

A message from Mr Adams

The end of the first half term of the new academic year. As I often do, I have taken the opportunity to review some of my previous messages over the years and it seems that all too often I have been referencing some really significant global event that can be worrying to everyone but particularly young people. Obviously, the situation in the Middle East is of huge concern to everyone, impacting upon all of us in ways we could not imagine. If we just look back over the very short life of the school, we see any number of really big events: war in Ukraine, the death of the Queen, American election chaos and the small matter of the global pandemic to name but a few. In all this international uncertainty and chaos, it is our job to sensitively discuss things that worry children but in a way that maintains the normality and routine of life at school. We endeavour to provide age-appropriate information via our assembly programme, citizenship lessons, tutor time and more generally in lessons if appropriate. Throughout this process we focus on our core message of educating the socially responsible citizens of the future in the hope that by doing so we will help them make good choices.

In many ways schools are their own mini ecosystems. Our routines, behaviours, expectations and interactions are specific to us and come together to form our ethos. I am always proud of the way our staff and pupils conduct themselves and interact. It is genuinely one of the joys of working in education to have conversations with young people who are still full of ideas, enthusiasm and life. There is no doubt that if you want to stay young you should work with young people and we are particularly fortunate to have such a nice body of pupils to spend time with. The result of this is that lessons are engaging, pupils ask questions and crucially everyone is invested in trying their best. A number of the many new staff who joined the school in September have commented upon this and the engagement of pupils and enthusiasm shown in lessons.

The next half term will be just as busy as the first. Open evening happens on the first Thursday back and we will have a large number of pupils in attendance showing the school to prospective parents. We will also undertake tours of the school during the two weeks following Open evening. Recruitment has started, we have successfully appointed an experienced head of ICT and have made further appointments in Geography with a large number of posts to be advertised during the term. It all paints the picture of the school continuing to grow and develop with more pupils, staff and facilities. As we all must, we look to the future positively and work towards improving the life of those around us. We must just hope that the same happens in the rest of the world.

Enjoy the half term break.





Update from Mrs Horwood

A great start for our new Year 5 pupils at Pix Brook. They have settled so well and got into the groove of things. We have been learning about the Mayans in English, Geography and History.

They have done their first set of "PiXI" tests (a nationwide baseline test for all Year 5s), and the results will be available soon. I am very proud of their behaviour and they have shown the four Ps of Pix Brook (Perseverance, Politeness, Preparedness and Positivity).

After half term, we'll have our first school trips - Cadbury's World and the Pantomime (oh, yes we are!) - **please remember to fill out the relevant paperwork and permissions.** Payments for the school trips MUST be made before the deadlines (23rd October for Cadbury's, and 27th October for the Panto).



Key Stage 2 Trips



I am so proud of the children for taking part in Amelie's Fun Day. Despite the weather, we all had fun and enjoyed the fresh air.

I hope you all enjoy your half term break: recharge your batteries and come back full of enthusiasm for the Christmas term!

Year 5 Cadbury World letter

<u>Year 5 Pantomime letter</u> Year 5 Pantomime Consent Form

Please remember: when collecting children after a school trip, please **do not park** in the layby outside the school building. This area is **reserved for the coaches**. Thank you!



Message from Mrs Theobald

Our Year 6 students have been enjoying learning about all things Victorian. They have especially enjoyed learning some Sherlock Holmes stories which have given them a real insight into what life in the Victorian times was like. They have written a newspaper article reporting on a deadly murder and are also completing a "Best Write" during History about children working during the Victorian Era.

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A morning of multiplication madness



As part of a revision lesson, Miss Power's Maths class took to the tables armed with whiteboard pens and spent their lesson revising the method of multiplication by 2-digit numbers.

The pupils thoroughly enjoyed drawing on the tables, so much so that it took away from the fact they were actually doing lots of work!

Fun with Refraction

There have been some exciting practical experiments during Science lessons. The students have enjoyed making periscopes, colour wheels and shadow puppets. One particularly amazing experiment was undertaken when they were learning about Refraction – how is it possible for an arrow to be pointing in the opposite direction than it is on the piece of paper when shown behind a glass of water?



