



# Summer News



## Pen Mill Infant and Nursery Academy

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### Message from Mrs Manning, Deputy Head

Dear Parents and Carers

What a wonderful, busy summer term! We have enjoyed a world cup themed sports day, a successful summer fayre and some exciting transition days. The children talked enthusiastically about the day in their new class and this has hopefully helped to prepare them all for their new move in September.

The nursery children have enjoyed finding out about animals and it was lovely to see them working in their vet clinic caring for different pets. Pirates entered the school on Wednesday and the children thoroughly enjoyed the activities that the reception team had planned. Our year ones have been thinking about travelling to distant lands and having new adventures. In class the year two children have been reflecting on their Pen Mill school memories and talked fondly of these. Some can even remember their first day at school and have shared their experiences and feelings. The children performed confidently at the leaver's picnic and worked hard to put on a great show.

We would like to say goodbye and well done to our year two children. We are so proud of how hard you have worked and how well you have behaved. We wish you every success as you become juniors.

Sadly we also say farewell to Mrs Stradling and Mrs Pincott who are both leaving to fulfil new adventures. They have been an asset to our wonderful team and will be greatly missed. We wish Miss Mayes a happy wedding day and look forward to her return as Mrs Cullen.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer with your children and thank you for your continued support, your children are a credit to you all and a pleasure to teach.

Best wishes  
Mrs Manning



## Weekly Update - week commencing 16th July 2018

All of the information on this page can be found on:

- our website at [www.penmillinfants.co.uk](http://www.penmillinfants.co.uk)
- the playground screen
- the class noticeboards

Our weekly updates are emailed to parents every Friday. If you have not been receiving these please advise the school office so that our records may be updated with your correct email address.

## Attendance

Pen Mill Academy attendance - 93%

Well done to the following children who all achieved 100% attendance for the whole of the school year:



Lucas, Dylan, Lily, Daniel and Nikita



## House Points

Well done to all the children in Barrington house who achieved the most house points for the whole year.

## Upcoming Dates - all dates can be found on our website

Friday 20th July

Last day of term

Monday 3rd September

Inset day

Tuesday 4th September

Children return to school

## Mrs Pape's Charity Cycle Ride

Mrs Pape would like to thank everyone for their kind donations towards her charity bike ride.

Collectively they have raised over £250,000 for Prostate Cancer UK.

## Summer Fayre



Thank you to the Peter Rabbit group for organising our Summer Fayre and to everyone that joined us on Friday 6th July and helped us raise £640.



## Write a Story competition

Congratulations to Ruby in Bond class and Mason in Potter class for winning the Write a Story completion.

## Nursery - Carle class

This term has been a busy one for the children where we have been learning all about looking after animals, what a vet does and how we can care for all the different animals. We focused on the 'Dear Zoo' book and what animal we would like as a pet. We had some interesting responses!

The Nursery have also been learning about how to be kind to our friends and we used the story of "The Smartest Giant in town" to support this. We have been making sure that we play nicely, share with our friends and include everyone in our play.



We have had a big focus on number and name writing this final term. The children have been learning to count to 10 and some children have been counting up to 20! We have also been encouraging the children to write the numbers to 10 as well. If you can continue this over the summer holidays that would be great for when they start in reception and return to the nursery.



Name writing is really important too so the children can label their work and we would ask that you please persevere with this over the summer break.



Thank you for everyone who came and supported the children's sports day. It was lovely to see so many of you cheering on and encouraging the children to do their best! Well done to all the children that took part and the parents too!

We would like to wish our school leavers the best of luck and to the children who are staying with us next year we have lots of fun things lined up!

Enjoy your Summer and we look forward to seeing you again in September.



## Reception - Sharratt & Waddell classes

What an exciting half term we have had in the Reception classes, 'Me Hearties'. The children have loved our pirate topic and we have been amazed at their ability to discover and remember new facts and stories about pirates.



The children made treasure maps for Pirate Pete who then sent the children a special video giving the children some clues to help them find the treasure hidden on the field. The children followed the clues and found the treasure in our recently built yurt.



The children also enjoyed a visit from Barnacle Bill, a friend of Pirate Pete. The children asked Barnacle Bill questions that they had written in their literacy lessons and they were surprised to find out that pirates had turtle soup for tea and asked Miss Lock and Mrs Skeggs, our lunchtime supervisors, if they could try it at school one day!

