particularly when learning about glaciers. They then used their new vocabulary to produce fact-files of how glaciers have shaped landscapes using the lake district as a case study. Our first year of KS3 geography has created some challenging but also exciting learning experiences. Year 7 have developed knowledge in not only geographic locations but they have also had opportunities to create political debates about the future of the environment, including a creating a court case of who is responsible for deforestation of the Amazon rainforest. The students were given the chance to speak directly to our local MP Richard Fuller about the future of Stotfold and how to develop the town in a sustainable fashion. At the end of another busy and exciting year reflecting on the amazing progress the children have made feeds into planning of even more exciting learning experiences in the next academic year.

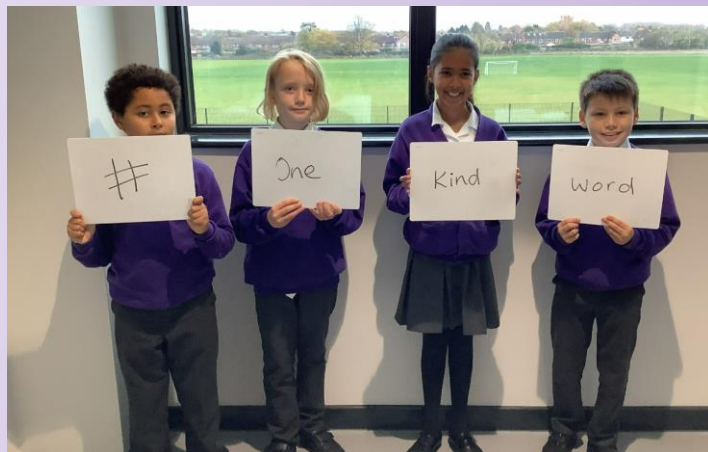
## Eco council

This term saw the set-up of the eco council, the children who became councillors are very enthusiastic about creating positive environmental changes in our school, it is great to see the children embrace their social responsibility to the school community. Our first target is for the council to work toward the eco schools green flag award, to achieve this the councillors will work on projects to help our school community become more eco aware as well as creating actions within the school to reduce our impact on the environment. To help facilitate this I have had a range of meetings with the local council and the tiny forest foundation who will be giving some funds for the eco council to add some additional plants on the school site. In the new academic year, we will be using the eco pod for the council meetings, I am looking forward to seeing the impact that the eco council will make in our community.



## Citizenship

This subject helps children develop knowledge and skills to be responsible citizens this subject helps students explore society and what impacts it. Year 5 have learnt about their community, environment and personal safety. The topic the Year 5 children particularly enjoyed was carrying out their antibullying campaigns in the spring term, the children came up with some fantastic campaigns some included songs, raps and posters. Year 6 started the year learning about the human rights act comparing the rights of children in the UK to the rights of children in other countries, the Year 6 students also had topics about British values and healthy living.



Year 7's were given the opportunity to join the British Youth Parliament, which enabled them to experience democracy and British values first hand. Students who were voted onto the youth parliament have since experienced international events such as pride week and assisted in the creation and development of the Eco Council and campaigned for issues such as the environment and homelessness. Special thanks must go to the year 7 students involved. Year 7 citizenship started with parliamentary democracy which included a trip to parliament where the children toured both the house of commons and the house of lords. They also enjoyed learning about careers and personal qualities to support in their future careers, in this topic the students got to carry out an enterprise project. The project helped foster team work and practice their leadership skills. Each student got to experience being the leader of a task then reflect on their experience of leading their team. In the next academic year, we are looking forward to creating more opportunities in citizenship to help students develop the skills to become socially responsible citizens of the future.





## French

Year 5 and 6 have been learning about food, currency, preferences and questions this term. This culminated in a WOW lesson where students went shopping using Euros to buy food in French. They took on the roles of shop keepers or buyers using language in French like "What would you like?" "How much is it?" "I would like....."

They didn't brilliantly and really enjoyed working in teams to bring this task together. It was such a pleasure to watch them and to see how much they have progressed this year in French. Well done Year 5 and Year 6!



## Maths

In September, Pix Brook Academy will be introducing 12 Maths Ambassadors. These Year 7 and 8 students will help out in tutor time when maths activities are scheduled across all year groups and also assist in intervention groups. They will be identifiable by their badge making them accessible to any student who needs help with their maths.



