

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

We have come to the end of the half term already. The day has finished for many pupils but for many, others activities continue. As I took the opportunity to visit some department meetings, I was delighted to speak to pupils in Year 5, homework club, Harry Potter club, forensics club and then to see so many pupils both undertaking football training in addition to a match being played by the Year 8 pupils (a hard fought 2 all draw against ETA). Given that it is the end of what has been a really busy term, it is great to see pupils still fully immersed in school life.

The last few weeks have included so much great stuff it is sometimes hard to keep track of it all. For our new Year 5, it has been great to get to know these new pupils in school. The large group of Year 5 pupils are already settled into the routine of a new school. It never ceases to amaze me how quickly they become accustomed to new people, spaces and expectations and I am delighted with their attitude and application. Having almost 150 new pupils in Year 5 in five classes, certainly adds a buzz to the school and they will add great life and vigour to our school over the next few years. I know they are all looking forward to the traditional visit to Cadburys World today, and other pupils will be supporting mental health charities on Friday with our non-uniform day.

It has also been great to be able support the Princes Trust over the last two weeks. We were contacted to see if we could provide a space for a community project to be undertaken by a group of young people and I am delighted to say we were able to accommodate the team.



Over the last two weeks this group of supported young people have created some fantastic outside raised beds for our environmental club to plant. They have painted some of the outside seating and generally provided some valuable support to the school. We will have a handing over ceremony on Friday supported by the Lady Clifford, the High Sheriff of Bedfordshire and Cllr Steve Buck the Mayor of Stotfold. Projects of this nature are really important to PBA and very much fit our aspiration to be responsible citizens and support the community.

With all the extra-curricular activity and events, it could be easy to lose site of the core function of schools. The education of our young people remains at the forefront of our day to day work and is the main preoccupation of all staff. Rightly, this is what we spend the vast majority of our time thinking about and working on. We understand that this is hard work for young people, but also that it is the one thing that can really affect a person's life chances. Working hard in lessons, completing homework and doing the best one can is what we expect from our pupils because this is what will make the difference in the future. With the support of parents and carers I know this important work will continue.

Next half term includes all the usual activities. On Thursday 3rd November we have our open evening where we once again invite new pupils and parents to visit the school. This is the first time in the school's history that some form of COVID restriction has not been in place and we plan to have a large number of our pupils here to represent the school.

Enjoy the half term break and don't forget we have an Inset Day on Monday 31st October. I look forward to seeing many of you over the next few months.



Mr Steve Adams
Principal

Half Term Round Up

Year 5 & 6

It has been a fantastic half term in Year 5 & 6. Our Year 5's have settled in fantastically and it doesn't seem a week ago, let alone a year that Mr Cook and the Y5 team were welcoming the Y6's into the school! You have shown what amazing year groups you all are to your new Y5 and Y6 teachers and we cannot wait to see how we all grow together throughout our last years in primary. Some highlights of this half term include; workshops from the Making Me charity on how we can build and show resilience, the first KS2 Food immersion sessions taking place, our first school trip to Cadbury World, utilising our detective skills to help Sherlock solve the case of the speckled band, representing our year group in the wider community through a variety of sports fixtures and so much more! As we begin to think about the second half of the Autumn term, Year 6 are looking forward to even more excitement through the means of the Black Country trip and of course the build up to the festive break including the Y5 trip to the panto! Well done, this has been a fantastic first term, keep it up and let's make the next even better. We would like to wish all students and families a safe and restful half term.

Mr Cook and Mrs Horwood



There is going to be a change to Year 6 homework after half term. In order to get the children prepared for their SAT's (and KS3), we shall be using CGP books as well as TT Rockstars and EdShed. We will issue each of the children with their own copy of each of the books. If they lose any of them, they will need to be replaced at a cost of £3.00 per book. All homework will be set on a Monday and due on the following Monday. This will consist of:

- CGP Maths task
- CGP Reading and Grammar task
- EdShed practise and spelling sentence homework
- 20 Minute TT RockStars
- Dr. Frosts Arithmetic quiz
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All CGP books, with completed homework, should be in school on a Monday where it will be marked in English and Maths lessons. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 7

Our first half term is over and our new Year 7 cohort have made an amazing start to their Secondary phase of their education. It has been wonderful to witness the year group and begin to get to know them all. It has been brilliant watching them grow in confidence in the first 6 weeks and seeing new friendships form.

The Year 7 form tutors have all been very impressed with the student's positive attitude towards their peers, lessons and extra-curricular activities. I will be launching the end of year trip after half term and am excited to let the students know where we will be going.

I would like to thank parents and carers for your continued support during this half term; we feel so lucky to be part of a community with such strong partnerships between home and school.

I hope you all enjoy the half term break and look forward to seeing you all again on the 1st November.

