



Weekly News

8th March
2019

Pen Mill Infant and Nursery Academy

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

- our website at www.penmillinfants.co.uk
- the playground screen

Golden Book Pupils

Awards were presented this week to the following children:

Carle	Emma & Charlotte
Waddell	Maddison & Dawid
Sharratt	Ethan & Bella
Potter	Isabella & Gabriel
Donaldson	Brodey & Riley B
Jeffers	Caitlin & Derry

Attendance

Pen Mill Academy attendance - 93%

Our Attendance Bear was awarded to Potter class who attained the highest class attendance this week with 100%

Team Points

Well done to Maple Team who achieved the most points this week with 113 points.

Free learning app

"Teach your monster to read"

Excellent phonics and reading app for the iPad, iPhone and android tablets and phones available for **FREE**

THIS WEEK ONLY!
4th March – 11th March



Technology & Learning

This half term we will be sharing parents guides to various apps and games your children may use to support you in keeping your children safe online. We hope these will be helpful.

If you have any comments or concerns about your children's use of technology or any aspect of e-safety, please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Hayden.



What parents need to know
about Age Ratings

Full size copies of these information sheets can be found at the end of the weekly update.

Adventure Babies

Over the next 2 weeks the children in our Reception and Nursery classes will have a special visit from Adventure Babies. Our Reception children will be visited on Friday 15th March and the Nursery will be visited on Friday 22nd March.

Adventure Babies run award winning story and sensory baby classes. They shall be bringing a different brilliant book to life through interactive story telling, sensory props, messy play and much more.

Running the group for the children is Mel from the Adventure Babies team. Mel was a primary school teacher but now runs these sensory story sessions. The children will become immersed into the world of Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

For more information or to find out more about the classes go to www.adventurebabies.co.uk

Meet the Author and Storytelling workshop

On Tuesday 12th March, we have a very special visitor coming to our school. Her name is Cat Weatherill and she is an author and story teller. She is coming to work with all the children during the day.

Carle, Sharratt and Waddell will be taking part in a specialist early years session and Donaldson, Jeffers and Potter will complete a story mountain session.

It is very exciting that the children have the opportunity to work with an author and we hope they really enjoy it as well as learning lots too.

Please see the posters on the doors for extra information.

Rocktupus

On Monday 11th March we have Rocktupus visiting us to inspire the children to write and produce a song to use at our sports day.

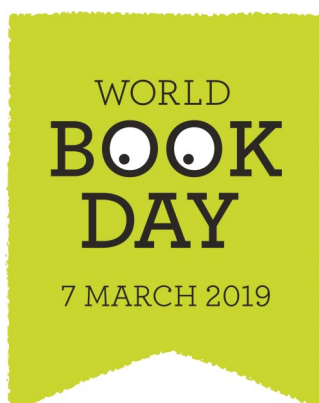
The whole school will be involved and throughout the day all classes will be working with Rocktupus.

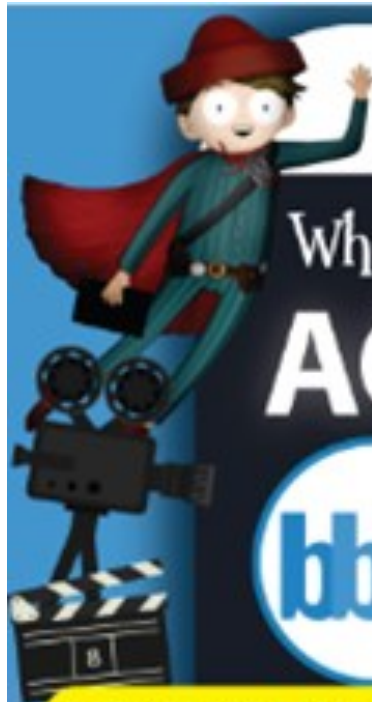
We are all really excited and look forward to their visit.

