

School Update

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a hugely successful week for all in school.

Firstly, a huge well done to all of Year 6 who have amazed us with their grit and determination in the completion of their SATs this week. It has been inspiring to see their focus and hard work throughout the week. They have given it their all and we as a school are so proud of them.

Secondly, we have a huge thank you to make to the rest of the pupils in Years 5, 7 and 8 as they have shown their support and been very respectful in the way they have conducted themselves especially when their week has been so disrupted.

Thirdly a huge thanks to all staff in school who have supported the children and one another to ensure that everything has gone to plan and has given the children the platform they have needed to perform in the way they have.

It was pleasing to be moderated during the SATs as this gave us external verification about our practice that we were conducting the tests fairly and properly, and this is always reassuring to know. The moderator was extremely impressed with how the pupils conducted themselves.

Well done also to the pupils who took part in the UK Maths Challenge earlier in the year. It was great to get the results through and Mrs Walker managed to share these with KS3 this morning. Some pupils achieved Bronze, Silver and Gold awards and some will go forward to the next round so a massive well done.

I must remind parents/carers and pupils that mobiles that are brought into school are the children's responsibility and mustn't be used on school site. As soon as they arrive these should be switched off and stored in their bags until they can place in their trays in class for safe storage.

Pupils who are unable to manage this do risk having their phone confiscated and their parents/carer's asked to collect it. Inappropriate use of phones causes a safeguarding risk for the pupil as well as others and we must protect those within the school. I thank you for your support with this in advance.

With only two weeks until half term, I look forward to what we still have planned and to come.

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Grocutt
Acting Headteacher

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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.

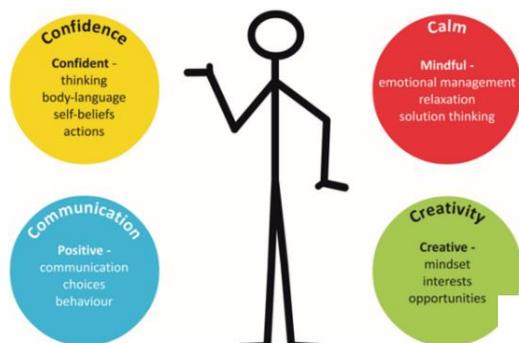


to purchase a ParentPay.

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).

The tricks are introduced and practised regularly so that everyone is confident about using them.

Trick Box offers the personal skills we all need to not only manage ourselves but to take up positive life opportunities and thrive!



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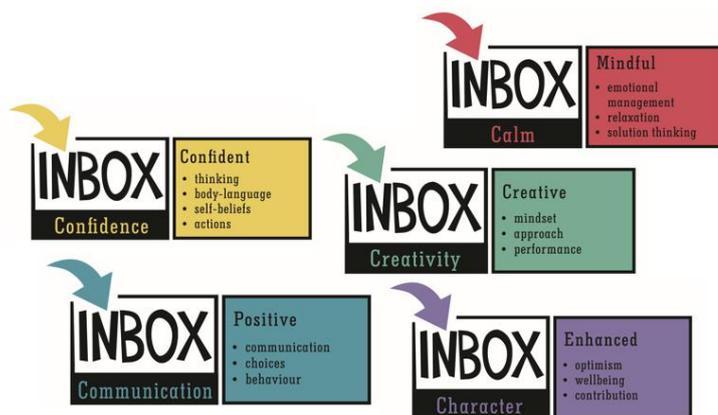
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This programme is already in place in some of our first schools and will be in all our trust schools imminently.

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.

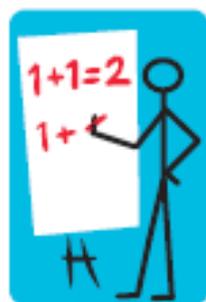
Everyone is unique and we all need to find our own paths

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 do things in new ways.

KS2 TRICK BOX example:

This strategy focuses on developing assertive behaviour.

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Pupil Success

Well done once again to Hudson who has once again amazed judges with his expertise on the ice rink. In his most recent level 3 competition he achieved first place by 3 whole points (which is no mean feat). He has now achieved the basic novice level test which will enable him to qualify for the British championships as well as the development squad for the skating association. His accomplishments in this event included a double salchow (2 in air rotation jump) and an axel (1.5 in air rotation Jump) which is just phenomenal. We always love to catch up with how he is getting on and wish him well in his upcoming competitions.



As always if you have any successes that you wish to share in our newsletter then please email the school using the office@penkridge.staffs.sch.uk address.

