

# Pen Mill Academy

## Weekly Update

Week Commencing: 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017

### Term Ahead

- 
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June - Donaldson Class swimming
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July - Summer Fayre 3pm - 5pm

Zoe Coghlan - Head Teacher  
Tracy Manning - Deputy Head

### Golden Book Pupils

**Carle** Amelie and Hollie

**Waddell** Michal and Ashton

**Sharratt** Amelia and Freya

**Potter** Tayah-Louise and Jazmin

**Bond** Jakub and Alexandra

**Murphy** Cyra and Marly

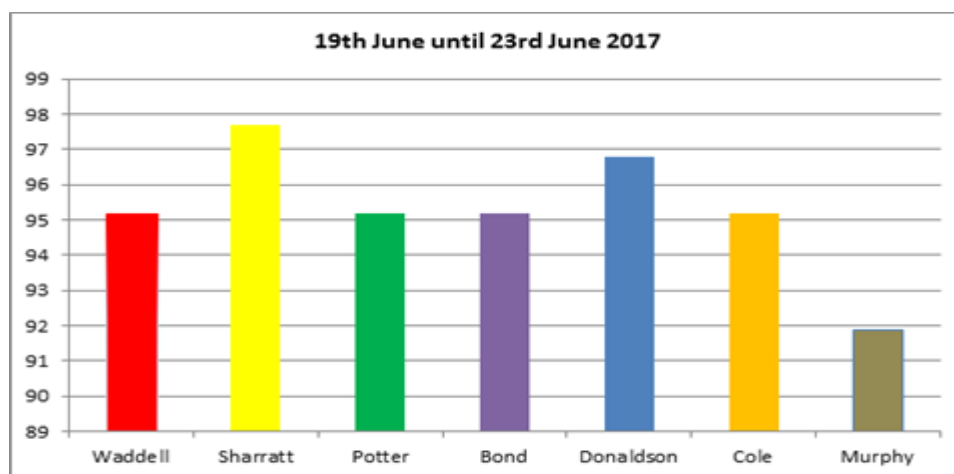
**Donaldson** Skye and Joshua

**Cole** Chloe and Maddy

These children were chosen for their exceptional attitudes to learning and overall behaviour. Well done to you all we are very proud.

### Attendance & House Points

Congratulations to Sharratt Class with the highest attendance this week of 97.5%



Attendance for the whole school at Pen Mill Academy is currently 94%  
The house with the most points this week is Lytes Cary.

## Reading Rainbow

The children on the Reading Rainbow this week are:-

Carle	Henry
Sharratt	Amelia
Waddell	Lilly G, Ashton L, Coco, Riley B, Thai, Millie B, Pixie
Potter	Telisa, Crystal, Daniel, Ellie, Hannah, Noah, Jazmin, Ethan, Maddison M
Bond	Olaf, Adam, Theo, Lily, Lucas, Finley, Harry D, Emily, Arif, Maisie, Imogen, Erin, Izabelle
Murphy	Charlie, Ben, Harry, David, Jessica, Sophia,
Donaldson	Jessica, Daisy, Chloe, Andy
Cole	Sebastian, Henry, Katie, Max and Gracie



Well done to you all!

## Year 2 Trip to Axe Valley Wildlife Park

Year 2 had a fantastic trip to Axe Valley Wildlife Park on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June. We were lucky enough to meet and hold a hissing cockroach, a bearded dragon and a royal python, as well as watch some ferret racing! The children were good at choosing the winner of each race. We visited a huge range of animals, including a very noisy parrot and some leopard cats with their kittens. The peacock was very popular! We even managed to squeeze in a short visit to the play park. We all had an excellent time and year 2 made the adults very proud with their behaviour, attitude and manners. Well done everyone and special thanks to our extra helpers.



## Digital Leader Meeting

On Monday the Year 2 digital leaders spent time with Mrs Conway, Miss Rice and Ms James informing them about what their role had been this year and what they feel they had achieved. The children spoke brilliantly about how they teach other children to use iPads and technology safely and that they particularly enjoyed an online safety workshop with Mrs Briggs in March. The Year 2 digital leaders are now in the process of handing over and training up the children in Year 1 who will continue this role in September. Thank you to our Year 2 digital leaders for all your hard work and enthusiasm this year.

## Headlice

Head lice have been seen in hair over the last week in various classes, please could we ask all parents to check their child's hair and ensure that long hair is tied back.

## Summer Fayre Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 3pm - 5pm

Please note the change of date for our Summer Fayre which will now be held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July after school.

We are always grateful for any help to make this event a success and if you are able to help with setting up or running a stall please leave your name and contact number with the school office.

Please could we also ask the children to bring in a donation by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July from the list below:

Carle - mini bags of sweets (type you put into party bags)

Sharratt - smellies (soap, handcream, bubble bath etc)

Waddell - tubes of sweets (rolos, smarties, fruit pastilles)

Bond - chocolate (boxes of £1)

Potter - tins and cans

Cole - bottles (fizzy, squash etc)

Donaldson - biscuits, crisps, cake

Murphy - items of £1 (pencils, small toys etc)

## Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Just a reminder that Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July is no longer an inset day and the school will be open as normal for all children.

## Spare clothes, suncream and sun hats

Children are continuing to enjoy sunny and warm weather by splashing in the pools and playing in the sand pits and at times are getting wet and a bit messy. Please could we remind you to bring some spare clothes in for the children at the Nursery (Carle) together with a sun hat and suncream.

## Advice about coping with Cyberbullying

[Internet Matters](#) has some very good advice about spotting cyber bullying and how to deal with it.

### Spot the signs

Your child might be reluctant to tell you that they are worried about cyberbullying so it's important to look out for the signs:

- Stopping using their electronic devices suddenly or unexpectedly
- Seeming nervous or jumpy when using their devices, or becoming obsessive about being constantly online
- Any changes in behaviour such as becoming sad, withdrawn, angry, or lashing out
- Reluctance to go to school or take part in usual social activities
- Unexplained physical symptoms such as headaches, stomach upsets
- Avoiding discussions about what they're doing online or who they're talking to

### What to do if your child is being cyberbullied

- **Talk about it** - find the right time to approach your child if you think they're being bullied
- **Show your support** - be calm and considered and tell them how you'll help them get through it
- **Don't stop them going online** - taking away their devices or restricting usage might make things worse and make your child feel more isolated
- **Help them to deal with it themselves** - if it's among school friends, and if they feel they can, advise them to tell the person how it made them feel and ask to take any comments or pictures down
- **Don't retaliate** - getting angry won't help, advise your child not to respond to abusive messages and leave conversations if they're uncomfortable
- **Block the bullies** - if the messages are repeated block and report the sender to the social network or gaming platform
- **Keep the evidence** - take screenshots in case you need them later as proof of what's happened
- **Don't deal with it alone** - talk to friends for support and if necessary your child's school who will have an anti-bullying policy

You can read more at

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/cyberbullying/deal-with-it/>