Mrs D Freeman



Year 8

They say the first half term is always the hardest... It has been an all round positive start to Year 8 for our pupils with the pupils meeting new teachers and studying new and exciting subjects such as Food and Drama. I have been encouraged by the pupils overall attitude to learning over the first half term, it is always a difficult half-term after a long summer break and with the days getting shorter.

It has been amazing to see the uptake with extra-curricular clubs around the school including Science, F1 Club, PE and much more. There will be more exciting and new opportunities for our Year 8 cohort after the half-term. I am particularly looking forward to offering an after school club in DT leading up to Christmas (more details will be released after half-term).

Also, I have been really pleased about the willingness of our Year 8 pupils offering to help at the new intake evening after half-term, so many pupils will be helping as tour guides and in subject areas. I am sure each of the pupils will be a great ambassador for the school.

There is much to look forward to after the half term – I hope everyone has a restful break and we look forward to welcoming the pupils back on Tuesday 1st November.

Mr Fleckney

Teaching & Learning News

SACHAR

It has been a wonderful start to Year 6 for the newly christened Sachar class. It has been an adjustment for the children and to a greater extent myself! But together we have got through the first half-term. Whilst I do not see them as much as in Year 5, we have still created some great memories – none more so than the fantastic campaigns the children completed in Geography over the last few weeks. We had some discussions about changes in the local area and the class was task to think of a change they felt would benefit the local area the most. A great debate was had by all and the children loved presenting their ideas to the rest of the class!

Presentation from Geography

The idea

Double Win is an idea that is based on environmentally-friendliness. Instead of being a high in electricity theme park, adults will be on pieces of sports equipment to work the rides. Some equipment includes treadmills and static bikes and so much more!



Speech from Geography

Ladies and Gentlemen, we are very happy and proud to talk and present our speech, don't go anywhere because this will help every football fan.

We, as in Freddie Powell, Ralf Patching, Luke Finch and Will Collins. We are building an indoor football pitch. With astro, you can bring your own footballs and friends.

This could help people because a lot of citizens do not have the facilities for this. We are doing this all to help people. It will be 4 to 10 £ an hour. That is the name of our

cafe. **Footy Frappuccino**

Our Volta F.C idea could benefit a lot of people because they could not have the money to have a massive football pitch. Some of our money will go to a charity: Kiss Charity and donate some of our money to Ukraine.

Our data shows that our idea is good because we completed a survey. One of our questions is: Do you think that a local volta pitch would benefit the local area? The most responses were yes.

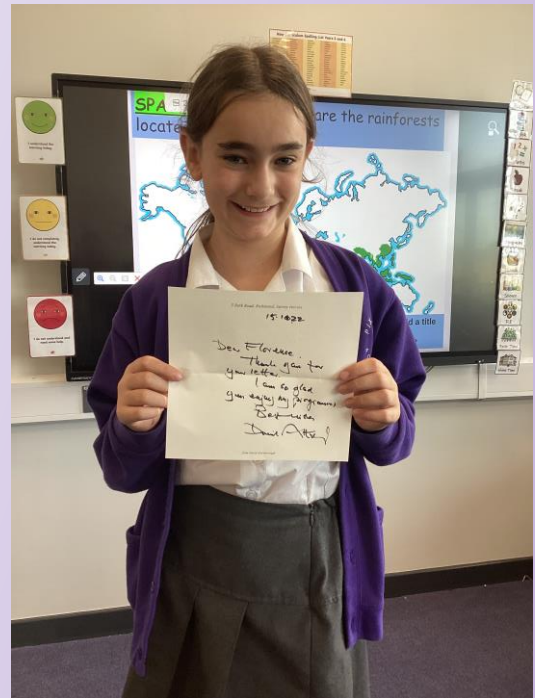
We thank you for being a great audience.
Thank you for you time, Goodbye.

GANDHI

Gandhi class have really enjoyed reading the first half of 'The Curse of the Maya' in English this half term. They have all written some amazing BEST writes from the point of view of one of the two main characters – Verity and Ethan. Miss Power finished the half term in the drama studio, with the children acting out an adventure scene. The class thoroughly enjoyed stepping out of their school life and into the lives of the two twins exploring the Guatemalan jungle, a newly discovered Maya temple and trying to break a curse that has been placed on them by an ancient emerald mask. What will the twins discover? And how will Gandhi class react to the twists and turns yet to come?

ATTENBOROUGH

Florence from Attenborough class in Year 5 wrote to Sir David Attenborough last week explaining all about her class (named after him) and what she had been learning. Today she was totally overwhelmed when she received this handwritten letter from him in the post - definitely something to be framed!



