

Pix Brook Academy Press



Issue 2: 4th October 2019

The end of the first month and the weather has gone from almost summer to almost winter! We have been busy putting together all the things we need to make the school work. Music lessons are a go, football, film, gardening, DT, games and conservation clubs are proving really popular and the regular homework club after school on Monday, Wednesday and Friday is fantastically well attended. Thank you for your support in these areas and hopefully they will continue to attract pupils. Can I please ask that if your child attends PBA Extra, you collect them by 5:30pm.

We now have a wide range of activities organised for the next half term, most of which are highlighted in this newsletter. I am particularly looking forward to the visit to Cadbury World. The school will visit the factory and this should really enhance the delivery of the curriculum which has been built around Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. In terms of curriculum delivery linking the subjects around a text has proved both helpful and provided some additional coherence to what might otherwise be diverse subjects. I also look forward to seeing you at our official opening on 11th October. While we have been in operation for a number of weeks, this is our opportunity to celebrate the school opening "officially" with Alistair Burt MP cutting the ribbon.



I have also been in discussion with Graham Clark from St Marys Church Stotfold. I'm delighted to say that Revd Bill Britt will be coming into school to help us on Remembrance Day. Pupils are invited to come to school on the day in their service uniforms (Scouts/Guides/Cadets etc.) and we will make a learning moment built around the day. I have also agreed to hold our end of term assembly at the Church on the 19th December. We will take the pupils to the church in the afternoon and parents will join us at the end of the school day to listen to the pupils sing carols. Music service should be available throughout to help.

With the colder weather nearly upon us, can I make a plea that pupils are reminded to bring their winter coats to school. Stotfold is notoriously windy and speaking as someone who spends hours every week on the playground, a good winter coat is a necessity!

Mr Steve Adams
Principal

News from 5A (Mrs Smyth)

Our Curious Confectionery topic is in full swing with lots of creative and exciting activities taking place in our classroom. In Science, we have been learning how to tell the difference between fruits and vegetables; shocking many children to find out that pepper is actually a fruit! Amazing work in English has taken the form of descriptive writing, developing comprehension skills and understanding the different types of sentences to make our writing more interesting. In History, we have been locating where in the worlds the ancient Maya civilisations were and locating them on a map. Outstanding work was completed in Geography with the children producing excellent climate graphs to show rainfall and temperature. We are now looking forward to our trip to Cadbury's World where we will be learning lots more about the Maya.

News from 5B (Mr Van Wyk)

We have been working hard over the past few weeks, finding out more about the Maya Civilisation in History, learning about seed dispersal in Science and sharing who the people in our lives are who have and who still inspire us as part of Religious Studies lessons. In English we are getting further into the Roald Dahl book, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and especially look forward to our trip to Cadbury's World! Thanks for that Charlie! We are starting to see how our subjects are all linking up the more we learn and we often talk about things we have learnt in History, Geography and English, when we are doing Science!

News from 5C (Miss Broadbent)

Our learning is well and truly underway. We have started reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory in English and have learnt how to construct complex sentences as well as using similes and metaphors to help write character descriptions. We have made some surprising discoveries in science when sorting foods into fruits and vegetables. Did you know peas are technically a fruit as the pea itself is a seed? For History we have been able to locate where the Ancient Maya lived on a map of Central America and label the important sites in the modern-day countries.

News from Mr King-Mand

Safeguarding

Mr King-Mand delivered a whole school assembly on safeguarding. The content included what pupils should do if they are worried or upset in school and the staff in school they can speak to. Pupils were informed of the roles and responsibilities of the Designated Safeguarding Lead and Deputy Safeguarding Leads. To help instil the very important messages of the assembly, we encourage parents to remind/question pupils about:

- Who the DSL at Pix Brook Academy is
- Who the Deputy DSLs at Pix Brook Academy are
- What the job of the DSL and Deputy DSL is

It is also worthwhile reminding pupils that they can turn to any adult in school to talk about anything that is worrying or upsetting them.