The Maths Ambassadors for the next school year are, in the current Year 6: Lauren Bone, Noah Farnsworth, Edie Hackett, Olivia Harding and Stan Webb; in Year 7: Oisin Barnes, Sienna Davison, Willow Du Plessis, Nathan Finch, James Lamb, Lacey McCulloch and Brody Mercer.

I am very much looking forward to seeing how these Maths Ambassadors help others with their maths problems or queries.

Mrs Bryant Head of KS3 Maths

## History

Another fantastic year for the History department at Pix Brook. Using History as a vehicle to explore decision made in the past and how these decisions effect our present and our future. All year groups experienced workshops from the NHDC Education services investigating local connections to historical events. The year 5's visited Cadbury World, as part of their unit on the ancient Maya. The year 6's took part in workshops from the to investigate the deep rooted diversity of Stotfold and the surrounding area. In addition, the year 6 students also visited the Black Country Museum as part of their unit on the Victorians, bringing history to life. The Year 7s students started the year studying the Romans and were given the chance to experience a day in the life of a Roman soldier with special mention to P Sawyer fostering that love for the subject which we all believe is pivotal long-term success.





# Highlights of the Year

Year 6 Trip to Blists Hill Victorian Village



Year 5 Trip to Cadbury World



Using the Food Technology Rooms for the First Time



Richard Fuller MP Visits



Inflatable Planetarium



World Book Day



Anglo Saxon Workshop

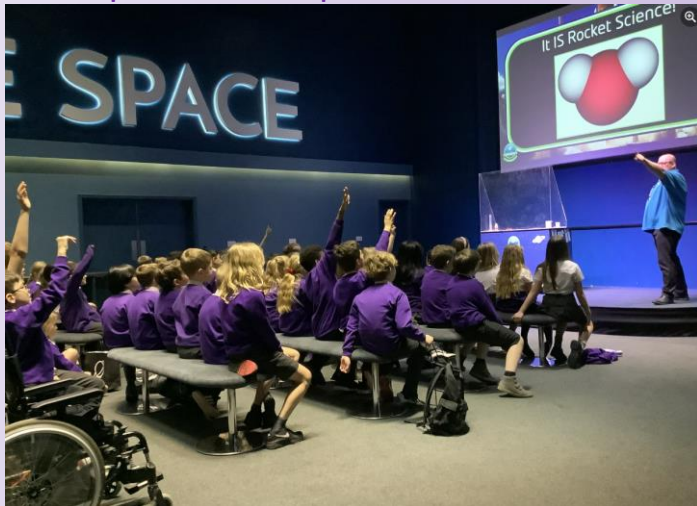


Year 5 Ice Cream Treats





Year 5 Trip to The National Space Centre



Science Week



World Mediation Day



Year 5 & 6 Trip to the Panto



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations





Year 7 Rise Above Project



One Run Global



Remembrance Day



Youth Parliament



Year 7 Roman Workshop



Year 5 Tudor Workshop



Easter School



Year 5 Rugby Tournament



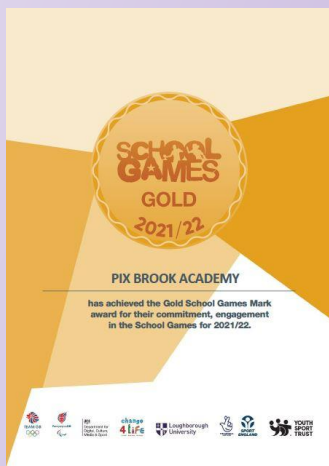
New Rugby Hoops





# Sport Round-Up

This academic year has been a prosperous one for PE at our school. Our aim for the year was to raise participation levels since the pandemic, create as many opportunities for our students to represent the school in competitions against others and increase our profile in the sporting community. This year we have been delighted with the attendances each term in our extra-curricular activities, where we have delivered 16 different activities across year groups and entered teams in 7 different leagues, with all year groups having more than one squad in some sports. In lessons, we have invested heavily in the department, meaning we can offer a broad and balanced curriculum and students are able to make the most of our fantastic facilities. We have also built a strong network with various organisations in the local area, where we have formed new affiliations with Letchworth Cricket Club, Letchworth Hockey Club and Biggleswade Rugby Club. As such, many of our pupils are now joining these clubs out of school. In recognition of our achievements this year, we have been awarded the Gold School Games Mark certificate for our PE and sport provision, which we are all incredibly proud of. We look forward to building on the foundations we have laid this year and continue to provide the best possible PE and sporting experiences and pathways for our students in 2022-23!