YEAR 5 TRIP TO CADBURYS WORLD



SPELLING SHED / MATHS SHED

Top Spelling Shed Groups

#	Group	Score
1.	Zephaniah	120,038,653
2.	Angelou	111,878,323
3.	Blackman	84,641,614
4.	Tolkien	78,525,468
5.	Shakespeare	60,619,708
6.	Morpurgo	54,558,974
7.	Austen	48,312,500
8.	Sachar	44,487,562
9.	Nightingale	37,828,428
10.	Attenborough	30,206,464

Top MathShed Groups

#	Group	Score
1.	Zephaniah	10,314,631
2.	Sachar	9,811,923
3.	Angelou	9,006,886
4.	Blackman	6,092,390
5.	Austen	4,533,487
6.	Pankhurst	1,698,915
7.	Tolkien	1,533,969
8.	Morpurgo	1,395,629
9.	Gandhi	309,029
10.	Shakespeare	165,742

MATHS

MATHEMATICIANS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Megan (Year 6) and Harrison (Year 5) for becoming September's Mathematicians of the Month!



FOOD & NUTRITION

We had our first Food and Nutrition immersion session for our KS2 pupils today. These sessions are linked to the student's humanities topics, in Year 6 we study the Victorians so today we made mini Victoria sponges that were fit for Queen Victoria herself! Mr Cook's class (Angelou) were the first class to have their session, and they worked extremely hard as you can see by the delicious looking final results! We look forward to every class having their termly session in the coming weeks 😊



GEOGRAPHY

This half term has felt like it has gone very quickly but reflecting on this half term reminds me of the amount of work that has already been achieved in geography. In all year groups the children have been focussing on the SPICISS concepts which includes:

Space- where a place is

Place- physical geography

Interconnections- how the world is linked

Environment- the human impact on the world

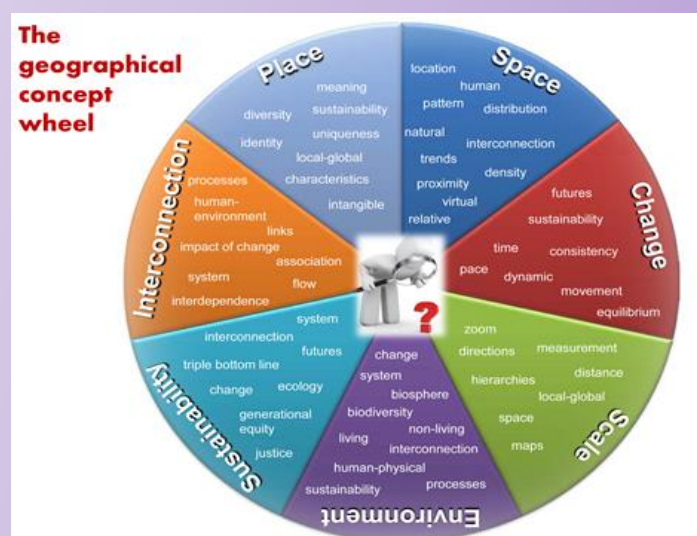
Sustainability- capacity to use the natural resources

Scale- comparing the sizes of places and problems

The students have used these concepts in context to their topics, the **year 5's** have been learning about the rainforest, **year 6** have been campaigning to improve our local area, **year 7** have been practicing mapping skills and **year 8** have been developing their knowledge of Africa.

As a department it is exciting to speak to the teachers and hear about how the children are enjoying their topics and looking in their books I am really proud to see some fantastic work. In the next half term, we have lots more to look forward to including a visit from our local MP Mr Fuller, this links with the campaign that the year 6 children have been working on, they will have the opportunity to speak directly with Mr Fuller and share their ideas for how our community could be improved.

Finally, another exciting addition to the humanities department is the **'Humanities hero award'**, one child per year group will be awarded with this award once a term. The aim of the award is to reward the students who have really embraced their learning for each humanities subject. The only challenge is to narrow down the winner as there are so many exceptional pieces of work produced already!



MFL

European Day of Languages Sept 26 2022

We set the children a poster competition to celebrate European Day of Languages this year and the children really rose to the event, completely surpassing our expectations of what they might produce. We were taken aback by not only the volume of entries but the care, attention to detail, research and artistry in the work that was submitted. It was a really tough decision to decide upon the winners. There were 4 winning entries (one per year group) and these are shared below. These are now displayed on a special board in the languages corridor. We have also displayed many of the other pieces of work at school within the MFL rooms. Well done to everyone who participated!

From L to R: Tarini Sharma (8) Ella Willows (7) Khloe Sheff (6) Theo Milner (5)



ART

In art lessons, students have been learning all about the work of artist William Morris. He was known for incorporating flowers, amongst other natural forms, into his repeat pattern designs. Inspired by this, and the upcoming Remembrance Day in November, the students have been working on making and painting their own clay poppies. They have learn how to effectively handle the clay and use a range of tools to cut, shape and decorate their pieces. I love how unique each one looks - look out for more photos of their beautiful flowers soon!



ICT

We have had a great start to the year in ICT with lots of different activities happening across the year groups. In Year 5, the students have been learning all about computer systems and how different computers can communicate messages to each other – using the skills they have learnt to complete a *silent* project. Year 6 have been expanding on this idea and thinking about different methods of technical communication, thinking about the pros and cons of each. One lesson required them to create a paper-based website for Pix Brook with some outstanding results. In Year 7, the children were tasked with creating a PowerPoint all about Cyberbullying and how to prevent it. Some of the speeches were amazing! Finally, up in Year 8 they have been very technical this half-term. They have been learning all about the inner workings of a computer system – it has been a very difficult topic, but the Year 8s have shown their perseverance skills and got through it!

