WEEK COMMENCING 2ND OCT 2023



PBA WEEKLY BULLETIN

BEST



Message from Mr Adams

As we settle into our routines it is nice to have had our first opportunity to meet with our parents. Last night Year 5 and Year 7 parents joined us for our tutor evening. This is always an important evening and it was great to see so many parents in school. As is always the case it is fantastic to have that personal conversation. I'm delighted to say that all our pupils have made a truly fantastic start. We also held our parent information evening for year 8 pupils on Monday. The purpose of this was to provide some information about the school's preparation for key stage 4. These plans are well developed and the evening hopefully provided some indication of the direction of travel for the school. It is important to remember that while the school has yet to have its first set of GCSE results the staff who have been appointed are very experienced teachers of their subject and are extremely excited about the prospect of working with PBA's cohort of KS4 pupils.

You will find in the bulletin information pertaining to the school open evening which is being held on **Thursday 2nd November**. This is for prospective year 5 pupils and the school will be open from 4:00pm enabling pupils from the lower schools to arrive at different times throughout the evening. As has been the case for the last couple of years we will be asking pupils to leave at the end of period 5a (1:10pm). This will provide the large number of pupils who are helping on the evening with an opportunity to go home before returning to school at 4:30 to support different departments. It will also give staff the time to make the necessary preparations for the evening. Of course, if this is not possible for all pupils, we will accommodate those pupils who cannot leave in school. On this day PBA extra and other clubs and activities will not run. All pupils will need to go home at the end of the normal school day. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank parents and pupils in advance for their support on this evening.

As we approach the end of September, with the weather is gently shifting to Autumn it is important the make the most of these last few warmer days.

Support for Amelie

As you may now be aware Amelie is Year 7 is battling Leukaemia unfortunately, for the third time in her life. The situation for her is different now as the chemotherapy as a treatment is no longer an option and hasn't worked. She is under going a brand new treatment called T-CELL therapy while she waits for a bone marrow transplant. The family are waiting for a bone marrow match. We are supporting the family with trying to find a donor match, please see the links below for you information and if you wish to sign up.



<u>Amelie's page on DKMS</u> <u>Antony Nolan Trust</u> <u>British Bone Marrow Registry</u>

We are delighted that some of our students are helping to raise money for the family in order for them to be able to make memories at this time. Lucas Passarella and some other Year 6 students are organising a Football kickaround. If you'd like to help them make it a success, please visit their <u>GoFundMe page.</u>



On Thursday 19th October we will be hosting a fun afternoon for all students, **they will need a packed lunch** (free school meals will be provided). The day will include:

- Fun run
- Football tournament
- Capture the Flag tournament
- Table Tennis
- Just Dance
- Netball tournament
- Basketball tournament



We are also still collecteing **chocolate and raffle prizes** (please see last week's bulletin for details. If you would like to donate a prize to Amelie's Fund, please drop it into the Front Office by **Friday 3rd October**

NEWS FROM SCHOOL

Open Evening for Year 4 Parents



YEAR 5 OPEN EVENING. Doors open from 4:00pm

During our Open Evening, you will have an opportunity to visit all areas of the school, we will have many of our pupils in on the evening who will be delighted to show you their work and talk about their experience. We Look forward to seeing you.

Lower school	Allocated Time Slot	Principals Talk
Gothic Mede Academy	4:15-5:45pm	4:30pm
Roecroft Lower school	5:00-6:30pm	5:15pm
Fairfield Lower school	5:45-7:15pm	6:00pm
St Marys Lower school	6:30-8:00pm	6:45pm
Out of Catchment Schools	Any	Any



CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Clubs and Societies Our sports clubs and societies aim to give the

