



Autumn News



Pen Mill Infant and Nursery Academy

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Issue 2

Message from Mrs Coghlan, Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

We are so pleased with the progress that the children have already made this term.

The majority of children have settled well into their new classes and are familiar with the routines and expectations.

We get as excited as you do watching the children grow and learn new things. When we see the children doing something that we are really proud of we make an observation to go on Tapestry. We are aware that the children also do a lot of learning at home, and we would love to hear from you when you see them doing something that makes you proud. If you would like some support in how to access Tapestry, please see your child's class teacher in the first instance.

As you will see from the lovely pictures attached the children have once again had the opportunity to experience learning in a variety of ways with trips and visits arranged to enhance our curriculum. The children as always behaved impeccably and we are truly proud of them.

We look forward to seeing you at the Nativities (Reception on 13th December and Nursery on 14th December) and Christmas service (19th December) and hope that this will put you all into the Christmas spirit.

Year 1 Spelling Superstars



Weekly Update - week commencing 04 December 2017

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

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

Golden Book Pupils

Carle	Ethan & Vinnie
Waddell	Kyla & Isabella
Sharratt	Caige & Oscar
Potter	Thandi & Riley
Bond	Leo & Cali
Donaldson	Ollie & Theodore
Cole	Esmay & Telisa

Attendance

Pen Mill Academy attendance - 90%

Highest class attendance - Cole class 92%

House Points

Well done to Barrington house who achieved the most house points this week with 104 points.

Upcoming Dates - all dates can be found on our website

Thursday 14th December	After School Club finishes
Thursday 21st December	Last day of term
Fri 22nd Dec — Fri 5th January	Christmas holiday
Monday 8th January	Children return to school
Monday 8th January	After School Club starts

Children in Need



Thank you for all your donations.

We raised £101.34 and managed to cover a large picture of Pudsey.



Readathon

Please return all sponsor cards and money to the school office in a sealed envelope by Friday 15th December.

The Gruffalo Group

The Gruffalo Group is a friendly and relaxed group for parents/carers and their children aged from birth to pre-school (0-4). It is led by our Early Years team and offers a range of activities and gives you the chance to meet with other parents and share experiences. You and your child will get to make new friends, and have fun!

If you would like to join us The Gruffalo Group meet on Wednesday (term time only) from 1.30pm until 3.00pm in the Nursery.



Christmas Post

The school post box will be outside the school office from Monday 11th December if any children would like to send Christmas cards to their friends.

To assist the Year 2 children in distributing the cards, please could we ask that they are clearly marked with children's names, classes and year groups.

After School Club

Our After School Club will finish on Thursday 14th December and resume on our return to school on Monday 8th January.

Nursery - Carle class

Nursery have received a visit from Balance Buddies who provided the children with a taster session on their bikes.

We had road signs, roundabouts and cones to navigate on our outdoor play area. The children all received a certificate at the end from Buddy the Bear. They all really enjoyed themselves and even the grown-ups had a turn!

Nursery would be grateful if over the Christmas holidays the children could make an 'all about me box' so we can share them in our key worker groups in January. Please include pictures, photographs, things they like, things they have made or places they have been. The staff will also be making boxes and we all look forward to sharing them.



Reception - Sharratt & Waddell classes

Both Sharratt and Waddell classes enjoyed their visit when they met the Park Ranger, Becky at Ninesprings Country Park. Becky encouraged the children to look closely at the different leaves under different trees.

The children then went on a journey through the woods looking for poos and clues to try and identify which animals lived in the woods. Some of the children were lucky enough to see a squirrel or two. Once at the top of the hill the children used animal puppets to explore different habitats.

The children were excellently behaved and a pleasure to take out .



Year 1 - Bond & Potter class

Year One have had a very exciting half term working on our 'Fire Fire' topic.

The children enjoyed our trip to the Fire Station and behaved impeccably while we were there. Their favourite parts were spraying the hose and being lifted in the fire fighters hoist!



As part of our learning about the Great Fire of London. The children created a mock-up of Pudding Lane during our DT lessons which we then set alight and watched from a safe distance.

It really brought the events of 1666 to life for the children, who were so excited to see how the fire spread. This enhanced their amazing writing on this topic and they are very proud of their achievements.



Year 2 - Cole & Donaldson class



Our literacy week was a huge success. The children explored their class author and created some rather interesting looking characters at the bottom of the school field. We read books from other different class authors which was fun. We also used recipes to create Gruffalo crumble and Smartie cookies from Princess Smartypants by Babette Cole.

The children went to visit different classes to share their skills, knowledge and enjoyment of books with other children. Anne Harvey a literacy specialist visited the year 2's and they explored new vocabulary through poetry which they thoroughly enjoyed.

The children loved coming in to school in their pyjamas. They all had an opportunity to share a favourite book with their teddy. It was lovely to see the children show such a love for reading.

The children went to the cinema and watched either The Nut Job, Lego Batman or Beauty and the Beast. The children were very well behaved throughout the cinema trip and enjoyed retelling the storyline of the films to their class on their return.

The children have been practising their singing in preparation for their visit to Sunningdale Lodge care home. The residents are very much looking forward to seeing them. Mrs Gulliver visited the care home and noticed that the 'Pen Mill school visit' had pride of place on their notice board for the upcoming weeks.