Students from Y7 and Y8 were invited to sign up attend some lunchtime art workshops this half term. They have been using air dry clay to create some Halloween themed crafts and learning how to use the medium to create both 2D and 3D pieces.



Christmas Card Competition

YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6

Christmas card competition

Our local MP, Richard Fuller, would like a Christmas card to be designed for him by a student from North East Bedfordshire.

Rules:

1. Use a white A4 sheet of paper.
2. Write your name, school year and school name on the back.
3. Do not use any glitter, glue or computerised images.

PLEASE HAND IN YOUR ENTRIES TO MRS POXSON (ART) BY THE END OF THE DAY ON **MONDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2022.**

SCIENCE

🔥 BUNSEN BURNER LICENCE 🔥

Well done to our Year 7 pupils who have now earnt their Bunsen Burner Licence!



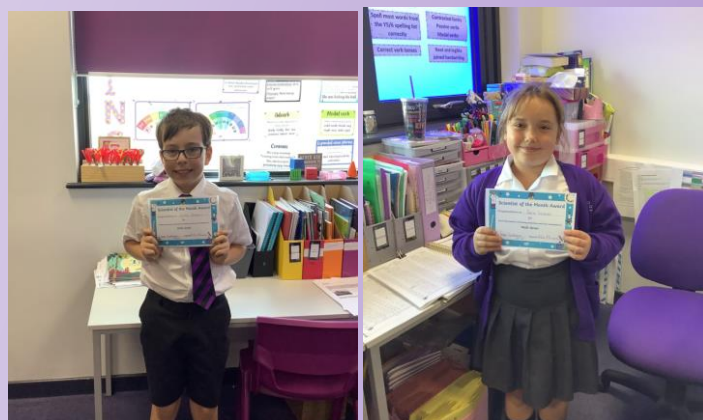
🔥 FORENSICS CLUB 🔥

Some excellent blood spatter analysis took place at the inaugural meeting of the Forensics Club at Pix Brook Academy



🧪 SCIENTIST OF THE MONTH 🧪

Jurko in Blackman class (Year 6) and Sara from Gandhi class (Year 5) are September's Scientists of the month! Well done



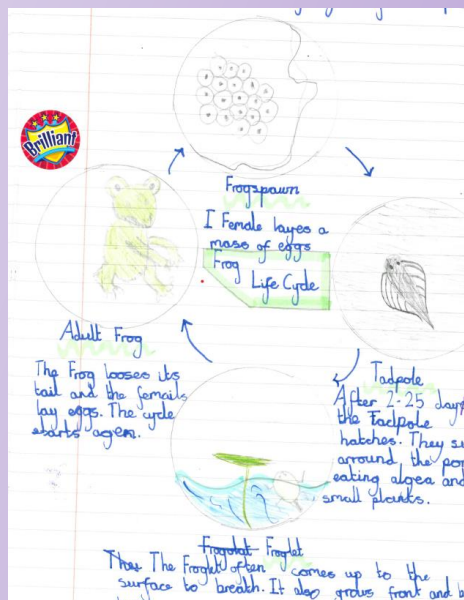
The children in year 5 and 6 have worked incredibly hard in science this term. They have discussed safety and learnt the rules of the laboratories. I am very pleased with the quality of work produced and cannot wait to start the next topic cycle. We have some fantastic scientists in Pix Brook. Keep up the hard work KS2.

Mrs Murphy

Year 5 have had a fantastic start to their science learning this term. To help enhance their topic of Living things and their habitats, they welcomed 33 caterpillars into their classrooms. Many were given names and the children loved watching them eat and grow. They were then amazed as the beautiful chrysalides were formed. After a few weeks, a couple began to emerge and soon all the beautiful Monarch butterflies were ready to leave and fly off to pastures new. However, a couple took some persuasion and were clearly enjoying life at Pix brook as they didn't want to leave us 😊.