Take a look at <u>this video</u> to see the students in action.







It has been a pleasure seeing the students enjoying their lessons so much and I hope they all enjoy a thoroughly deserved break!



Science is a dangerous business!

This week, Year 7 have been learning about hazards in the Science Lab.







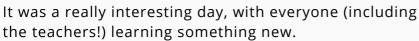


Year 7 Faith Tour

On Tuesday 17th October, the Year 7s went on a "Faith Tour" - a visit to three different places of worship.

During the Tour, the pupils visited the Mosque, the Gurdwara and a CoE Church, to learn about the religions that use these places.









Message from Miss Freeman

We have had a brilliant start to this new academic year in Year 8, settling in well and meeting many new teachers. I have been incredibly impressed with the pupils' overall attitude to learning over the last 6 weeks. There has been an incredible uptake in the wide variety of extra-curricular activities that the school offer, both at lunch time and after school.

Next half term I look forward to seeing so many of our pupils helping to represent the school at our upcoming open evening. Many of them have asked to support as tour guides or in specific subject areas. I know they will all represent the school so well and I am truly very proud of them all.

I hope you all have a restful break and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 30th October.

A message from Mr. Fleckney

The first half-term back is now all but complete as I write this round-up.

The last 7 weeks since the Year 9 students returned to school has flown by, it's been a term of change from the hot summer days to the cold wet autumnal days.

It has been a positive start to the new academic year by all the Year 9 students. There have been many that have attended extracurricular clubs and the sporting fixtures are now in full swing.

The next half-term will see many of our Year 9 students at PBA helping at the upcoming Open Evening. I'd like to thank all of those students that have already agreed to support as tour guides and in the subject areas across the school.

I would like to wish everyone a relaxing half-term.

SCHOOL NEWS

What's been happening in school this term

Fun Day for Amelie

On Thursday 19th October, we held a **fun day** in support of Year 6 student, Amelie, who has recently been diagnosed with Leukaemia.

The first challenge was fitting everyone into the canteen for lunch!

Originally, the afternoon was intended to involved everyone in school taking part in various sporting activities, from Capture the Flag to Just Dance. Sadly, the British weather didn't want to play ball, and a **last-minute change of plan.**



After lunch, the KS2 pupils took part in a Key Stage walk/run around the school field, followed by a Citizenship lesson. The KS3 pupils then had a walk/run around the school field







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.	5A Nightingale	128,305,044
2.	6C Tolkien	127,562,491
3.	6B Blackman	117,257,080
4.	6F Angelou	100,881,820
5.	6D Austen	95,435,082
6.	5C Shakespeare	92,441,572
7.	5F Pankhurst	58,028,340
8.	6A Morpurgo	50,275,482
9.	5E Turing	33,330,337
10.	6E Zephaniah	30,755,048

Top MathShed Groups

#	Group	Score
1.	6D Austen	11,925,042
2.	6E Zephaniah	11,678,996
3.	5F Pankhurst	4,610,069
4.	6F Angelou	3,484,575
5.	5C Shakespeare	2,716,843
6.	5A Nightingale	1,292,517
7.	5D Churchill	1,224,970
8,	6B Blackman	1,180,399
9.	6A Morpurgo	482,811
10.	6C Tolkien	314,320

SCHOOLNEWS

What's been happening in school this term

Art Update

It's been a great first half term in the art department! Some of our art ambassadors from Year 8 and Year 9 have been supporting Year 7 students at their art club where they were making clay ghosts and have been helping to create activities for the upcoming open evening. They also went on a trip to Broadway Gallery in Letchworth to see the open exhibition and had the opportunity to talk to staff about possible careers in museums and galleries.

Year 5 students are completing a project about rainforests and have created some fantastic string print designs this half term and Year 6 have produced some incredible pencil drawings for their William Morris work.



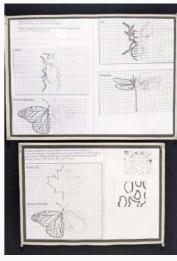












Year 7 have invented some imaginative superheroes and have learnt how to use mixed media in their work. Year 8 have been having lots of fun inventing their own characters inspired by the work of Jon Burgerman. Year 9 students have been investigating natural forms and have been creating some abstract patterns, creating prints and practising their observational drawing skills.