Upcoming Dates - all dates can be found on our website

Rocktupus visit	Monday 11th March
Meet the Author and Storytelling workshop	Tuesday 12th March
EAL drop in session <i>Focus on Phonics</i>	Wednesday 13th March 9am in the Extended Schools Room
Adventure Babies visiting the Reception children	Friday 15th March
Themed Curriculum Day for Nursery children <i>'People who help us'</i>	Wednesday 20th March
Books at bedtime <i>More details to follow</i>	Thursday 21st March
Adventure Babies visiting the Nursery children	Friday 22nd March
Sports week	Monday 25th March - Friday 29th March
Celebrate and Evaluate <i>Parents invited into classes to view their child's work</i>	Tuesday 26th March 8.30am-9.15am or 3.15pm-3.30pm
Easter bonnet parade <i>Children invited to make a bonnet at home for the parade</i>	Monday 1st April
Nursery visit to Sunningdale Lodge	Tuesday 2nd April
Easter Service at St Michael's Church Year 1 to lead - <i>parents welcome</i>	Wednesday 3rd April 2pm
Themed Curriculum Day for Reception and Year 1 children <i>'Fairytale Day'</i>	Thursday 4th April
Themed Curriculum Day for Year 2 children <i>'Castle Day'</i>	Thursday 4th April

World Book Day





What parents need to know about AGE RATINGS



If you have children, it is understandable to have concerns about the films and TV shows they watch, as well as the games they play. In this guide, we take a look at the two official ways you can assess if a particular title is suitable for your child. Both the BBFC and PEGI have search facilities on their websites that can be used to look up individual titles so you can check their ratings.



RATINGS FOR FILMS, TV & MUSIC VIDEOS

Since 1912, the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) has informed UK residents of the age suitability of films, TV and music videos - providing parents with the information needed to assess whether or not it is appropriate for their child's age. This applies to cinema releases, DVDs and streaming video services such as Netflix.

WHAT ARE THE BBFC RATINGS?

BBFC ratings are broken down into seven age categories:



Universal, suitable for all ages



Parental Guidance required



Suitable for people aged 12 and over



Suitable for people aged 12 and over, except for some material unsuitable for children



Suitable for people aged 15 and over



Suitable for people aged 18 and over



Adult content only available to specially licensed cinemas and specialist retailers

WHAT ELSE CAN BBFC REVEAL?

Accompanied with the age suitability rating, BBFC also provide an additional warning regarding the content and what to expect, such as swearing, sexual content, violence and anything you may consider to be inappropriate for your child. In addition to this, the content is also rated in three levels: frequent, mild or strong.

LIMITATIONS OF BBFC RATINGS

It's important to note that there is no obligation on streaming video services to use or display BBFC ratings. Due to this, we advise that you check the rating online before your child streams the content. It may also be a good idea to watch the content first yourself or discuss it with other parents to help you decide whether or not it is suitable for your child.

Source: www.bbfc.co.uk

RATINGS FOR GAMES

PEGI (Pan European Game Information) is a content rating system that ensures all video games are labelled with a minimum age recommendation. These age recommendations are based on the types of content featured within a game. With each game, PEGI also provide a content descriptor that indicates the potential issues and concerns, including sex, violence, bad language and drugs.

WHAT ARE THE PEGI RATINGS?

PEGI ratings are split into age restriction and content descriptors. Additional content descriptors help parents and children to understand the type of content featured within a particular game, including sex, fear, bad language, discrimination, gambling, drugs, violence, and in-game purchases. In combination, the two different ratings can provide a good level of information to help make informed decisions regarding the suitability for your child.

PEGI age ratings are broken down into five categories:



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PEGI content descriptors are broken down into eight categories:



LIMITATIONS OF PEGI RATINGS

It's possible for young people to buy games online without a required proof of age, opening them up to age-inappropriate content without you knowing. We advise that you regularly monitor your child's gaming activities and maintain a honest and healthy dialogue with them about the online world.

PARENTAL CONTROLS

It is a good idea to put in place parental controls for all online accounts which your child may use to purchase or download online games e.g. The App Store, Google Play Store, PlayStation Store and Microsoft Xbox Store etc.

Source: www.pegi.info



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Online
Safety**

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