children a range of activities and interests to

Sports Clubs		enjoy.		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7 Boys/Girls Basketball (JS)	Year 5/6 Boys/Girls Dance (EI)	Year 5 Boys/Girls Table Tennis (SL)	Year 5 Boys/Girls Badminton (JS)	Year 5 Boys/Girls Basketball (JS)
Year 8 & 9 Boys/Girls Table Tennis (IW)	Year 6 Boys/Girls Basketball (JS)	Year 6 Boys/Girls Badminton (JS)	KS2 Boys/Girls Cheerleading (MW/KM)	Year 6 Table Tennis Boys/Girls (AJ)
	Year 9 Boys/Girls Basketball (JS)		Year 7 Boys/Girls Table tennis (FC)	
Extra Curricı	ular Clubs		Year 8 Boys/Girls Basketball (JS)	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS2 Eco Warriors IPE Room 224	KS2 Sign Language CBS Room 110		Art Club (all years) KPN Room 126	KS2 EdShed and TTRS Room 006
Year 7/8 Debate Club SCS Room 207	KS2 Coding JWS Room 006		KS3 Coding JWS Room 206	KOOIII UUG
Year 8/9 Astronomy EAS Room 201	KS3 Flag Club IPE Room 224		After	r School Sport
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 8 & 9 Boys/Girls Rugby (MD)*	Year 6/7 Boys Football (GW/SPE/AJ/FC)	Year 8/9 Boys Football (MD/JS/AS)	YYear 8 Boys Football Fixtures (MD)	Year 5 Boys Football (SPE/SL/FC)
	KS3 Girls Netball (IW/PS)	KS3 Girls Football (AJ)	Year 8 Boys Basketball Fixtures (MD)	
	Year 6 Boys Football Fixtures (MD/SPE)	KS2 Girls Netball (IW/PS)	(WD)	
	Year 7 Boys Basketball Fixtures (MD)	Year 7 Boys Football Fixtures (JS/FC)		
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Year 5 Homework Club TSH KS2 Classrooms	Year 6 Homework TSH KS2 Classrooms		Year 5 Boys Football (SPE/SL/FC)
	Year 7-9 Choir TWD Room 156	Year 7 Homework FBK Room 140 & 206		
	F1 Maths Clubs KBT Room 233	KS2 Young Voices NPY Main Hall		
		KS3 Drama LJS Drama Studio		
		Year 7 Forensics		

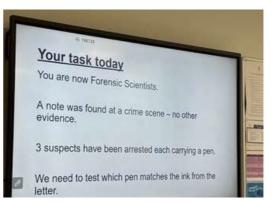
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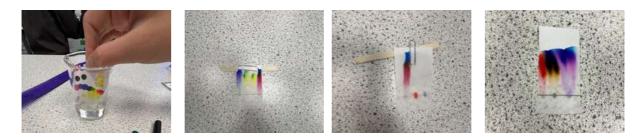
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Club Updates

Forensics Club - Year 7

Students were using chromatography to separate the inks in pens to see if they had a match to the criminal. Students also got the chance to forensically analyse their own pens and some were even a match for the criminals pen too!

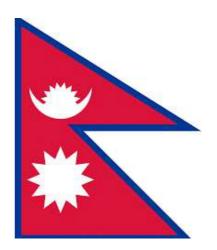




Flag Club

Well done to those who got last weeks flag correct- it was he flag of Bedfordshire.

This weeks flag is from further afield, see if you can get it right. HINT: this flag is the world's only <u>irregular</u> flag acting as both the <u>state</u> <u>flag</u> and <u>civil flag</u> of <u>a sovereign</u> <u>country</u>





Eco Warriors Club

We had lovely sunshine for the eco warriors this week so we decided it was a good idea to take a tour of our key areas around the school. We checked our flower beds: they need weeding! We also checked the nature reserve at the back of the playing field and we looked at the eco hut.

Next week we plan to weed the flower beds in preparation for Autumn planting, the students who want to attend **please bring spare shoes** in case it is muddy.

SPORTS UPDATES

Sports Fixtures - this week



Competitions: All Years Cross Country: Oct 6 Year 5/6 Table Tennis: Oct 20 Year 7/8 Table Tennis: Oct 13 All Years Cross Country: Nov 17 Year 7/8 Girls Basketball: Dec 4 Year 7/8 Girls Futsal: Dec 11

Year 7s continue winning run!

Written by Captain Luke

Pix Brook played their second game of the season against Parksfied. We started the game fantastically with constant pressure from the attackers. 10 minutes in, a cross was put into the box which fell to Ethan who got tackled but the ball ended up into the net to make it 1-0.

We were playing amazing but Parksfield wanted to score. We hung on to half time for a much needed team talk. We kicked off the second half, but saw the run of freddie who camly passed it into the corner. We had the game in the palm of our hands. The football that we were playing was exquisite. With 15 minutes left we Alfie driving towards the goal but the defender slide tackled him but it ended up in his own net for another own goal. We hung on for a 0-3 win. A fantastic performance overall. Player of the match was Luca.



KEY STAGE 2

Ed Shed Results

Well done to all the KS2 students who have completed their EdShed homework this week! Here are the results

Top Spelling Shed Groups

#	Group	Score
1.	6D Austen	186,298,241
2.	6B Blackman	135,610,616
3.	5C Shakespeare	132,688,592
4.	6A Morpurgo	109,080,756
5.	6C Tolkien	91,333,932
6.	6E Zephaniah	89,497,844
7.	6F Angelou	83,637,436
8.	5A Nightingale	77,232,641
9.	5F Pankhurst	53,500,073
10.	5B Attenborough	51,308,036

Top MathShed Groups

#	Group	Score
1.	6D Austen	6,030,626
2.	5F Pankhurst	3,561,226
з.	5B Attenborough	2,007,811
4.	5A Nightingale	1,894,867
5.	5C Shakespeare	1,625,809
6.	6E Zephaniah	848,316
7.	5E Turing	839,576
8.	6F Angelou	458,925
9.	6A Morpurgo	248,833
10.	6C Tolkien	145,673

Marvellous Maths!