Year 7 Netball Team



## Letchworth Hockey Club taster session

Last week Letchworth Hockey Club delivered a hockey masterclass to our students in the summer sun. A great turn out from both boys and girls in each year group, pupils were able to practice the core skills of the game, impressing the five coaches in attendance. We look to continue our hockey development at the school since introducing the sport into the curriculum this year and it was brilliant to hear that several students have already contacted the club about joining over the summer. For any further information on how students can sign up at Letchworth Hockey, please contact Mr Szwajbak.



## Year 7 Girls Football Team



## Bedfordshire and Luton Commonwealth Games





## Rugby Taster Session



## Pix Dance Company

This year saw the formation of our first ever Pix Dance Company and, during the audition process, we got to see the vast variety of talented dancers that we have here at PBA! Rehearsals were held every Wednesday lunch time from May through to June where we worked towards creating a dance for the BEST Summer Arts Festival at Samuel Whitbread Academy and our very own sports day closing ceremony. The dancers were incredibly dedicated and motivated throughout the entire process and were excited to have this opportunity. Pix Dance Company made us all incredibly proud. Well done, girls!



## Cricket Taster Session



## Year 7 Cricket Awards

Top run scorer	- Charlie C
Top wicket-taker	- Liam R
Best fielder	- Nathan F
Most improved	- Gabriel P
Best all-rounder	- Mason T
Player of the Year	- James L



## Cricket Tournament





### PBA Spectacular Sports Day!

Our PBA Sports Day this year promised to be a huge spectacle and our students, staff and the weather did not disappoint! To kick start the opening ceremony, a whole school rendition of 'Sweet Caroline' while our trampolinists demonstrated a superb display of skills was enough to lift spirits and a spine-tingling staff version of the Haka will live long in the memory of all involved. In the morning, the whole school participated in games, including football, rounders, cricket and capture the flag, with some incredible matches taking place and several finals going right to the wire. On to the athletics in the afternoon, the determination and effort from all athletes was inspiring as many of the races required a photo finish to determine the winners. To add to the excitement, every single athletics winner this year posted a new PBA record, some of which we imagine will last many years to come. After a fun filled day with many impressive performances, the closing ceremony highlighted the talent we have on show here at PBA, with the Pix Dance Companies performing several dances and Keira in Year 7 singing beautifully in front of the audience to a rapturous round of applause. Mr Adams had the honour of announcing our form winners for this year: Year 5 – Turing, Year 6 – Zephaniah and Year 7 – 7JS!



## Celebrations Outside of PBA

Total Self Defence Ltd after-school Jujitsu classes at Pix Brook Academy would like to congratulate our new yellow belts - they excelled themselves! A huge well done to you all. Sensei Stephen McDade 9th Dan.



### Dance & Gymnastics







## Boxing

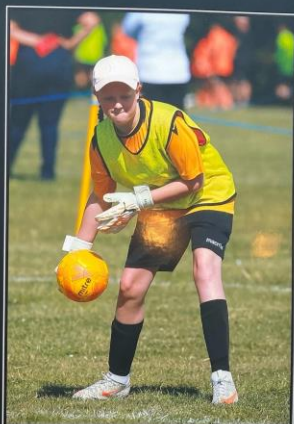


## Judo & Karate





## Football



**Sandy Tigers FC  
Summer Tournament  
May 2022**



## Staff achievements





# Charity

We've raised an incredible amount of money throughout the year for various charities including: Children In Need, The Need Project, Save The Children, Comic Relief, The Ukrainian Appeal, Mind, The British Heart Foundation and Cancer Research





# General Information

## MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phones are not permitted to be used anywhere on school grounds. Mobile phones must be switched-off before students enter the school gate and must not be switched on again until they exit the gate at the end of the school day.

Mobile phones **must be** handed to form tutors at the beginning of the school day. If any student is seen with a mobile phone, it will result in confiscation and locked in reception until a parent/carer can collect. Any student that has a mobile phone confiscated will be sanctioned accordingly.