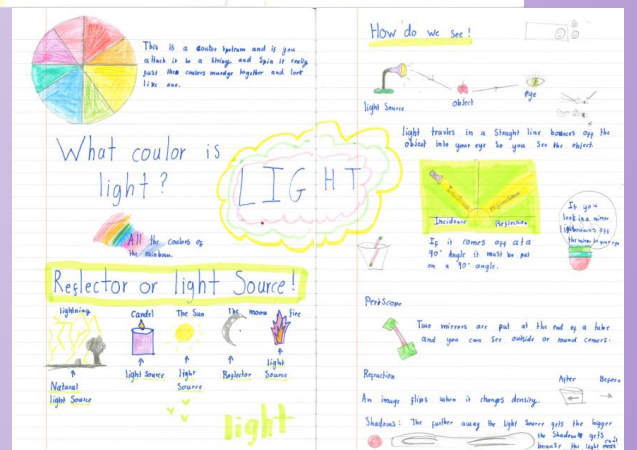
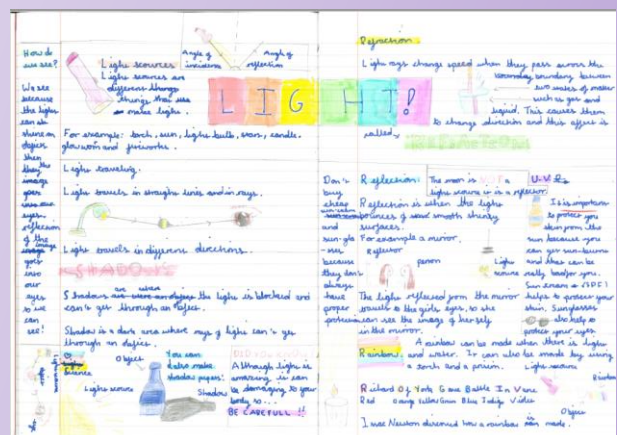
The children have researched and compared life cycles of mammals, amphibians and insects and are now looking forward to examining plants. We discovered some fantastic facts about a variety of mammals including sloths and lions.



Year 6 have been studying light this year. They began by investigating the effectiveness of sun cream against the powerful UV rays. Periscope making and refraction also took place; allowing the children to observe the wonder of light. The children were given the opportunity to create shadow puppets to investigate shadow sizes and we had some very creative designs.



To complete the topic, they designed some fantastic two page spreads demonstrating all that they have learnt this year so far.



Sport

Fantastic progress made by PBA Sports teams this year!

Our PBA teams have performed brilliantly this half term across our netball, football and table tennis fixtures. In netball, our Year 8 team also showed much improvement, scoring more points than last year. Our KS2 boys and girls table tennis teams travelled to Holywell after missing out last year due to the pandemic, with our boys team coming joint second and our girls team coming 1st and becoming district champions! The girls team will head to the county finals after half term. In football, collectively we have had an amazing season, with our Year 6/7/8 teams winning 7/12 games and only losing three matches. The highlight of the half term however was our Year 6 football team, going unbeaten all season and taking on reigning champions Arnold in the final league match of the season and beating them 3-2 to become district champions. A moment to remember. Looking ahead to next half term we have our first ever county cup game for our Year 6 football team, Year 5/6/7 netball, Year 7 and 8 boys and girls basketball, cross country and more football friendlies!



STAR OF THE MONTH – SEPTEMBER

Year 5

Sara Wloch	Great effort in Rugby lessons
Dylan Cory	Excellent effort at football training

Year 6

Maia Elwin	Showing great improvement in Netball
Ethan Elwick-Poole	Excellent performances for school football team

Year 7

Isabella Martell	Great enthusiasm in lessons
Noah Tiplady	Excellent performances for school football team

Year 8

Alexia Wilton	Consistently good at passing in Basketball
Noah Challands	Showing good leadership skills in Rugby

Year 8's continue good form

The year 8 football team went into this week ready to continue recent good performances. So far this year the team has lost, drawn and won, but performances have been of a high standard regardless of results. This week was derby week, against local rivals Etonbury. A good crowd was on show from both schools, with an air of anticipation of what was to come. The game plan was simple for the year 8's, win your individual battles and frustrate the opposition in key parts of the game.



The first half started at a fast pace, with both teams cancelling each other out in the midfield and at the back. Neither team could get a foothold in the game with both Nathan and Charlie working hard to assert dominance in the middle. Strong challenges from Harjevan and James stopped most of the potential attacks that did materialise for Etonbury, with Harry playing a good sweeping role at left back. As the first half progressed PBA began to take the ascendancy, some great skill on the right wing from Alim and fast running began to stretch out the Etonbury defence. A breakthrough! The in form Izaiah found some room between the touch tight defenders, breaking away with the ball towards the 18 yard box, the keeper rushed, and with calm composure our in form striker dinked the ball over the keeper and into the net; Pix Brook 1 Etonbury 0.

The first half came then went, with the message for the second half being the same; win your battles. Louie and Josh S started the second half well, cutting out attacks on the wing. Josh S produced some useful balls behind the defensive back line stretching out the Etonbury defence. Gabriel, Hayden and Liam had a solid game at the back making sure they won their battles on the pitch. Mason began to influence the game dropping slightly deeper to get the ball. It was however Etonbury who began to take the game to Pix Brook. An error at the back led to a quick Etonbury goal, leaving the game yet again in the balance. After some further back and forth, Etonbury again went onto the attack, again finding the back of the net; Pix Brook 1 Etonbury 2. The game entered into the final 10 minutes, PBA began to take back the advantage of what had been a brilliant encounter on all areas of the pitch. It was PBA who had the final say, with Mason striking from 16 yards finding the roof of the net! Final score, Pix Brook 2 Etonbury 2.

