

School Update

Dear Parents/Carers

Donations

Given the terrible events in Ukraine, it has been inspiring to see pupils and the school community coming together and responding so generously in giving day to day supplies for the victims of the conflict. Thank you to everyone for your donations. Thank you also to all the staff who organised this important activity. Such work is vital in helping children to think about others in the world including those less fortunate than ourselves or those directly experiencing such appalling events.

Respect

On another positive note, pupils this week attended assemblies on the theme of being respectful which is one of our three golden rules here at Penkridge Middle School. It is so important that children (and indeed adults) are respectful to each other regardless of our many differences in lifestyle, appearance or opinions.

Unfortunately, it is a lack of respect for others that is often the seed that grows into wider conflict (and sometimes violence) that blights so many lives both here in Britain and in the wider world.

Being respectful in a practical sense means, for example, speaking politely or genuinely listening to others even when we disagree with what they are saying. It is possible to be respectful and still maintain your own views and ideas. Teaching such respect to children is vital for them to establish constructive relationships with the many different people that they will meet in their lives.

School Trips

Unfortunately, the year 8 Geography trip was cancelled this week due to Covid outside of the school. Although I am sure pupils were very disappointed this was unavoidable. On a brighter note, we are looking forward to the year 6 trip to Quarry Bank Mill next week.

Brynley Evans
Acting Headteacher

Check out these links

Trick Box-[Click Here](#)

Pupil Success-[Click here](#)

Accelerated Reader and MyOn-[Click Here](#)

Art Competition -[Click Here](#)

Extra-Curricular TT-[Click Here](#)

Spelling Shed-KS2-[Click Here](#)

L'Hebdo



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL PARENTS/CARERS

We are a Trick Box School!

TRICK BOX[®]

WHAT IS TRICK BOX?

We all need a few tricks up our sleeves.

It's not always easy being a young person working out who you are and how to navigate challenges and changes in the world.

Building Happy Life Habits

Trick Box is a simple, evidenced based, whole school, whole journey, emotional management and personal development programme. It supports children, young people and their families from pre-school to sixth form. Each programme, which is available across the Academy Trust, (Early Years to KS5) builds on the others but also stands alone.

We are utilising this programme in school to support the mental health and wellbeing of your children. In TRICK BOX time, children will be taught a series of 'tricks' to help them deal with everyday situations.

In KS2, these tricks are printed on cards and used throughout the school. If you would like box of TRICK BOX cards to use with your child at home, then please order these via [ParentPay](#). They are very reasonably priced at £3.



to purchase a ParentPay.

In KS3, children will be provided with a journal to be filled with the tricks. An overview of termly habits and tricks will be provided that they can reflect on when further support is needed for their well-being.

Years 5 and 6- The 4 C's

The Trick Box programme develops personal skills in 4 key areas



Trick Box programmes from Reception to year 6 develop personal skills in 4 key areas through positive habit formation.

Children develop self-coaching skills and use tricks from their Trick Box to help them manage everyday life.

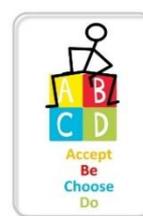
Teachers use the tricks in class and parents are able to practise these with their children at home (cards are available to order).

introduced and practised regularly everyone is confident about using Trick Box offers the personal skills need to not only manage ourselves but to take up positive opportunities and thrive!



24 Tricks

+



Self-Coaching Model

=

Happy Habits

The tricks are so that them. we all

life

ENCOURAGEMENT | EFFORT | EXCELLENCE



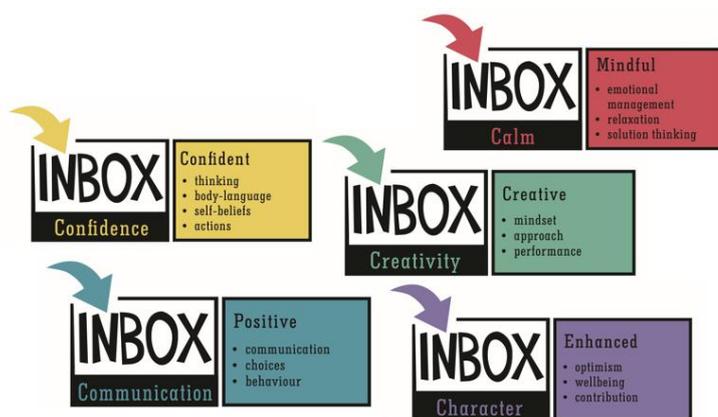
L'hehdo



This programme is already in place in some of our first schools and will be in all our trust schools imminently.

Years 7 and 8- Inbox

The Inbox programme for KS3-5 (Middle years 7-8) is all about developing personal habits and skills in 5 key areas (building on the skills already practised with Trick Box).



Less is more

Developing personal habits doesn't have to be hard work. Inbox tricks in the 5 key areas are introduced weekly, building on the skills learnt previously with Trick Box.

The habit-based tricks develop progressive skills and subskills in line with age-related experiences and development.

This programme will then continue if they transition to Wolgarston High School or The Rural Enterprise

Academy.

Independence is key

The Inbox programme encourages young people to build individual strengths.

Using a self-coaching model alongside the habit-based tricks helps to manage challenges in the here and now and create motivating for the future.

Everyone is unique and we all need to find our own paths

Some young people may prefer to keep which tricks they're practising to themselves. Some may wish to share with parents/carers and gain further support. The family can choose to work on some tricks together. Others prefer to talk to peers or get a little extra help from staff.

We are very pleased to be introducing this programme and hope that we see the benefits soon. Please do not forget to order your Trick Box cards for KS2 children, via ParentPay.



them plans



I can make my body feel strong inside.

KS2 TRICK BOX example:

This strategy focuses on building confidence and self-esteem through awareness of body language.