## SMART WATCHES

Please could we ask that smart/apple watches are left at home where possible. There is no need for students to bring them into school and we want to try and avoid them getting damaged. Along with mobile phones, any devices that can access mobile data, take photos, make calls/messages etc. need to be handed in to the form tutor at the start of the day. Thank you for your support with this.

## MEDICINES

Please note that children are not permitted to carry medication on them at school. All medications (prescribed and non-prescribed) must be handed to the school office along with a completed medication form. Medication forms can be requested from the school office.

## ORDERING UNIFORM FROM TOTAL CLOTHING

Parents are advised that the deadline for ordering school uniform in time for the start of the new term in September is **WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**.

The 'walk in' shop in Peterborough is open Monday to Friday from 9am -5pm (from Monday 11th July, Monday to Thursday 9am -5.30pm and 9-5pm on Friday) and on Saturday from 10.00am till 4pm from Saturday 16th July until Saturday 3rd September and online orders can be made via <https://www.totalclothingshop.co.uk/pixbrook>

## LABELLING UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT

Please can we ask parents/carers to label ALL uniform and equipment. We have teamed up with 'Stikins' who will give the school commission on every order placed. Please visit their website [www.stikins.co.uk](http://www.stikins.co.uk) and quote our unique school code **6948**

## CHANGE OF DETAILS

If you have recently moved house or your contact details have changed, you can either change these either yourself via Edulink or by emailing [pixbrook@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:pixbrook@bestacademies.org.uk)

## PARKING

Please can we remind parents and carers to be mindful when parking and driving in the school road. Please **do not park or block the entrance** to the school and please **do not use the car parks** to collect or drop off children. Thank you

## REPORTING AN ABSENCE

If your child is absent from school, please report the absence by **8.20am** by either leaving a message on the absence line 01462 416243 (option 1) or by emailing [pba-absence@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:pba-absence@bestacademies.org.uk)

## THE RED BOX PROJECT

At the beginning of 2021, the Government rolled out a new scheme which provides period products to all pupils of state-maintained schools and colleges. We have our very own Red Box situated in the medical room. Should your child require any products during the school day, please let them know to come and see Mrs Chandler in the main office.

## EQUIPMENT

Please can you make sure that your child has all the necessary school equipment school on a daily basis

### Equipment List

The following needs to be brought to school every day

	pencils		highlighters (yellow, green & pink)
	rubber		ruler
	sharpener		green pen
	scissors		notebook
	glue stick		water bottle
	handwriting pens (blue)		
	colouring pencils		

## LIBRARY BOOK DONATIONS

If anyone is having a declutter over the summer or has books that they no longer want at home, we would appreciate any books in good condition that are age appropriate for our school Library. Donations should be handed in to the office or brought to Miss Broadbent's classroom.

## 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



**Mr Fleckney**  
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.





SCHOOL LUNCHES

We return in September on Menu Week 1, the menu for the new term is below:

<div> Pix Brook Academy Lunch Menu September – December</div>					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	Mince Cobbler Quorn Cobbler (V) Creamed Potatoes Broccoli/Carrots Rice Pudding Yoghurt or Fruit	Sausage Rolls Pasta Bake (V) Croquet Potatoes Spaghetti Hoops/Peas Flagjack Yoghurt or Fruit	Roast Pork Vegetarian Sausages (V) Roast Potatoes Mixed Veg/Brussels Choco Sponge & Custard Yoghurt or Fruit	Chicken Curry Quorn Curry (V) Rice Peas/Sweetcorn Eves Pudding & Custard Yoghurt or Fruit	Fish Cake Pizza(V) Chips Baked Beans/Salad Iced Sponge Yoghurt or Fruit
Week 2	Spaghetti Bolognaise Vegetarian Sausages (V) Pasta/Garlic Bread Carrots/Green Beans Mousse Yoghurt or Fruit	Sausages in Gravy Vegetarian Sausages (V) Creamed Potatoes Broccoli/Green Beans Belgian Buns Yoghurt or Fruit	Roast Turkey Quorn Roast (V) Roast Potatoes Cauliflower/Peas Cornflake Tart & Custard Yoghurt or Fruit	Chilli Con Carne Vegetarian Chilli (V) Rice Mixed Veg/Sweetcorn Angel Delight Yoghurt or Fruit	Fish Fingers Pizza(V) Chips Baked Beans Ice Cream Yoghurt or Fruit
Week 3	Meatballs Vegetarian Sausage Roll (V) Croquet Potatoes/Rice Peas/Spaghetti Hoops Apple Crumble & Custard Yoghurt or Fruit	Chicken Pie Cauliflower Cheese (V) Creamed Potatoes Green Beans/Carrots Iced Bun Yoghurt or Fruit	Roast Beef Quorn Roast (V) Roast Potatoes Broccoli/Mixed Veg Fruit Scone Yoghurt or Fruit	Sweet & Sour Pork Sweet & Sour Quorn (V) Rice Mixed Veg Lemon Drizzle Sponge Yoghurt or Fruit	Hot Dogs Pizza (V) Chips Baked Beans Cookies Yoghurt or Fruit