Next term, the students will be using papier mache, stencilling, printing amongst many other things!

SCHOOL NEWS

What's been happening in school this term













PBA Pupils' Work Included at BEST House

BEST House in Shefford has recently refreshed their art displays. Some of our wonderful 3D pieces have been selected to be included, alongside artwork from many other schools in the trust.

Christmas Card Competition

MP Richard Fuller is asking for **Christmas card designs** from North East Bedfordshire students again this year. Please see the attached poster for further details.!



SPORTS NEWS

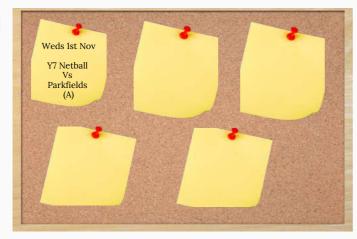
Events and Successes for our Sports Teams

PE Round Up

In what has been a half term of varied weather our PE curriculum and extra-curricular programme continues to thrive, with more activities introduced at each year group. Cheerleading club has proven to be hugely popular as part of our extra-curricular provision and the introduction of table tennis and handball into our KS3 lessons have also engaged pupils and broadened their sporting experiences. Our teams have competed well so far in their league seasons, with the Year 7 boys football team finishing third in the league, the Year 7/8 girls football team beating a strong Lealands team to progress to the next stage of the county cup and our KS3 Girls Table Tennis team winning the district tournament for the second year running. After half term our basketball leagues begin, while our netball and football season draw to a conclusion. Best of luck to all involved!

Sports Fixtures - Week after Half

Term



KS3 Table Tennis Champs

For the second year running, our KS3 girls table tennis team won the annual district tournament at Holywell. Our team included Leane K, Chloe C, Isabella K and Sian S. The boys team consisting of Oz H, Remy M, Ralf P and Luke F narrowly came 2nd. Both teams will now qualify for the county finals after half term, good luck to both teams!



Netball Team Wins

Our year 7 netball team absolutely **smashed it this week** with a 10-0 **win** against Henlow! The girls started off great, it was good to see them using strategies that we practiced in training. Some great shots put up by the shooters, and some excellent defensive play too.

Keep it up girls, you're doing fab!

Miss Sidhu 😷



ACHIEVEMENTS AND STORIES

Extra-curricular Achievements



Mrs Love-Collins Gets a First!

Congratulations to our Learning Supervisor, Mrs Love-Collins, who recently achieved a First Class Honours degree - and received the highest marks in her cohort.

A Rosette for Esme

Congratulations to Esme from Year 7, who got some great results at the East of England Grassroots Pony Club Championships.
She placed brilliantly in her section and helped her team win a rosette.
Well done, Esme!





Gold Medals for Freya

Freya, from Year 8, attended the UK ITF Autumn National's on Saturday 14th October, winning 3 golds: U18's patterns, U18's sparring and U14's sparring. It was her first competition in U18s.

She tried her best in special technique and breaking. She did herself proud, and represented LBTKD with integrity a smile.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND STORIES

Extra-curricular Achievements

Aquathlon Triumph for PBA

Four PBA pupils took part in the recent Bedford Aquathlon - a sports event that combines swimming and running.

Brothers Theo (Year 6) and Austin (Year 7) both won 1st place in their races, as did Henry (Year 8). Ellie (also Year 8) came overall 2nd for the whole of Year 8.





Chloe and Lucy achieve Green Belts

Chloe and Lucy, both from Year 6, recently achieved their Green Belts in Karate.

Congratulations to both of them!



DOUBLE DIPLOMA Lucy and Chloe Byford from Year 6 both receive their Green Belt awards

Silver Medals for Catherine

Catherine (Year 6 - Blackman) recently competed at her 1st UK ITF National Championship, bringing home 2 silver metals in the U14's 1st Degree pattern and U14's 1st Degree lightweight sparring, having lost to an opponent from a higher age category. We're so proud of her performance giving all she had and looking forward to seeing her develop and bringing home Golds in the future.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND STORIES

Extra-curricular Achievements



Silver for Elise at Gymnastics Competition

Elise Mill, from Year 5, won a silver medal in tumbling at the Swift Invitational gymnastics competition.