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Accelerated Reader and MyOn

Most words read this week:

- 1.) Emily R 5SE- 124,176
- 2.) Aimee T 6CA- 110,864
- 3.) Isabelle H 6TG- 81,712
- 4.) Evie B 7SS- 73,101
- 5.) Willow M 5SE- 38,300

Most quizzes taken in each year group this week:

5SE - 24 quizzes taken

6RK- 14 quizzes taken

A reminder that quizzes on MyON or Accelerated Reader are a part of English homework, and these should be done regularly, if not each week. Unfortunately, KS3 didn't do enough quizzes this week to appear on the leaderboard.

Well done to everyone who has taken a quiz. Who will be on the leader board next week?

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KS2 Spelling Shed

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.

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

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Physical Education lessons information

Summer term 1 - All years –

PE lessons will require students to have their:

PE top, PE long-sleeved top, PE shorts, black socks with red band and trainers. For the summer term, students can wear white sports socks if they so wish. Now we are in the summer term; no tracksuit bottoms or leggings please. There have been students who are coming to PE in various hoodies/fleeces and other non-PE kit items. Please support the school in having your child come to school in the correct PE kit. If you have any problems in getting the kit, then please do let me know. Thank you.

PE learning through the activity of: (25th April to Friday 27th May)

<u>Class</u>	<u>Lesson 1</u>	<u>Lesson2</u>
<u>5SE</u>	Swimming (selected group) Tennis	Athletics
<u>5JB</u>	Swimming (selected group) Tennis	Athletics
<u>5CWK</u>	Swimming (selected group) Tennis	Athletics
<u>5DGM</u>	Swimming (selected group) Tennis	Athletics
<u>6AG</u>	Cricket	Athletics
<u>6RK</u>	Athletics	Cricket
<u>6CA</u>	Cricket	Athletics
<u>6TG</u>	Athletics	Cricket
<u>All Year 7</u>	Athletics	Athletics
<u>All Year 8</u>	Athletics	Athletics

Year 5 swimming – although all year 5 have had one full term each of swimming, there will be further swimming lessons starting after the Easter break. Please note that this will be for specific students and a separate letter will be sent out via class charts.

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Penk Valley procedures and guidelines - based on updated Covid government guidance

(With effect from Monday 25th April 2022)

1. Guidance for pupils and parents/carers

Attending education is hugely important for children and young people's health and their future.

Respiratory infections are common in children and young people, particularly during the winter months. For most children and young people, these illnesses will not be serious, and they will soon recover following rest and plenty of fluids.

Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting.

Government guidance states that "It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional."

All children and young people with respiratory symptoms should be encouraged to cover their mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when coughing and/or sneezing and to wash their hands after using or disposing of tissues

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and are well enough to attend.

Children who test positive should stay at home for 3 days (The positive test/onset of symptoms is Day 0) and until they are well enough to attend the education setting and do not have a temperature. Parents should be encouraged **not to** test children unless advised to do so by a health professional.

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Extra-curricular clubs at PMS - Summer 1 (25th April-27th May 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	KS2 (DG/SJ/ZP)- Athletics/ Rounders - Field	Book Club Y7/Y8 Rm 52 (SE)	Code Club (LM) Y8 ICT suite
All years Newspaper Club - (LK) Mobile 1	All Years - Athletics (SS/SH/ZP) - Field	Eagle club (Learning mentors +CS) M1	KS3 Science club (MW, AC) Science dept.	Student leadership training - (SS) Room 84/Playground	Band (RCT) - Music Room	German language club Y7/Y8 Room 82 (AT/SS)		Eagle club (Learning mentors +CS) M1	
Eagle club (Learning mentors +CS) M1		All years Homework club - (Learning mentors) ICT suite	Musical Band (RCT) - Music Room	Eagle club (Learning mentors +CS) M1		Eagle club (Learning mentors +CS) M1		Maths Homework Club KS2/KS3 ICT suite (KM)	
All years Homework club - (Learning mentors) ICT suite		KS2 Word Wizards club - (JB) - ICT suite	Y5/Y6 Cricket/ Rounders - (SS/SH)	All years Homework club - (Learning mentors) ICT suite		All years Homework club - (Learning mentors) ICT suite		Choco Loto - Y6 & Y8 / Y7 & Y5 alternate weeks (LW) Rm 74	
All years Maths Games - (SJ) - Small science lab			Y5/Y6 Dance club - (KB) - Hall - £16 fee applicable						

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