Lunch accounts are topped up via ParentMail, please see instructions on how to do this below:  
<https://www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/payments/dinner-money/>

If you think you meet the free school meals eligibility criteria, please call 0300 300 8306.

Please be reminded that we are a nut free school therefore please refrain from packing any nut products into your child/children’s break time snack or packed lunch. This includes Nutella.

THE SCHOOL DAY

KEY STAGE 2			
Start Time	Finish Time	Length	Activity
8:20	8:30	10 mins	Registration
8:30	9:20	50 mins	Period 1
9:20	10:10	50 mins	Period 2
10:10	10:30	20 mins	BREAK
10:30	11:20	50 mins	Period 3
11:20	12:10	60 mins	Period 4
12:10	1:00	50 mins	LUNCH
1:00	1:50	50 mins	Period 5
1:50	2:40	50 mins	Period 6
2:40	3:05	25 mins	Tutor / Assembly
KEY STAGE 3			
Start Time	Finish Time	Length	Activity
8:20	8:30	10 mins	Registration
8:30	9:20	50 mins	Period 1
9:20	10:10	50 mins	Period 2
10:10	10:30	20 mins	BREAK
10:30	11:20	50 mins	Period 3
11:20	12:10	60 mins	Period 4
12:10	1:00	50 mins	Period 5
1:00	1:50	50 mins	LUNCH
1:50	2:40	50 mins	Period 6
2:40	3:05	25 mins	Tutor / Assembly

PBA EXTRA

Our after-school childcare club commences Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September. All places have now been allocated. If you need to contact the club please email [pba-extra@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:pba-extra@bestacademies.org.uk)

Children should be collected from PBA Extra by 6pm. On arrival at the school, parents/carers should call 07470 326409. Once notification of their arrival is received, the supervisor will send children out to meet parents/carers and mark the child “Out”

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

All extra-curricular clubs will commence week of the 19<sup>th</sup> September. The timetable will be emailed out in the first week of term.



# Diary & Term Dates

DATE	YEAR	EVENT
<b><u>September</u></b>		
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>		Inset Day
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>		Inset Day
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>START OF AUTUMN TERM</b>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	5 & 7	Individual School Photographs
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	8	HPV Vaccinations
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	All	Non-Uniform Day (Mental Health Awareness)
Date TBC	6	Child Measurement Programme
<b><u>October</u></b>		
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	5 & 6	Flu Immunisations
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	5	Cadburys World trip
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup></b>		Inset Day
<b><u>November</u></b>		
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>		Prospective Parents/Carers Open Evening
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	All	Remembrance Day / Forces Uniform Day
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	6	Black Country Museum trip
<b><u>December</u></b>		
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	All	Christmas Lunch
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	All	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	5	Pantomime Trip
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>LAST DAY OF TERM (NO after school clubs/PBA Extra)</b>
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Christmas Holidays</b>
<b><u>January</u></b>		
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>		Bank Holiday
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>		Inset Day
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>START OF SPRING TERM</b>
<b><u>February</u></b>		
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	6	Mock SATs
<b><u>March</u></b>		
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	All	World Book Day
<b><u>April</u></b>		
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Easter Holidays</b>
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup></b>		Inset Day
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>START OF SUMMER TERM</b>
<b><u>May</u></b>		
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	6	SATs
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>		<b>Half Term</b>
<b><u>June</u></b>		
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	4	New Year 5 Intake Information Evening
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	All	Step-Up Day
<b><u>July</u></b>		
Date TBC	All	Sports Day
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup></b>		<b>LAST DAY OF TERM (NO after school clubs/PBA Extra)</b>