



Penwortham Primary School

3rd November 2023

Year 6 have had a wonderful day working with artist Salina Somalya and created a permanent piece of art that will part of their Year 6 legacy as they move onto Year 7. In connection with their history learning they have thought about the importance of remembrance and designed their own poppies using recycled materials.

Parent Evening – thank you to everyone who attended meetings with teachers this week. If you were unable to attend please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

Attendance: Attendance data for last half term overall was 94.3% - our Department for Education target is 96%. Can you help us achieve that this half term? Did you know...

- If you take 10 days out of school for a family holiday – this automatically lowers your child's attendance to 94.7% for the year.
- If, for whatever reason, your child missed an average of only one day a week for their whole time in school...this would actually add up to missing the equivalent of two years' schooling. That would be like not starting school until you were 7 or leaving school at 14!!

Year 5 are studying the classic story by Charles Dickens – **A Christmas Carol** and to support their English and history curriculum have a theatre trip arranged for 6th December. Year 5 parents – please see the message sent this week.

Flu vaccinations – If you haven't completed the flu vaccination form (this is a paper form) please return this urgently. Spare copies are available from the school office.

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.

Dates for your diary:

Please check regularly as dates and times can change.

November:

- 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
- 17th Non uniform Day
- 24th November non uniform day
- 28th Flu vaccinations- whole school.
- 30th Bags to School collections

December:

- 1st Christmas Fair
- 5th Full Governing Body meeting
- 6th December Y5 visit to theatre 'A Christmas Carol'
- 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.**

Extra curricular clubs:

This half term we are pleased to be able to offer the following clubs:

Football (Y1 – Y6) Wednesdays 3.30-4.30

Drama (all pupils) Thursday 3.30-4.30

Mad science Thursday 3.30-4.30

Rugby Tots (R and Y1) Tuesdays 3.30-4.30

School Choir (Y3-6) Tuesdays 3.30-4.30

PTFA

Diary dates: There will be 2 non uniform days in November on 17th and 24th. Non uniform can be worn in return for donations to the Christmas Fair – bottles for the tombola, raffle prizes, secret gift room presents suitable for mums, dads, grandparents etc.

Champions' of Learning

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

Reception: Cooper K for super maths and great explanations. Freddie for fantastic blending in phonics.

Year 1: Heidi for excellent reading and phonics. Harrison for always being ready to learn and being a great friend.

Year 2: Dylan and Tommy for being great writing partners. Zara for superb writing about lions.

Year 3: Jack P for starting learning tasks quickly and always trying his best. Emily for challenging herself and participating in our drama work.

Year 4: Brodie for always being ready to learn from the moment he walks into school. Anna for her resilience and being her Personal Best.

Year 5. Lucy for her fantastic brochure in geography. Connie for showing amazing effort and creativity in her history project.

Year 6: Avalyn for success with order of operations in maths. James for participation and ability in singing lessons in music.

	W/e 03.11.23	YTD
Class	Average Attendance	
Reception	90.1	98.2
Year 1	91.3	94.4
Year 2	97.1	96.5
Year 3	95.5	92.7
Year 4	98.4	96.5
Year 5	98.2	90.9
Year 6	95.8	97.1
School Average	96.1	94.7

Congratulations to Year 4 who have just edged the attendance trophy this week!

Reception are current leaders for the year to date (YTD).