Year 6 have been investigating rounding six and seven digit numbers. Mrs Smyth's group really enjoyed using the table to create their Venn diagrams before adding their chosen numbers.

Personal Best for Harri

Harri Maund from Year 6 competed in the Biggleswade AC Open last weekend and got a PB in the 80m Sprint - a great finish to the last of the outdoor season.

Congratulations, Harri!



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Pony Club Success for Esme

Esme Harrison from Year 7 recently competed in the East of England Grassroots Pony Club Championships, placing 11th out f 32 competitors - a personal best for Esme and her pony. Her team then went on to win a rosette. Well done Esme!



KEY STAGE 3

Youth Parliament

Year 8 and 9 Students this week received an assembly from the Central Bedfordshire Youth Parliament.

Should students wish to register their interest they need to use the link below:

www.mi-nomination.com/cbe.



Year 8 Parents Evening

We will be holding a second information evening for Year 8 parents on **9th October 2023 at 5pm**.

If you would like to attend the event, please <u>click here</u> and fill out the form.

We look forward to seeing you on the 9th October.





Feedback Form

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Year 8 Information Evening last week.

If you attended the evening, we would like to ask you to fill out a<u>feedback form</u>.

WELLBEING

Reporting an Absence

If your child is absent from school, please report the absence by 8am by either leaving a message on the absence line 01462 416243 (option 1) or by emailing PBA-Absence@bestacademies.org.uk

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If you have any concerns,

please contact our

Safeguarding Team.



Pix Brook Academy Safeguarding Team We are here to keep you safe

Who can you speak to if you feel worried?

fou 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 4 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.



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. ChildLine owner: NSPCC mpcc.org.uk



Young Person's Sanctuary

Young Person's Sanctuary is a drop-in evening service for young people aged 14-17 in crisis or mental distress. It is a safe, non-judgemental space. You will be met by a trained mental health worker who will listen and help you identify ways to address the problems you are facing.



Autism Bedford

Autism Bedfordshire offer a variety of courses and activities for autistic children, young adults and their families. <u>Click</u> here for more details

To contact Young Person's Sanctuary, please email <u>yps@mind-blmk.org.uk</u>





Self-Referrals for ages 10-25 years

Sorted offers a free and confidential self-referral service for young people aged 10 and 25 years of age.

If you would like to refer yourself or someone else to our service you can do this online <u>here.</u>

Sorted Counselling Services Bedfordshire

COMMUNITY



Full Steam Ahead

Stotfold's own working watermill is hosting its annual Working Steam Weekend on 7th and 8th October. With lots to see and do, it's a great day out for the whole family.

Can you help our Scouts?

Stotfold Scouts are looking for adults to help as **Scout Leaders** at the weekly meetings. If you would like to help out with the Scouts, please get in touch with Scout Leader Neil: <u>gslstotfold@gmail.com</u>.



Half Term Activity Camp

Strathmore Infant School invite you to take part in their Half-Term activity camp, with activities including: Ninja Warrior Day, Inflatable Day, Halloween Sports Day and much more... <u>Click here for the full</u> <u>day booking link</u> <u>Click here for the half</u> <u>day booking link</u>



Visit www.superstarsport.co.uk & click 'Book Now' For more information Call 01992 756 707





Hitchin Netball Club

Hitchin Netball Club is looking for new members. If you would like to join the club, please click <u>here</u>.

Secondary Teacher of ICT & Computing (HOD)

We are looking for teachers who wish to develop their curriculum area in an innovative and exciting way. The chance to join the school at this stage would suit a colleague who is excited by the opportunity to put their mark on the school and their subject in particular. As a teacher of ICT & Computing, you will be building upon the work undertaken by our experienced primary colleagues. As the Head of our new ICT & Computing Department you will contribute to the development of this department and be fundamental to its growth and success.





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Secondary Teacher of Geography

We are looking for teachers who wish to develop their curriculum area in an innovative and exciting way. The chance to join the school at this stage would suit a colleague who is excited by the opportunity to put their mark on the school and their subject in particular. As a teacher of Geography, you will be building upon the work undertaken by our experienced primary colleagues, contributing to the development of this department and fundamental to its growth and success.

VACANCIES

Teaching Assistant

We are looking for an enthusiastic, friendly team player to join our expanding team of Teaching Assistants working throughout the school to support our students.