Year 6 football team crowned district champions!

Our Year 6 football team created a moment in history this week by winning our first ever league title, beating reigning champions Arnold in a top of the table clash in a five-goal thriller. Both teams were unbeaten this season, however Arnold were the slight favourites going into the game having not lost a match throughout Year 5 and 6, topping the table on goal difference this year, meaning we needed a win to clinch the title. We started the game impressively, forcing the Arnold defence into mistakes with excellent runs and pressure from Remy, Ethan and Freddie P. Luke was pulling the strings as usual in midfield, demonstrating intelligence on the ball when to pass forward and when to recycle play, meaning we had good possession of the ball in the early stages. Arnold began to find their passing range and it took several challenges from Eli, who put in a phenomenal performance covering in defence, to prevent the deadlock being opened. Equally, we also had opportunities on the counter midway through the first half and it was against the run of play that Arnold took the lead from a perfectly whipped in ball from the right hand side which the striker nodded home from close range. Sensing the opportunity to score a second, Arnold continued to attack our left hand side but Blake, who has been solid all season, showed great composure dealing with the threat.



With the game going back and forth, we were awarded a corner, which was not cleared and it fell to top goal-scorer Ethan who drilled the ball across the keeper into the bottom corner with his weak foot to equalise. Moments later, we almost scored a second from a beautifully curled in corner from Remy which fell to Freddie P who volleyed in to the side netting. It was Arnold, nonetheless, who restored their lead with a carbon copy of the first goal, another cross which we failed to deal with and the glancing header left Ralf stranded. With the interval looming, it was time for another Pix Brook comeback. All season we have stressed the importance of pressing as a team and we were rewarded when Remy closed down the defender, whose clearance fell to Freddie P to fire home from close distance. Arnold began to panic in possession and with a smash and grab end to the first half, we took a deserved lead after Freddie P hunted down the defender and blocked his pass back, rounding the keeper to tap in to the empty net to go into half time 3-2 up.



The half time team talk was our most important of the season, as we knew Arnold would be firing on all cylinders second half. It was a case of who wanted it most and our boys did not disappoint. In the second half we faced wave after wave of attacks, calmly dealt with by Kier at the back, with Will and Alfie offering tremendous support in midfield protecting our back line. Freddie D was a brilliant outlet for us under pressure, who time and again held the ball up to give our defensive line a breather, while Harry continued to pose a threat on the wing with his pace and directness. The tension was mounting as the play continued, when a deflected cross looked sure to go in as an own goal only for Ralf to show his reflexes and parry the ball away for a corner. From the resulting set piece, the ball fell on the six yard box and with bodies on the line we closed down Arnold's best opportunity of the half. With ten minutes to play, we were not sure whether we could withstand the Arnold onslaught and it was Luca who produced the defensive moment of the season, with the goal gaping, Luca flung himself in front of the striker to block a certain goal. With Arnold dispirited, we started playing our own fluent, attacking football and should have wrapped the game up with two clear one-on-one efforts at goal, however the Arnold keeper remained tall and made two fantastic saves. It was just a case now of seeing the game out, with Arnold throwing everything forward, we showed the opposition everything that we stood for; heart, determination and teamwork. Despite this, we faced one more heart in the mouth situations when Arnold were put through on goal and slid the ball past Ralf to take the title away from us, only to be correctly ruled offside. With time up, the referee blew the final whistle of our league season and we were deservedly crowned district league champions. A special performance, from a special group of players. Final score: Arnold 2-3 Pix Brook. Players of the match = the whole squad.

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Parenting Insight

Opportunity to ask questions, gain information, advice, and guidance on The Teenage brain

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Guest Speaker Rebecca Gooch and Gemma Byass
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Helpful ways to manage Christmas for families with autistic children

Guest Speaker Sandie Allen from Autism Bedfordshire
 Monday 7th November
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 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:

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- 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

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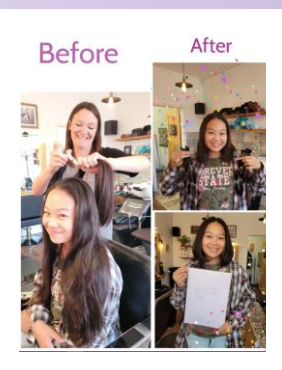
Celebrations Outside of PBA



Congratulations to Poppy in Year 7 who competed in the English Trampolining, Tumbling and DMT Championships in Sheffield over the weekend. She qualified in 2nd place after the first final and 8th place in the second, competing against a big pool of girls from all over the country. Well done Poppy!

Earlier in the year, Robbie in Year 6 qualified for the Minor British Judo Championships which in its self is an amazing achievement.

The top 12 players at each weight in the country took part in a tournament at the weekend and Robbie fought amazingly well and walked away with a Bronze medal meaning he is 3rd best in the country at his weight plus it is the first British medal that Stotfold Judo Club has won! Well done Robbie!

