



PENNYHILL POST

Pennyhill Primary School Newsletter

27th November 2017

Dates for your diary



Christmas Fair—Wednesday 6th December
Break up for Christmas - Wednesday 20th December 2017
Inset day—Tuesday 2nd January 2018
Children return to school: Wednesday 3rd January 2018
Break up for half term— Friday 16th February 2018
Children return to school- Monday 26th February 2018
Break up for Easter— Thursday 29th March 2018
Inset day - Monday 16th April 2018
Break up for half term - Thursday 24th May 2018
Inset day - Friday 25th May 2018
Return to school—Monday 4th June 2018
Break up for Summer—Friday 20th July 2018

Attendance

Whole school—year to date:
95.8%

Attendance winners - We had two classes this week that won the Friday treat:

6E had **98.6%** attendance and 2H also had **98.9%**.

Perfect Punctuality - 5A -well done 5E a rosette for your door.

Please remember to achieve a punctuality rosette , all children need to be in class for registration at **8:50**

ONLINE SAFETY TIPS FOR 6—10 YEAR OLDS

- Agree boundaries
Be clear what your child can and can't do online - where they can use the internet, how much time they can spend online, the sites they can visit and the type of information they can share. Agree with your child when they can have a mobile phone or tablet.
- Explore together
The best way to find out what your child is doing online is to ask them to tell you about what they do and what sites they like to visit. If they're happy to, ask them to show you. Talk to them about being a good friend online.
- Put yourself in control
Install **parental controls** on your home broadband and any internet-enabled devices. Set up a user account for your child on the main device they use and make sure other accounts in the household are password-protected so that younger children can't access them by accident.
- Use airplane mode
Use airplane mode on your devices when your child is using them so they can't make any unapproved purchases or interact with anyone online without your knowledge.
- Stay involved
Encourage them to use their tech devices in a communal area like the lounge or kitchen so you can keep an eye on how they're using the internet and also share in their enjoyment.
- Talk to siblings
It's also a good idea to talk to any older children about what they're doing online and what they show to younger children. Encourage them to be responsible and help keep their younger siblings safe.
- Search safely
Use safe search engines such as [Swiggle](#) or [Kids-search](#). You can save time by adding these to your 'Favourites'. Safe search settings can also be activated on [Google](#) and other search engines, as well as [YouTube](#).
- Check if it's suitable
The age ratings that come with games, apps, films and social networks are a good guide to whether they're suitable for your child. For example, the minimum age limit is 13 for several social networking sites, including Facebook and Instagram. Although sites aimed at under-10s like [Moshi Monsters](#) and [Club Penguin](#) also have social networking elements.

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News from Phase: Year 3 and Year 4

Year 3 have begun their topic 'Gods and Mortals' and have been reading Greek myths and legends. They have retold the story of 'King Midas and the Golden Touch' through story actions and maps. The children participated in The Ancient Olympics and had a go at running, jumping and throwing.

They have also found out amazing facts about some of the Greek Gods: Zeus, Poseidon and Aphrodite.

Did you know these interesting facts about Zeus?

INTERESTING FACTS

- The god of gods
- Has the most power
- They also call him "Jupiter"
- He has a lot of friends and allies



Year 4

Year 4 are learning about Romans this half term through their topic 'I am Warrior'. Children have been busy creating swords and shields as part of their home learning.

Home learning is an important and valuable learning tool, enabling you to spend quality time discussing things with your children. Some Year 4 parents have informed us that they too have fun helping their children with these creative projects.

Other Pennyhill news:



CHILDREN IN NEED - Thank you for your contributions towards our Children In Need non-uniform day. We managed to raise £552.80 which has now been sent to the charity. Another wonderful achievement by parents of Pennyhill.

Polite Reminder:

Children need to be in school by 8:50 and should be brought onto the playground to enter their classrooms. Doors are open on the playground until 9:00am. We are beginning to get a large number of children coming through the main entrance. This is particularly problematic when we have parent workshops or class assemblies scheduled.



Christmas Fair

We would also like to thank you for your contributions towards the bottle and chocolate tombola stall. We had so many things bought in and look forward to seeing you on the evening of 6th December at 3:30pm

Pennyhill Reading Stars: during our Friday assembly we celebrated how many children are reading books on Bug Club. Those reading the most were given a certificate and badge.

