

22ND MARCH 2024

# NEWSLETTER

Penwortham Primary School



## Staffing Update....

After 8 years at Penwortham Primary School Miss Gabbott will be moving on to pastures new and her last day with us will be Thursday 28th March. Miss Gabbott is a valued member of our team here and will be greatly missed by the staff and children. We wish her the best of luck for the future.

We would also like to officially announce Mr Clegg as the new Year 4 teacher whilst Miss Spall is on maternity leave. Mr Clegg has been a supply teacher in school for the past few weeks and he has slotted into our team perfectly. Whilst Miss Spall is on leave Miss Kirkpatrick and Mr Clegg will be hosting parents evening for Year 4. We have had to swap any Tuesday appointments to Wednesday which you should have already been notified of. If you are unable to make either of these days please contact the office or speak to the teacher on the door.

## Calling all runners...

After the post last week from Mrs Lambert and Mrs Chatterton completing the park run we heard from several parents about a junior parkrun, a 2k run/walk/jog, that takes place every Sunday at 9am on Avenham/Miller Park and is for children age 4 to 14 years (parents can run with the children). We already have quite a few children from Penwortham Primary attending Junior Parkrun but it would be great to see more!



## VALUE OF THE HALF TERM - REFLECTION

*"Looking  
back so that  
the view  
forward is  
even  
clearer"*



## Social Media

We have recently relaunched our school Facebook page. Please give us a follow and share our page as we will be regularly posting updates from all the amazing things that are happening throughout school.

Please check and update your photograph preferences on the spider survey to allow us to upload photographs onto our page of your child/ren in action.

<https://www.facebook.com/penworthamprimaryschool>

**#relaunch**



## Dates for your Diary:

22.03.24 - Easter Bingo 4pm & 6pm

25.03.24 - Y4 Parents Evening

27.03.24 - Y4 Parents Evening

29.03.24 - 12.04.24 - Half Term

**\*\*School closes 2pm on 28.03.24\*\***

16.04.24 - Y3 Roman Museum

16.04.24 - Parents Evening

17.04.24 - Parents Evening

18.04.24 - Whole School Yoga Day

22.04.24 - Y5 Hothersall Lodge

09.05.24 - KS1 Assessment Meeting

17.05.24 - School Discos

21.05.24 - YR The Bee Centre

27.05.24 - 31.05.24 - Half Term

04.06.24 - Y6 County Hall Visit

18.06.24 - Y3 & Y4 Rock and River

26.06.24 - Y6 Anderton Centre

27.06.24 - YR Imagine That!

04.07.24 - Sports Day

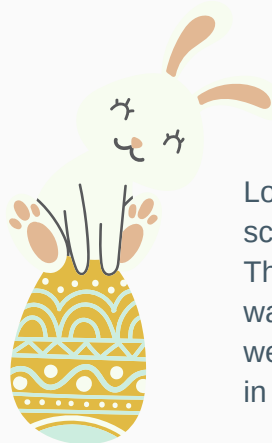
12.07.24 - Summer Fair

22.07.24 - School Closed for Summer

**\*\* School closes 2pm 22.07.24\*\***

## School Dinners

We will be uploading the new summer menu over the next week. Please note we sent out a letter earlier in the week to make you aware of the school lunch price increase that will take place after the Easter half term in time for the new menu. We thank you for your support and understanding with this matter.



## A Special Guest...

Look out for the Easter Bunny on the school gate on the last day of term-2pm. There could be an 'eggciting' surprise waiting for you. You are more than welcome to take photographs and tag us in your facebook posts.





## Champions of Learning

### Reception:

**Jessie** - For settling into a new school.

**Ruby B** - For a fantastic descriptive explanation when relaying the class story to Miss Ainsworth

### Year 1:

**Emmeline** - For sounding out words and for using finger spaces in her writing

**Jamie** - For being a fantastic role model all of the time.

### Year 2:

**Annie** - For being a great learning partner for others.

**Ava** - For great reasoning and focus in Maths, noticing patters with division and multiplication.

### Year 3:

**Blake** - For his work with fractions.

**William** - For always being his personal best, a good friend and continuing to learn at home.

### Year 4:

**Sasha** - For excellent listening and focus in French.

**Henry** - For excellent science knowledge and ability to share this with his class.

### Year 5:

**Myles** - For creating a fantastic fact file on a Mayam God.

**Ahmed Aziz** - For being his personal best all week.

### Year 6:

**Ellie** - For always striving to reach her potential

**Elodie** - For asking questions to further her learning.

# Amazing!

## House Cup weekly Winners



## Attendance:

Reception -
11 missed sessions
Year 1 -
20 missed sessions
Year 2 -
6 missed sessions
Year 3 -
10 missed sessions
Year 4 -
37 missed sessions
Year 5 -
30 missed sessions
Year 6 -
18 missed sessions



# Our Community:

## Neurodiversity Celebration Week toolkit: Primary



18th – 24th March is Neurodiversity Celebration Week. It offers an ideal opportunity for pupils and staff to learn more about, and celebrate, neurodiversity.