Stage and Screen Award for Zack

Congratulations to Zack from Year 7, who recently achieved his RSL Grade 2 Stage & Screen Award from the Pauline Quirke Academy!
Great job, Zack!





Amelie and Chloe Dance to Success

Amelia Flexton from Pankhurst and Chloe Bourne from Tolkien competed in a dance competition recently. They came 1st place in both their group dances and 3rd place for their trio. Their dance school also came 1st place for Overall Regional Champions.

That's Showbiz!

I just wanted to share with you that last weekend the PBA girls who dance with Gifford Dance Academy took part in the That's Showbiz dance heat in Aldershot. The girls danced beautifully and all qualified to dance on stage at the Blackpool Opera House in January. We're so proud of them and all the Gifford girls!



SAFEGUARDING, WELLBEING & SEND

Information on wellbeing for students and families

Autism Bedfordshire Courses

Local events and news for parents and families run by Autism Bedfordshire





Navigator Service

The service, run by charity BMLK, strives to promote independence and resilience and works alongside the young person to offer support. Click <u>here</u> for more details.



Active Lifestyles

Support service run by Central Bedfordshire Council, encouraging families to get active.





Parent & Carer Training

A webinar for parents and carers who want to understand young people's use of technology and the impact this may have on their mental health and wellbeing.

How You Feel Matters

Remember, you can talk to our **safeguarding team**.



Lunch Menus

Menu 7 WEEK ONE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAINS	Chicken Nuggets (16g) (Gluten (w)) Diced potatoes (21g) Baked Beans (15g)	Cheese and Tomato Pizza (20g) (Gluten, Milk) Wedges (17g) Veg	Sausages (18g) (Pork, Chicken and Beef) (Guter(w), sulphite) Roast Potatoes (31g) Yorkshire puddings(10g) (Gluten(w), egg, milk) 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) (GLUTEN FREE) Baked Beans — (15g)
VEGETARIAN	Meat free Sausage Roll (16g) (Gluten (w)) Diced Potatoes (21g) Baked Beans (15g)	Vegetable Curry (Gluten, Celery, Mustard, Milk and Soya) Rice (21g) Veg	Quorn Sausages (18g) (Gluten(w), soya, milk) Roast Potatoes (31g) Gravy Veg	Cauliflower Cheese (3g) (Gluten, Mustard, Milk) Garlic Bread (17g) (Gluten, milk, Soya) Veg	Vegetable Burger (28g) (Gluten, mustard) Chips – (40g) (GLUTEN FREE) Baked Beans – (15g)
DESSERT	Chocolate Brownie (43g) (Gluten, egg, milk) Yoghurt (20g) (milk) Fresh Fruit (5g)	Lemon/mixed fruit Drizzle Sponge (38g) (Gluten, egg) Yoghurt (20g) (Milk) Fresh Fruit (5g)	Chocolate Cracknell (24g) (Gluten, Milk) Yoghurt-(20g) (Milk) Fresh Fruit – (5g)	Blueberry Muffins (49g) (Gluten, Egg, Soya) Yoghurt (20g) (Milk) Fresh Fruit (5g)	Mousse (22g) (Milk) Yoghurt – (20g) (Milk) Fresh Fruit – (5g)
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Week 1: 30/10, 13/11, 27/111, 11/12

Menu 7 WEEK TWO	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAINS	Sausage roll (17g) (Gluten, Milk) Wedges (17g) Beans (15g)	Fish Fingers (15g) (gluten, Fish) Diced Potatoes (21g) Veg	Roast Turkey Roast Potatoes (31g) Gravy veg	Meat Balls (4g) (Gluten, Milk) Pasta (25g) (Gluten) Veg	Pepperoni Pizza (36g) (Gluten, Milk) Chips (40g) (GLUTEN FREE) Baked Beans (15g)
VEGETARIAN	Cheese and onion Lattice (V) (15g) (Gluten, soya, milk, mustard, sulphites) Wedges (17g) Baked Beans (15g)	Vegetable Spring Roll (15g) (Gluten (B), egg, milk, Celery) Diced Potatoes (21g) 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) (Gluten) Chips (40g) (GLUTEN FREE) Baked Beans – (15g)
DESSERT	Chocolate chip sponge (31g) (Gluten, Egg, Milk, Saya) Yoghurts (20g) (Milk) 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					

Week 2: 6/11, 20/11, 4/12, 18/12

Although PBA aims to be a nut-free school, we cannot guarantee that foods purchased from or suppliers has not been in contact with nuts during the

manufacturing process.