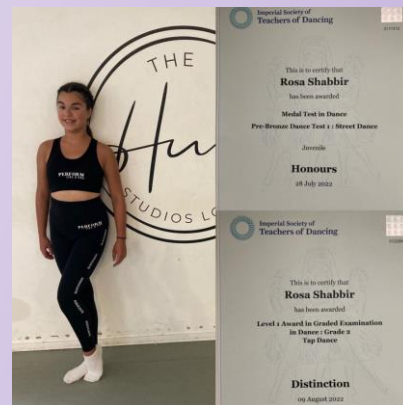


We are super proud of Kelly in Morpurgo class who on Saturday had her hair cut and donated a huge 12" of it to the Little Princess Trust charity to be made into real hair wigs which are provided free of charge to children who have sadly lost their hair due to cancer. In addition to this, she also raised a huge £494 for the charity! Well done Kelly, what an amazing thing to do!

Congratulations Seren in Year 8 in your fantastic achievements in Netball. Seren has allowed us to take a photograph of all her trophies and has written a piece explaining how she's doing - Keep up the good work Seren! ★



Hi, I'm Seren, I'm in Year 8 and I play for Shefford netball club. Recently I have been recommended by my coach to go to Central Bedfordshire netball club trials. I went to part 1, and they thought I did quite well and then I got through to part 2 but didn't get through in the end. I had some rewards given to me from Shefford netball club including 2 trophies from Central Bedfordshire netball club, two trophies from Shefford netball club (coaches player and juniors league) and a medal from Shefford netball club. I feel as if netball could become a major role in my life.



Well done Rosa who has recently received the results from 2 dance exams she took over the Summer. She received a distinction in both her tap and street exams. In her street she scored 98/100!

She also successfully auditioned to join an associate programme at 'Perform like a Pro', a London based professional dance training company where she is taught by some of the best choreographers and teachers in the industry. A great opportunity!!

Ivy from Year 6 Blackman class, celebrated signing for Bedfordshire u12 Elite Training Centre this summer, which is an amazing achievement showing her ambition to become a professional footballer one day. We want to wish Ivy the best of luck in her endeavours at the Bedfordshire FA elite training centre.



Congratulations to Freya who represented UKITF as Team UK 🇬🇧 at the ITF World Championship in Holland.

Freya is now World Champion U14's 1st Dan in patterns 🏆 and she is also World Champion in U14's 1st Dan lightweight sparring 🏆



Charity

CANCER AWARENESS DAY

Today we work Pink, Yellow or Gold to raise money and awareness for Cancer Research



THE NEED PROJECT

The Need Project are once again collecting for their Christmas gift boxes and are in desperate need for selection boxes and Christmas puddings. If you would like to donate to this worthy charity, please drop items to the school office after half term



YOUTH PARLIAMENT SLEEP OUT

Milo, Josh, Amir, Claudia and other members of the Youth Parliament will be taking part in a sleep out to raise money for the homeless on the 27th-28th of October.

Their JustGiving page is:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cbyv-sleep-out>



MRS MURPHY WALKS 100 MILES IN OCTOBER! Thank you all for taking the time to look at my fundraising page. A very important cause which unfortunately affects many close to us all. Thanks in advance for any support, Kelly x

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/kellys-walk-100-miles-challenge-giving-page-157>

General Information

**WHERE KIDS EAT FOR LESS
IN OCTOBER HALF TERM 2022**

ASDA
KIDS EAT FOR £1 EVERY DAY WITH NO ADULT SPEND NEEDED.

MORRISONS
SPEND £4.99 AND GET ONE FREE KIDS MEAL

BELLA ITALIA
KIDS EAT FOR £1 WITH ANY ADULT MAIN 4-6PM MON TO THURS

HUNGRY HORSE
FREE KIDS BREAKFAST WITH ANY PAYING ADULT, 9AM TO 12PM

TESCO CAFE
KIDS EAT FREE WITH ANY FRESH FRUIT PURCHASE BY ADULTS

BEEFEATER
WITH EVERY ADULT BREAKFAST GET TWO KIDS BREAKFAST FREE

TOBY CARVERY
KIDS EAT FOR £1 VIA APP FROM OCT 24-28TH

YO! SUSHI
KID'S EAT FREE ALL DAY MON TO THURS UNTIL 29TH OCT

BOOK FAIR

Pix Brook Academy's first Book Fair will be held in school from Thursday 24th November – Monday 28th November 2022. Our school will be supplied with mobile bookcases packed with over 200 of the newest and best books from over 60 publishers, including exclusive titles that you won't see in shops or at any other Fairs. Prices start from just £2.99.

The fair will be cashless. Children will have the opportunity to view the books on offer during the fair. The fair will then be open after school for parents to buy books for their child. You can buy books for your child on the day using the secure payment system, pay in advance online or buy vouchers. Please use the link below

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents?nt=t>



Competition

All students have been asked to design a poster for the book fair. There will be one winner from each year group who will have their posters used as advertising around the school. Winners will also receive a book token to spend at the fair. Deadline for entries is Friday 4th November.