HOME



L'Hebdo



Accelerated Reader and MyOn

Most words read this week are:

- 1.) Isabelle H 6TG- 242, 831
- 2.) Laura T 7MW- 210, 819
- 3.) Isabelle B 6TG- 129, 975
- 4.) Abbe T 7ATZ- 129, 902
- 5.) Emily P 8JW- 93, 132

Most quizzes taken in each year group this week:

5SE -16 quizzes taken

6TG- 13 quizzes taken

7MW- 20 quizzes taken

8AC- 3 quizzes taken

Well done to everyone who has taken quizzes and read books this week. Who will be on the leader board next?

HOME



L'hebdo



For those of you who use social media please remember that we post regular updates/pictures and info about what's happening in school on our Facebook and Twitter pages. If you haven't already done so, then please take a look.



@PenkridgeMiddle



Penkridge Middle School

HOME

ENCOURAGEMENT | EFFORT | EXCELLENCE



KS2 Spelling Shed

Introducing our Spelling Shed League!

Every week, students are set spellings by their English teacher. As well as having spellings on paper to practise at home, each child also has been provided with a paid-for account on the website



"Spelling Shed" so that they can practise spelling games as part of their homework. All of the points that students win in each class are totalled weekly to form the league.

See how your child's class is getting on here

<https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/leagues/org-80456>

HOME

DESIGN A NATIONAL BOOK TOKEN COMPETITION 2022



Design a brand new National Book Tokens gift card - something that would really jump out at booklovers from the till point of their favourite bookshop. A panel of judges will select a winner and runner-up in each of three age categories: up to 8 years, 9-12 years and 13-16 years.



Designs must be handed into the school office by: Monday March 21st 2022! Making sure you complete the design on the template and fill out the information on the back.

The winning entrants, their schools and their teachers can bag **HUNDREDS** of pounds worth of National Book Tokens - just imagine all those beautiful new books for your school's bookshelves... plus, **ONE OVERALL WINNER** will be able to give a **£10/€10 National Book Token** to every child in their class, featuring their winning design!

TIPS FOR CREATING YOUR DESIGN

- Imagine your design is in a bookshop with lots of others - what will make it stand out?
- How can you make your design *really booky*?
- How many different ways can you interpret the words 'books', 'reading' or 'story'?
- What sort of design would you like if you received a National Book Token to choose new books with?
- Remember not to confuse it with your £1/€1.50 World Book Day book token!
On your bookmarks, get set, draw!

All entries should be produced on A4 paper using the [TEMPLATE](#). Please ensure you provide the child's name and age, and your contact details, on the second page of the form.

FIRST PRIZE in each age range wins:

- £250/€280 National Book Tokens for the school
- £100/€110 National Book Tokens for the child
- £100/€110 National Book Tokens for the teacher*

SECOND PRIZE in each age range wins:

- £150/€170 National Book Tokens for the school
- £50 /€60 National Book Tokens for the child
- £50 /€60 National Book Tokens for the teacher*

ONE OVERALL WINNER will win a **£10/€10 National Book Token** for every child in their class**, featuring their winning design.

HOME

Extra-curricular clubs at PMS - Spring 2 (28th Feb-8th Apr 2022)

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
LUNCHTIME	AFTER SCHOOL	LUNCHTIME	AFTER SCHOOL	LUNCHTIME	AFTER SCHOOL	LUNCHTIME	AFTER SCHOOL	LUNCHTIME	AFTER SCHOOL
Drama Club (AGu) All years Y6 Quad	All Years Choir (RCT) - Music Music Room	English homework club (AP) All years ICT Suite	Art Club (CW) All years ART Room	TT Rockstars (TG) Y5 ICT Suite	KS3 Interational Film club KS3 (LW/AT) 1 film per half term Rm 74	TT Rockstars (RK) Y6 ICT Suite	Code Club (LM) Y8 ICT suite	Book Club Y7/Y8 Rm 52 (SE)	
All years Newspaper Club - (LK) Library	Y7/Y8 Netball - PE dept. (SH)	Eagle club (Learning mentors +CS) M1	KS3 Science club (MW, AC) Science dept. starting 08/03/22	Student leadership training - (SS) Room 84/Playground	3D craft club Y5 & Y6 - Room 61 (MM)	German language club Y7/Y8 Room 82 (AT/SS)	Cooking club - KS3 (SM)- Soft DT room - starting 10/03/22	Eagle club (Learning mentors +CS) M1	
Eagle club (Learning mentors +CS) M1	Y7/Y8 Football - PE dept. (SS/ZP)	All years Homework club - (Learning mentors) ICT suite	Musical Band (RCT) - Music Room 3:20-4:50pm	Eagle club (Learning mentors +CS) M1	Band (RCT) - Music Room 3:20-4:50pm	Eagle club (Learning mentors +CS) M1	Y5/Y6 Netball - PE dept. (SH)	Maths Homework Club KS2/KS3 ICT suite (KM)	
All years Homework club - (Learning mentors) ICT suite		KS2 Word Wizards club - (JB) - ICT suite	All years Running/X-C club - (SS) - Field 3:20pm-4:00pm	All years Homework club - (Learning mentors) ICT suite	Speakers club - PMS Speaks up! (CA/DGM) - Rm 51	All years Homework club - (Learning mentors) ICT suite	Y5/Y6 Football - PE dept. (AG/ZP)	Choco Loto - Y6 & Y8 / Y7 & Y5 alternate weeks (LW) Rm 74	
Y8 Netball - (SH) - Playground			Y5/Y6 Dance club - (KB) - Hall - fee applicable		Y5/Y6 Tag rugby - (ZP) - Field	Y6 Netball - (SH) - Playground		Y7 Netball - (SH) - Playground	