Shown below is a link to Ditto, which is a free online safety magazine providing useful and relevant information for parents about keeping children safe when they go online. It also highlights the latest issues in the online world for children.

<https://www.esafety-adviser.com/latest-newsletter/>

We have also noticed that some pupils have been discussing the online game Minecraft. We therefore thought it would be useful to provide some parental information about keeping young people safe if they ever play this game.

<https://parentinfo.org/article/staying-safe-on-minecraft>

We hope you find these articles useful and relevant.

Please do feel free to come and talk to us about anything to do with safeguarding.

Design and Technology

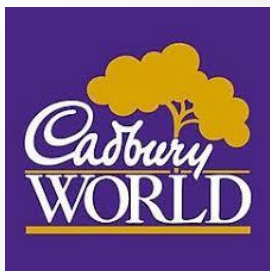
Pupils are making really good progress with their Charlie and the Chocolate Factory themed gumball machines. They have marked, cut out and assembled the base of the machine as well as three of the sides. Pupils continue to show enthusiasm and excellent effort in this project. Pupils should soon start thinking about how they would like to theme their machines on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

In the DT club, the large number of pupils that attend have been busy making an air powered car made out of nothing more than corrugated card, paper straws, bottle tops and a balloon. Pupils have learnt what a chassis, axles and bearings do in vehicles. We are coming to the end of this project and we are all now looking forward to testing them in the coming weeks.

Art

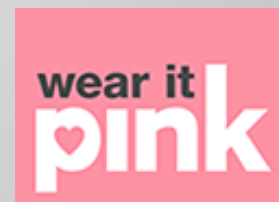
In preparation for their Charlie and the Chocolate Factory art project, pupils have been developing their skills in observational drawing and applying shading and texture. They were given the task of drawing a trainer in proportion and then applying shading and texture. Some of the resultant drawings have been absolutely incredible.

Other News



Our trip to **Cadbury World** is on Monday 14th October. Coaches will be departing school at 8am sharp and returning at 5pm (traffic depending). Please don't forget to bring a packed lunch, drink, and spending money. A letter containing all the details has been sent via ParentMail.

We will be raising money for the Breast Cancer charity '**Wear It Pink Day**' on Friday 18th October. Pupils are invited to wear pink (even if it's just a pair of pink socks!) in return for a £1 donation to the charity. This is a non-uniform day.



Poppies and other Royal Legion merchandise will be on sale in reception from Tuesday 29th October. Pupil are invited to wear their service uniforms (Scouts/ Guides/Cadets etc) on Monday 11th November.

We will be giving the pupils '**Happy School Bags**' shortly for you to be able fill. Happy School Bag is an easy fundraising scheme that helps schools, clubs and other organisations to raise funds through the collection of pre-loved reusable clothing. Collection has been scheduled for Tuesday 29th October – details to follow.



It's time to get (nut free!) baking as we will be holding a **bake sale** in aid of '**Children In Need**' on Friday 15th November. We will be selling all goodies at break time and after school (if there are any left!). Biscuits and cakes will be priced from 20p.

Please can all uniform (especially PE kit) and equipment be clearly **labelled**. The Lost Property box is getting bigger week by week! We have teamed up with 'Stikins' name labels who will give the school 30% commission on every order. To order your labels visit www.stikins.co.uk and quote Pix Brook Academy's unique code 6948 or ask at the school office for more information.





If your child has been unwell due to **vomiting or diarrhoea**, the NHS advice is to keep them off school for 24 hours after the last bout and to return to school when they are feeling better. We do not operate a 48hr rule at Pix Brook Academy.

To **report an absence**, please telephone the school by 8am on 01462 416243 or email pixbrook@bestacademies.org.uk



Lunch menu forms will be sent out via ParentMail every Friday and must be submitted by 9am on Monday. Please note we are unable to make any amendments after this time. Your child will be marked as having a packed lunch if we do not receive a form for them. Invoices will be sent out every Monday for the previous week's lunches.