Neurodiversity refers to the diversity of human minds. This includes the differences between how people think, process information, behave and communicate.

These differences should be recognised, understood, respected, and celebrated.

Every classroom is neurodiverse, as every pupil will have a different way of thinking, feeling, and learning.

This toolkit contains resources to raise awareness of neurodiversity among pupils and staff. It contains teaching materials and guidance to increase understanding of neurodiversity throughout the school or college community and foster a more inclusive environment.

### Resources

#### Resources for pupils

[Neurodiversity Celebration Week primary presentation](#)  
- Neurodiversity Celebration Week

A presentation for an assembly or lesson introducing the topic of neurodiversity, as well as different types of neurodivergence.

[What is neurodiversity?: videos for children](#) - Differing Minds

Two illustrated videos which introduce neurodiversity to primary-aged children, using simple imagery to describe the differences in our brains.

[Learning About Neurodiversity at School \(LEANS\)](#)  
- University of Edinburgh

A suite of teaching resources and guidance to introduce pupils aged 8 to 11 to the concept of neurodiversity, and how it impacts pupils' experiences at school.



#### Resources for staff

[Neurodiversity: information for education staff](#)  
- Mentally Healthy Schools

Information for education staff, introducing the concept of neurodiversity, its links with mental health, and sharing advice on how to support neurodivergent children and young people.

[Teaching for neurodiversity: a guide to specific learning difficulties](#)  
- Multiple organisations

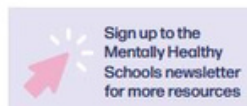
Detailed guidance covering the different types of neurodivergence and how they may present in the classroom, with additional information about referral routes for children and young people.

[A quick guide to neurodiversity for educators](#) - Twinkl

This short video introduces some of the key terminology around neurodiversity, and why learning about neurodiversity is so important for educators.

[Understanding neurodiversity in the context of equality and inclusive practice](#) - General Teaching Council for Scotland

A guide outlining key terms and approaches to understanding the links between neurodiversity, equality and inclusion in education settings.





# Our Community:



## IS COMING TO

A colorful promotional banner for Penwortham Primary School. The background is yellow with a pattern of small green circles. On the left, there's a rainbow, a white cloud, and a red-roofed house. On the right, there's a green circle and a purple pencil. The text is as follows:

Penwortham Primary School

**Come to Stay & Play**

For fun, games & friendship

Every Friday 9:15-10:30

From birth upwards



## 19TH APRIL - 24TH MAY

# Our Community:



SCAN HERE  
TO BOOK!

the **HARRIS**  
HOME from HOME

## EASTER EVENTS PROGRAMME

**2 & 9 APRIL**  
BABY BOUNCE &  
RHYME / FREE  
CHILDREN'S LIBRARY  
10:30 - 11AM

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**3 APRIL**  
MAD SCIENCE: ENERGISE  
IT! / £2 - £3  
GUILD HALL FOYER  
1 - 1:30PM

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**3 APRIL**  
MAD SCIENCE: THE  
GLOW SHOW / £2  
GUILD HALL FOYER  
2 - 2:45PM

**3 APRIL**  
MAD SCIENCE: LIGHTS,  
COLOUR, ACTION / £2  
GUILD HALL FOYER  
3 - 3:45PM

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**4 APRIL**  
INFLATABLE CHICKEN  
PUPPETS / FREE  
GUILD HALL CORRIDOR  
1:30 - 3:30PM (DROP IN)

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**5 APRIL**  
SPRING FLOWERS  
WORKSHOP / £2  
GUILD HALL FOYER  
1:30 - 2:15PM

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**8 APRIL**  
LEGO & PROGRAMMING  
SESSION / £8 PER GROUP  
GUILD HALL FOYER  
10:30 - 12PM, 1 - 2:30PM

**10 APRIL**  
HUNGRY CATERPILLAR  
CRAFT / £2  
GUILD HALL FOYER  
1:30 - 2:15PM

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**11 APRIL**  
VIKING SESSIONS /  
£2  
GUILD HALL FOYER  
11AM - 12PM & 1:30 -  
2:30PM

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**12 APRIL**  
BOUNCING BUNNIES  
CRAFT / FREE  
GUILD HALL CORRIDOR  
1:30 - 3:30PM (DROP IN)

