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PMS Newsletter



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School update



HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Dear parents and carers,

As we move into March, it has been wonderful to enjoy the brighter evenings and glimpses of spring sunshine. With many pupils now spending more time outdoors—playing with friends, riding bikes or using scooters—please remind them to stay safe, remain visible, and make sensible choices when out in the community.

In school, pupils have also been strengthening their understanding of online safety. Recent assemblies have focused on how to recognise risks, make responsible decisions and seek help if something doesn't feel right—an important part of growing up in an increasingly digital world.

It has been a busy and enriching few weeks across Penkridge Middle School. Year 8 visited Coventry Cathedral, gaining a powerful insight into history, remembrance and reconciliation.

KS3 pupils have been working with Young Enterprise, developing teamwork, creativity and early business skills.

Our choir also performed brilliantly at Stafford's Got 2 Sing event, representing our school superbly.

Sporting activity continues to thrive, with athletics and a range of fixtures taking place recently. These opportunities highlight the importance of extra-curricular activities in building pupils' confidence, resilience and wellbeing.

I would like to sincerely thank all parents and carers who attended our Progress Evenings. Your support and the conversations you have with staff make a real difference to the progress and success of our pupils.

Looking ahead, we are excited for the Year 8 trip to France during the final week of term. Year 6 will also be completing their mock SATs and all year groups preparing for their Achievement Assemblies, where we look forward to celebrating their successes.

A reminder that school will finish at the normal time on Friday 27th March for our two-week Easter break.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Grocutt -
Headteacher

PUPIL SUCCESS PART 1



Several of our pupils proudly represented PMS at the Staffordshire County Swimming Championships held at the prestigious Sandwell Aquatics Centre in

Birmingham. Picture below shows Ellie, Pip, Alistair, Harriet and Florry who all medalled.

Evie in Year 7, representing Chase SC, swam brilliantly and achieved several new personal bests – a fantastic reward for all her hard work and commitment.



Olivia, competing in her first ever county championships at just 9 years old, qualified for four events and achieved personal best times in every single one. An outstanding achievement — we are all super proud of you!

The fabulous dancers from Dene Dance School had an unforgettable weekend at the iconic Blackpool Tower Ballroom!



With 52 pupils taking part — half of them PMS students — they wowed the audience with three show-stopping routines and were even selected to close the show. Their energy, skill and professionalism were incredible to watch.



Meanwhile, Emily continued her own dance success at the Skegness Championships, securing 1st place in pairs, fast and slow. Her slow-dance victory earned her the final grade point needed to become a Premier Champion — the highest grade possible — and she's achieved it at just 11 years old. Truly exceptional!

WHAT'S COMING UP

Mock SATs week	16 th March
Year 8 France Trip	23 rd March
No After School Clubs	23 rd – 27 th March
Final Day of term *3.20pm Finish	27 th March

PUPIL SUCCESS PART 2

Huge congratulations to Kirsten, who was awarded Competition Squad Gymnast of the Year at her annual awards evening. Her dedication and perseverance have really paid off — a wonderful achievement!



We are especially proud of Edie (6RK), whose compassion and determination have made a real difference in our community.

Edie has already raised £500 for Caudwell Children, a charity supporting disabled and autistic children. On top of this, she has shown fantastic commitment to improving our environment by litter picking every day for 42 days. What a role model!

PARENT/CARER REMINDERS

[Parent Bulletin Link](#) – We're excited to share our brand-new *Parents' Bulletin*, packed with insights into what makes our school special. From our values and vision to the everyday moments that shape our pupils' experience, it's a great way to stay connected and informed about the PMS Way

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