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THE PENKRIDGE MIDDLE WAY

SCHOOL UPDATE



HEADTEACHER UPDATE

A very warm welcome back to everyone following half term. Thank you for what has been a fantastic start to the academic year. It has been wonderful to see our pupils return with such enthusiasm, positivity and determination.

As we move into what I always feel is the most challenging half term of the year, with darker mornings, colder weather and the inevitable fatigue that can come as winter approaches, it is important that we continue to work together to ensure every child has the vigour and energy to be succesful each and every day.

A huge thank you also for your generosity in supporting our Shoebox Appeal. The number of donations received has been incredible and will help bring some festive joy to those who need it most. Your kindness and community spirit are greatly appreciated.

Looking ahead, we are excited to welcome families to our Christmas Fayre on Thursday 11th December after school. There will be opportunities to enjoy traditional games run by pupils and staff, meet Santa, and take part in a range of festive activities as we celebrate the season together. We look forward to seeing as many families as possible there with more details to come in the weeks ahead.

I am also delighted to share some wonderful personal news. Miss Vine is expecting twins in the spring. We are thrilled for her and wish her every happiness as she prepares for this exciting new chapter. Whilst this may have some impact on some of the more active opportunities she currently leads, please be assured that we will do our very best to ensure pupils continue to enjoy a full range of experiences.

Finally, with the nights drawing in and visibility reducing, I would ask all families to take time to discuss road safety with their children. For those who cycle or use scooters to travel to school, being clearly visible is vital, and we would encourage the use of lights, reflectors and bright clothing wherever possible. For pupils who walk to and from school, please remind them to stay aware of their surroundings and avoid distractions such as mobile phones when crossing roads or navigating busy areas.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school.

Mr Grocutt –

Headteacher

PUPIL SUCCESS



Alma and Suzie recently took to the stage in The Wizard of Oz with Dragonfly Dance and Performing Arts, performing as Munchkins in front of packed audiences. Their confidence, enthusiasm and commitment shone through, and they made their family and school incredibly proud.



In the world of motorsport, Cole achieved a remarkable milestone by winning his very first Ninja Karting final, finishing 1st out of 40 competitors. His hard work, determination and dedication to his sport have been rewarded, and he has since qualified for the prestigious Champions of Champions event in Northern Ireland, where he will compete against some of the best young drivers from across the UK. We wish him every success.



Meanwhile, Archie demonstrated tremendous courage and resilience at his first K1 Interclub competition. Training three times a week, he rose to the challenge brilliantly, competing in two bouts and earning two medals for his efforts. His determination and positive attitude are a credit to him.



We would also like to congratulate all of our pupils who performed in Dene Dance School's production of Timeless – A Journey Through Time at Stafford Gatehouse Theatre. The spectacular show featured 200 performers, stunning costumes and energetic routines, with our pupils playing an important part in making the production such a success.
A huge well done to all of these pupils. Their talent, commitment and willingness to challenge themselves are wonderful examples of the values we encourage at Penkridge Middle School, and we are incredibly proud of their achievements.

WHAT'S COMING UP

2nd December	Y6 Height and Weight checks
3rd December	All Years in school Book Look
7th December	Year 8 Mock Interviews
10th December	KS2 Thetare Trip
11th December	Christmas Fayre
15th December	Christmas Concert

PARENT/CARER REMINDERS

A Quick Planner Reminder

Please remember to check and sign your child's planner each week. Planners are a great way to keep up to date with school life and, importantly, to see all the positives, achievements and successes from the week. Thank you for your continued support!



Nut Free School

As a reminder, Penkridge Middle School is a nut-free school. Please avoid sending any products containing nuts into school to help us keep all members of our community safe. Thank you for your understanding and support.

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