



Penwortham Primary School

20th October 2023

Staffing news:

This week we have welcomed Miss Hannah Pye to our office team. Miss Pye will be the first point of contact in school. Mrs Jenny Cookson will continue to undertake our finance work on Thursdays.

Miss McKenna is getting married over half term and will return to us as Mrs Helliwell. We wish Mr and Mrs Helliwell a joyful celebration and much happiness for their future together.

Parent Evening slots are now available to book via school spider. November 1st and 2nd.

Attendance: As you are aware the DFE and Government are concerned about the fall in attendance nationally. For this half term attendance at Penwortham Primary School is 94%. This is below the target of 96%
20% of pupils are classed as persistently absent – this does not include pupils who have medical conditions preventing them from attending school regularly. This equates to missing 10% of learning time or more. Whilst we understand that this may be due to illness we are also aware that some of these absences are caused through holidays. We now hold a termly attendance meeting with the Lancashire support team to discuss specific attendance issues.

Mad science club starts after half term. Please ensure you have signed up for this if your child wishes to join (Thursdays after school).

Half term Science fun: Science - Half term

To all our budding scientists, over half term have a look at the sheet sent via email for some fun and quick science ideas you can try whilst exploring.

Are you feeling spooky? Have a go at making potions and even slime.

<https://www.science-sparks.com/10-of-the-best-witches-potions/>

Remember to send photos/videos to l.mckenna@penwortham-pri.lancs.sch.uk so I can add these to our website! Have fun, I can't wait to see what super science you have been up to.

Governor Vacancy: We have a vacancy for a co-opted Governor at school. For more information about the role of Governors please see the school website: <https://www.penworthamprimary.co.uk/page/governing-body/78678> or speak to either Mrs Hesketh or Mrs Jones (Chair of Governors)

Dates for your diary:

Please check regularly as dates and times can change.

- September:**
- October:**
- Half term 23rd to 27th October**
- Monday 30th October PTFA meeting 7.30pm Tom Finney Pub
- November:**
- 1st and 2nd Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30
- 3rd Y6 artist in school
- 10th November reception vision screening
- 13th Paul Sturgess – Basketball player in school.
- 13th Anti Bullying week
- 14th Money management Y6/5
- 16th – 20th Scholastic Book Fair
- 17th Money management Y5/6
- 28th Flu vaccinations- whole school.
- 30th Bags to School collections
- December:**
- 1st Christmas Fair
- 5th Full Governing Body meeting
- 8th Pantomime theatre group in school and Christmas Jumper Day
- 11th KS1 and reception Nativity 2pm
- 12th KS 1 and reception nativity 2pm
- 18th KS 2 Christmas production 2pm
- 19th KS 2 Christmas production 6pm
- 20th Christmas Lunch and party day
- 21st End of term assembly. **Close @2pm.**

The deadline for applications is Monday 30th October (noon). Application forms have been sent via email to all parents.

Bags 2 Schools – our **Eco Committee** are organising a Bags to school collection. If you are clearing out wardrobes over half term please keep the clothes for our collection and bring any bags into school from 3.30 on Wednesday 29th or before school up to 9am Thursday 30th November.

Ptfa meeting!

Monday 30th October 7.30pm-8.30pm Tom Finney pub.

We will mostly be planning the Christmas fair (Friday Dec 1st 5.30pm-7.30pm) so if you have any ideas, or just want to come along and listen in we'd love to see you there!

Are you having a clear out?

If you're having a half term clear out and have any unwanted / unopened gifts or toys that could be donated to the Christmas fair for raffle prizes, game prizes or the gift room there is a donations box in the entrance to school please.

Break the rules day

A huge **Thankyou** for supporting our break the rules day last week. There was a lot of excitement on the playground on Friday morning! We raised a fabulous £300.00 which will be put towards buying the new climbing and trim trail apparatus for our playground. We are now in a position to get some quotes for this next half term so watch this space!!

Champions' of Learning

Well done to the following pupils who have excelled in their learning this week:

A special mention for everyone for their fabulous poetry recitals this week to celebrate National poetry Day!

Reception: To all the superheroes who worked together to defeat the evil pea!

Year 1: Scarlett for a fabulous story. Ennya for showing role model behaviour at all times.

Year 2: Ethan for creating a super story book in art. Henry for always being a super learner!

Year 3: Ellie for always being kind and caring to others.

Year 4: Matilda for being her Personal Best and contributing to class discussions. William for a positive attitude and growth mindset.

Year 5. Jessica for an amazing swim – we knew you could do it! Tilly for her wonderful narrative description. Myles for superb effort and enthusiasm.

Year 6: Martha for creative scientific thinking. Luna for her thoughtful contributions to class discussions.



**COME AND HAVE A CHAT ABOUT WHAT
BARNARDOS LANCASHIRE LINK SERVICE CAN OFFER
TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S EMOTIONAL WELLBRING**

AGED 5-17

**SIGNPOSTING
TO SERVICES**

**CONFIDENTIAL
ADVICE**

Drop-in

HALLOWEEN CRAFTS ^{*FREE}

FRIDAY	27 OCT.	10.00-12.00PM	LONGTON LIBRARY, LIVERPOOL OLD ROAD, LONGTON
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TUESDAY	31 OCT.	3.00-4.30 PM	AT PRIORY LANE COMMUNITY CENTRE, PRIORY LANE, PENWORTHAM
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**Preston & South Ribble
Primary Care Network**
Working together for our patients



Lancashire Link Social Prescribing Service

Family/Peer
Relationship Issues

Low self-esteem or
self-confidence


Are you aged 5-17 years
and experiencing any of
these issues?

Feeling socially
isolated

Worried, anxious or
stressed

We may be able to offer you some support. Ask your GP or health professional about being referred to a social prescriber

- We offer:
- 1:1 Support for your emotional health and wellbeing
 - Wellbeing group sessions
 - Drop in's for a chat/check in



Key-Connect


Peer Support Group For Parents and Carers of Autistic Young People

Do you care for an Autistic young person, with or without diagnosis on the Pathway?
Our Peer support group may be of interest to you.

Key-Connect is an informal peer-support group in a relaxed, inclusive and confidential space.

Connect with other parents/carers with shared lived experiences, exchange practical advice, offer mutual support, and signposting.


The group will meet weekly on Tuesdays for 1.5hr / 12 weeks.



Who: Parents/Carers within Lancashire/South Ribble
Where: Wade Hall Family Centre, 73 Royal Ave, Leyland PR25 1BL
When: Starting Tuesday 24th October 2023 @12:30pm-2pm

For further information and to book a place please contact:
Niki (Group Facilitator) on 07580358080 / nikih@keycharity.org.uk

Free to attend - Booking is Essential



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23 October - 27 October, 2023

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Plus

Fun activities and healthy food for children on Free School Meals during the October Half Term, funded by South Ribble Borough Council.

- **FREE** Activities for all children on free school meals
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For children age 4-16. If your child does not qualify for Free School Meals but would like to join in, please see the website for details.



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