Closing Date: Midnight, 8th Oct 2023

LUNCHES

School Lunches

Please note, the lunch menu for this week is **Week 1**

Weeks commencing: 4/9, 18/9, 2/10, 16/10

Menu 7 WEEK ONE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAINS	Chicken Nuggets (16g) (Gluter (w)) Crispy Cubed potatoes (21g) (Gluter) Baked Beans (15g)	Tuna and Tomato pasta bake (25g) (Gleten, Fish.) Veg	Sausages (18g) (Pork and Beef) (Guten, soya, sulphite) Roast Potatoes (31g) Yorkshire puddings(10g) (Gluten(w), egg, mik) Gravy and veg	Chicken Curry (9g) (Gluten, Celery, Mustard, Milk and Soya) Naan Bread (25g) (Gluten) Veg	Battered Fish (19g) (Gluten(w), Fish) Chips – (40g) (Soya) Baked Beans – (15g)
VEGETARIAN	Meat free Sausage Roll (15g) (Gluten (w)) Crispy Cubed Potatoes (21g) (Glutes) Baked Beans (15g)	Cheese and Tomato Pizza (20g) (Giuten, Milli) Wedges (17g) Veg	Quorn Sausages (18g) (Guten(w), soya, milk) Roast Potatoes (31g) Gravy Veg	Cauliflower Cheese (3g) (Giuten, Mustard, Milk) Garlic Bread (17g) (Giuten, milk, Soya) Veg	Vegetable Burger (28g) (Gluten, mustard) Chips – (40g) (Soya) Baked Beans – (15g)
DESSERT	Chocolate Brownie (43g) (Gluten, egg. mlik) Yoghurt (20g) (mlik) Fresh Fruit (5g)	Iced Sponge (38g) (Girten, egg) Yoghurt (20g) (Milk) Fresh Fruit (5g)	Chocolate Cracknell (24g) (Giuten, Milk) Yoghurt-(20g) (Milk) Fresh Fruit – (5g)	Blueberry Muffins (49g) (Gluter, Egg, Soya) Yoghurt (20g) (Milk) Fresh Fruit (5g)	Mousse (22g) (Milk) Yoghurt – (20g) (Milk) Fresh Fruit – (5g)
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PASTA and SAUCE Available Daily					

Weeks commencing: 11/9, 25/9, 9/10, 23/10

Menu 7 WEEK TWO	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAINS	Sausage roll (17g) (Gluten, Milk) Wedges (17g) (soya) Beans (15g)	Fish Fingers (15g) (gluten, Fah) Crispy Cubes (21g) (Gluten (W)) Veg	Roast Turkey Roast Potatoes (31g) Gravy veg	Beef Bolognaise (4g) Pasta (25g) (Gluten) Garlic Bread (17g) (Gluten milk, soya) Veg	Pepperoni Pizza (36g) (Gluten, Milk) Chips (40g) (Soya) Baked Beans (15g)
VEGETARIAN	Cheese and onion Lattice (V) (15g) (Gluten, soya, milk, mustard, sulphites) Wedges (17g) (Soya) Baked Beans (15g)	Vegetable Spring Roll (15g) (Gluten (8), egg, milk, Celery) Crispy Cubes (21g) (Gluten (W)) Veg	Quorn Fillet(V) (3.5g) (Gluten) Roast Potatoes (31g) Gravy Veg	Neapolitan Pasta (V) (25g) (Gluten) Garlic Bread(17g) (Gluten, Milk, Soya) Veg	Vegetable Nuggets (V) (18g) Chips (40g) (Soya) Baked Beans – (15g)
DESSERT	Chocolate chip sponge (31g) (Gluten, Egg, Mik, Soya) Yoghurts (20g) (Mikk) Fresh Fruit (5g)	Assorted Cookies (30g) (Gluten, Milk, Egg) Yoghurt (20g) (Milk) Fresh fruit (5g)	Doughnuts (31g) (gluten, Egg, Milk, Soya) Yoghurt (20g) (Milk) Fresh Fruit (5g)	Rice Crispy cake (24g) (Gluten, Milk) Yoghurt (20g) (Milk) Fresh Fruit (5g)	Ice Cream (14g) (Milk) Yoghurt – (20g) (Milk) Fresh Fruit – (5g)
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Pasta and Sauces Available Daily					

If you think you meet the free school meals eligibility criteria, please call 0300 300 8306. To add money to your ParentMail account please follow the instructions <u>here</u>.

Please be reminded that we are a **nut free school:** please do not include nut products in your child/children's snack or packed lunch. This includes Nutella. Thank you.

DIARY AND TERM DATES

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Term 1 – 75 days. Term 2 – 55 days. Term 3 - 65 days. = 195. Pupil contact will amount to 190 of the 195 days. Schools will be closed on 5 of the 195 days. In accordance with Teachers' Conditions of Service, five days will be used to enable teacher training to take place.

Training days set are as follows: 4th September 2023, 5th September 2023, 5th January 2024, 15th April 2024 and 22nd July 2024.