We hope that you enjoyed reading the children's reports as much as we enjoyed writing them. It was a pleasure to look back at the progress that the children have made throughout the academic year.

There is no doubt that the children have had an amazing year full of learning and exciting experiences that we hope the children will remember for a long time.

Thank you for all your support and enjoy the summer break.

## Year 1 - Bond & Potter classes

During this very hot Summer term, the children have been sailing across the sea on adventures, to learn about pirates. The journey began using the children's existing knowledge to identify what they wanted to explore further, using their investigative minds. Quickly, they became immersed into pirate worlds, reading and analysing a variety of stories which then inspired the children to create their own. As this was a huge success the children went on to learn about famous pirates, developing their knowledge for non-fiction text.



During Sports Day, the children impressed everyone with their endurance to complete each activity, especially in the heat. Every child tried their very best to achieve their goals and more importantly demonstrated team spirit, always cheering one another on.



In Maths, the children were excited to create their own clocks as part of learning to tell the time. They then went on to use these to practise making and telling the time to the hour and half past the hour. As part of this work, the children consolidated their learning for the days of the week and months of the year as well as thinking about the order of their day.



Whilst continuing their learning about animals in Science, the children discovered that as well as classifying animals by their type, it is also possible to classify them by the foods they like to eat. Why not ask your child to explain the difference between animals which are herbivores, carnivores and omnivores? Afterwards, the children used this knowledge to link animals in food chains, identifying how both environment and species link to one another, passing on energy e.g. the sun producing energy growing grass, which rabbits eat and in turn a fox may then eat.



We are very proud of all the children in Year 1 not only for their dedication and thirst for learning but for how supportive they have been to one another, throughout the year, tackling every challenge on their way.

## Year 2 - Cole & Donaldson classes

All the children in Donaldson and Cole class loved taking part in sports day and enjoyed all the activities based around the different countries. It was great to see so many children cheering and supporting each other. In the afternoon the children took part in running races and enjoyed competing against each other and when they weren't racing they were having fun and enjoying the sunshine.



Many of the Year 2 children who are moving to St Michael's Academy in September visited them and enjoyed a teddy bears picnic where they designed a teddy, had a picnic, played on the trim trail and listened to a story.



The children have also been writing about and collecting photos of their fondest memories, friends and teachers at Pen Mill Academy. They have been making books to take home with them which they can look back on in years to come.



Excitedly, the children have been practising their performance ready for Party in the Park.

We wish all of the children the best of luck on their individual learning journeys in their new schools. We are so proud of all they have achieved here at Pen Mill Academy. Well done to all!

## Year 2 Farewell



We are glad we were your teachers  
We have come to love you so  
We can't believe the end is here  
We hate to see you go

We have watched you learn and grow and  
Change from day to day  
We hope that all the things we have done Have helped you in some small way

So it's with happy memories  
That we watch you out the door  
With hope and expectations  
For what the next year holds in store

This has been our special journey  
We will miss you all so much  
Have a lovely summer holiday  
But don't forget to keep in touch



# Sports Day





**Buckler's Mead**  
ACADEMY

**AND FINALLY FOLKS!**

The end of term is a time for remembering and thanking those from outside Pen Mill who have helped and supported us and your children throughout the year.

We would like to say a special thank you to Bucklers Mead Academy for sending one of their teachers, Mr Smith, to work with some of our Year 2s developing their maths and ICT skills through fun and exciting activities. The children tell us that they have "learnt loads" in the time they have spent with him, he has proved to be a true role model.

We have also had the pleasure of hosting 3 students from Bucklers Mead on their work experience placement. They have been tremendous throughout this final week and have involved themselves fully in all the fun activities we have laid on for the children. We hope they have enjoyed their time here as much as we have enjoyed having you. You are a credit to your school.

Everyone at Pen Mill would like to wish all at Bucklers Mead Academy a safe and happy summer, we look forward to working with you again very soon.

Finally. Many, many of our past pupils have gone on to do fantastic things at Bucklers Mead and frequently feature in their newsletter. Why don't you check out their website and see how our pupils have gone on to excel in so many areas. It is great to watch their journey continue and see what remarkable young people they become.