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.

Updated Staff List

Please click $\underline{\text{here}}$ to view our update staff list

CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Monday

Year 7 Boys/Girls Basketball (JS)

Year 8 & 9 Boys/Girls Table Tennis (IW)

nesday

Year 5/6 Boys/Girls Dance (EI)

Year 6 Boys/Girls Basketball (JS)

Year 9 Boys/Girls Basketball (JS)

Mednesday

Year 5 Boys/Girls Table Tennis (SL)

Year 6 Boys/Girls Badminton (JS)

Year 5 Boys/Girls Badminton (JS)

KS2 Boys/Girls Cheerleading (MW/KM)

ursday

Year 7 Boys/Girls Table tennis (FC)

Year 8 Boys/Girls Basketball (JS)

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Year 5 Boys/Girls Basketball (JS)

Year 6 Table Tennis Boys/Girls (AJ)

Extra Curricular Clubs

Monday

KS2 Eco Warriors

IPE Room 224

Tuesday

KS2 Sign Language CBS Room 110

Year 7/8 Debate Club SCS Room 207

KS2 Coding JWS Room 006

Year 8/9 Astronomy

KS3 Flag Club IPE Room 224

Wednesday

Art Club (all years) KPN Room 126

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KS2 EdShed and TTRS Room 006

KS3 Coding JWS Room 206

EAS Room 201

londay

Year 8 & 9 Boys/Girls

Rugby (MD)*

uesday

Year 6/7 Boys Football (GW/SPE/AJ/FC)

KS3 Girls Netball (IW/PS)

Year 6 Boys Football Fixtures (MD/SPE)

Year 7 Boys Basketball Fixtures (MD)

Wednesday

Year 8/9 Boys Football (MD/JS/AS)

KS3 Girls Football (AJ)

KS2 Girls Netball (IW/PS)

Year 7 Boys Football Fixtures (JS/FC)

Year 6, 7, 8 Netball Fixtures (IW)

After School Sports

Year 8 Boys Football Year 5 Boys Football Fixtures (MD)

Year 8 Boys Basketball Fixtures (MD)

(SPE/SL/FC)

Ylonday

uesday

Year 5 Homework Club TSH KS2 Classrooms

Year 7-9 Choir TWD Room 156

F1 Maths Clubs KBT Room 233

Year 6 Homework TSH KS2 Classrooms

Year 7 Homework FBK Room 140 & 206

KS2 Young Voices NPY Main Hall

KS3 Drama LJS Drama Studio

Year 7 Forensics EAS Room 201

After School Clubs

Year 5 Boys Football (SPE/SL/FC)

DIARY AND DATES

Cotober Tuesday 17th Year 7 Faith Tour Monday 23rd - Friday 27th Whole School Half Term November Thursday 2nd Year 4 Parents Open Evening, School closing early Friday 3rd Whole School Flu Immunisation Monday 13th Year 5 Cadbury World Trip Friday 17th Year 6 National childhood measurement programme Monday 20th - Wednesday 22nd Year 6 British Schools Museum W/C 20th Years 7,8,9 End of term assessments Wednesday 29th Year 5 Sleeping Beauty Pantomime Friday 22nd Year 5 Sleeping Beauty Pantomime Friday 22nd Whole School End of Term Monday 8th Whole School Term Begins Wednesday 24th Year 9 Parents Evening Hurbursday 25th Year 6 Parents Evening Wednesday 7th Year 6 Parents Evening March Year 6 Parents Evening My/C 4th Year 8 Parents Evening	Date	Year Group	Event
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