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




SCHOOL LUNCHES

If you think you meet the free school meals eligibility criteria, please call 0300 300 8306. Next week's menu will be **Week 2** - Please click [HERE](#) for the menu.

To add money to your ParentMail account please follow these instructions:

<https://www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/payments/dinner-money/>

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.

 Pix Brook Academy Lunch Menu September – December					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	Bolognaise Quorn (V) Pasta or Rice Vegetables Jacket Potato with various fillings	Sausage Rolls Vegetarian Sausage Roll (V) Herby Potatoes Baked Beans BBQ Pulled Quorn Burger/Wrap	Roast Turkey Quorn Filler (V) Roast Potatoes & Stuffing Vegetables Jacket Potato with various fillings	Fish Fingers Macaroni Cheese (V) Wedges & Garlic Bread Peas Jacket Potato with various fillings	Pizza Vegetable Nuggets(V) Chips Baked Beans
Week 2	Flagjack Yoghurt or Fruit Meatballs Quorn Curry (V) Rice Vegetables Jacket Potato with various fillings	Angel Delight Yoghurt or Fruit Chicken & Veg Pie Plant Based Mince & Veg (V) Creamed Potatoes Vegetables BBQ Pulled Quorn Burger/Wrap	Lemon Sponge & Custard Yoghurt or Fruit Sausages Quorn Sausages (V) Roast Potatoes & York Pudding Vegetables Jacket Potato with various fillings	Cheesecake Yoghurt or Fruit Crispy Chicken Cauli & Broccoli Cheese (V) Wedges Vegetables Jacket Potato with various fillings	Ice Cream Yoghurt or Fruit Breaded Fish Pizza (V) Chips Baked Beans
Week 3	Cornflake Tart & Custard Yoghurt or Fruit Neapolitan Pasta Cheese & Onion Roll (V) Wedges & Garlic Bread Vegetables Jacket Potato with various fillings	Blueberry Muffins Yoghurt or Fruit Chicken Curry Veggie Spring Roll (V) Rice Vegetables BBQ Pulled Quorn Burger/Wrap	Rice Krispie Cake Yoghurt or Fruit Roast Pork Quorn Roast (V) Roast Potatoes Vegetables Jacket Potato with various fillings	Iced Sponge Yoghurt or Fruit Beef Lasagne Vegetable Lasagne (V) Garlic Bread Vegetables Jacket Potato with various fillings	Cookie Yoghurt or Fruit Chicken Burger Pizza (V) Chips Baked Beans
	Shortbread Biscuit Yoghurt or Fruit	Marble Sponge & Custard Yoghurt or Fruit	Chocolate Brownie Yoghurt or Fruit	Mousse Yoghurt or Fruit	Chocolate Chip Sponge Yoghurt or Fruit

OPEN EVENING EARLY CLOSURE

Please find attached the letter regarding early closure on Thursday 3rd November [HERE](#)

Diary & Term Dates

DATE	YEAR	EVENT
<u>October</u>		
Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th		Half Term
Monday 31 st		Inset Day
<u>November</u>		
Thursday 3 rd		Open Evening for Prospective Parents/Carers
		SCHOOLS CLOSES AT 1PM
Monday 7 th – Friday 11 th		Open Morning Tours for Prospective Parents/Carers
Friday 11 th	All	Remembrance Day / Forces Uniform Day
Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th		Open Morning Tours for Prospective Parents/Carers
Thursday 17 th	6	Black Country Museum trip
Date TBC	6	National Childhood Measuring Programme
<u>December</u>		
Wednesday 7 th	All	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 14 th	5	Pantomime Trip
Friday 16 th		LAST DAY OF TERM (NO after school clubs/PBA Extra)
Monday 19 th – Friday 30 th		Christmas Holidays
<u>January</u>		
Monday 2 nd		Bank Holiday
Tuesday 3 rd		Inset Day
Wednesday 4 th		START OF SPRING TERM
<u>February</u>		
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th		Half Term
Monday 27 th – Thursday 2 nd March	6	Mock SATs
<u>March</u>		
Friday 2 nd	All	World Book Day
Tuesday 14 th	5	National Space Centre trip
<u>April</u>		
Monday 3 rd – Friday 14 th		Easter Holidays
Monday 17 th		Inset Day
Tuesday 18 th		START OF SUMMER TERM
<u>May</u>		
Monday 8 th – Thursday 11 th	6	SATs
Monday 29 th – Friday 2 nd		Half Term
<u>June</u>		
Wednesday 28 th	4	New Year 5 Intake Information Evening
Friday 30 th	All	Step-Up Day
<u>July</u>		
Date TBC	All	Sports Day
Friday 21 st		LAST DAY OF TERM (NO after school clubs/PBA Extra)