If you believe you qualify for **Free School Meals**, please contact 0300 300 8306.



We are delighted to announce that we have appointed Gonca Aksoy as our new After School Club Facilitator. Booking forms for next term's '**PBA Extra**' (our after school wrap-around club) will be sent out the week before half term. Please note that this form will be treated as a regular booking and any amendments will need 48hrs notice. Attendance Fees for PBA Extra (includes small snack and drink) are as follows:

From end of school until 4pm	£2.50
From end of school until 5pm	£7.50
From end of school until 6pm	£12.50
From end of after school club until 5pm	£5
From end of after school club until 6pm	£10

Fees will be charged per hour or part thereof

Local News and Events



Presents

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FAMILY FUN DAY 2PM - 8PM



FOX & DUCK VENUE, STOTFOLD. SG5 4HE

STOTFOLD MILL WORKING STEAM (WEEKEND)

SAT 5TH & SUN 6TH OCTOBER 2019



OPEN: 10.30AM - 5.00PM

www.stotfoldmill.com
Mill Lane, Stotfold, Bedfordshire SG5 4NU



Pix Brook Academy

SAFEGUARDING TEAM

We are here to keep you safe

Who can you speak to if you feel worried?

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

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



Mr King-Mand
Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Smyth
Deputy
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Pearce
Deputy
Safeguarding Lead

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

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

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



Diary & Term Dates

October	Friday 11 th Monday 14 th Friday 18 th Monday 21 st - Friday 25 th Monday 28 th Tuesday 29 th	- Official Opening of Pix Brook Academy (3.30pm) - Cadbury World Trip - 'Wear It Pink Day' for Breast Cancer (Non-uniform) - Half Term - Staff Training Day (no school) - Happy Bags collection TBC
November	Friday 8 th Monday 11 th Friday 15 th Wednesday 27 th	- PBA Press Issue 3 - Remembrance Assembly / Student Services Uniform Day - Bake Sale for Children In Need - PBA Open Evening for prospective parents (6-8pm)
December	Friday 6 th Thursday 12 th Friday 13 th Date TBC Tuesday 17 th Thursday 19 th Date TBC Friday 20 th Monday 21 st - Friday 3 rd Jan	- PBA Press Issue 4 - Parents Evening - Christmas Jumper Day for Save The Children - Christmas Dinner - Pantomime Trip to the Gordan Craig Theatre - End of Term Assembly at St Marys Church - Class Christmas Party - Last Day of Term, finish at 3.05pm (NO after school clubs) - Christmas Holidays
January	Monday 6 th Tuesday 7 th Friday 10 th	- Staff Training Day (no school) - Start of Spring Term - PBA Press Issue 5
February	Friday 6 th Thursday 13 th Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st	- PBA Press Issue 6 - Parents Visit (afternoon) - Half Term
March	Thursday 5 th Friday 6 th Friday 13 th Friday 27 th	- World Book Day (Non-uniform) - PBA Press Issue 7 - STEM Day - Non-Uniform Day (charity TBC)
April	Friday 3 rd Monday 6 th - Friday 17 th	- PBA Press Issue 8 - Easter Holidays
May	Thursday 7 th Friday 8 th Monday 25 th - Friday 29 th	- PBA Press Issue 9 - Bank Holiday - Half Term
June	Friday 12 th Friday 26 th	- PBA Press Issue 10 - Sports Day
July	Friday 3 rd Wednesday 8 th Friday 10 th Monday 13 th Friday 17 th Monday 20 th - Friday 4 th Sept	- Step Up Day - Awards Afternoon - PBA Press Issue 11 - New Year 5's Visit - Last Day of Term, finish at 3.05pm (NO after school clubs) - Summer Holidays