

School Update

Dear Parents/Carers

In what has been a shorter week it still seems we have managed to do so much.

We have been thrilled to successfully appoint three new members of staff for September and we will introduce them over the coming weeks. These have included a new female PE Teacher, KS2 Teacher and also a SENDCo. What has been pleasing having people on interviews this week is the positive comments about the school and more importantly the pupils who have once again done us proud.

Next week sees the first SATs since before the pandemic and I know that the staff are already in awe of the effort that Year 6 have shown to be the best they can and show off what they have learnt in their schooling to this point despite the difficulties they have faced. We are fully aware of the nerves, excitement, and trepidation that you as parents/carers must be feeling but please be rest assured that we will do all we can to make it as enjoyable as possible.

The rest of the school has their role to play as well with them doing all they can to support Year 6 with the week but as a school community, I am sure we will all come together to make the week a success.

Year 7 and 8 have had a letter sent to them this week about a trip to see Romeo and Juliet so please make sure that you have seen this and given the correct consent.

I must once again stress about pupils who ride to school on their bikes. Parents must ensure that their child is being safe and wearing a helmet as we would hate for a school to have to call home due to there being an accident involving one of our children.

Can I also remind you that if any contact details or priority numbers have changed for your child that you communicate this with the office so that it can be updated. We must have the correct details in case of an emergency.

Finally, we want to wish Sydney in Year 5 all the very best as she will be playing the role of young Lola (Simon) in BMTC's performance of Kinky Boots at Lichfield Garrick next week. I am sure she will be fantastic and we in school cannot wait to hear all about it.

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.

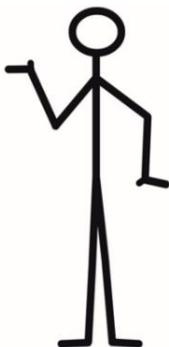


to purchase a ParentPay.

In KS3, children will be provided with a journal to be filled with the tricks. An overview of termsly 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.

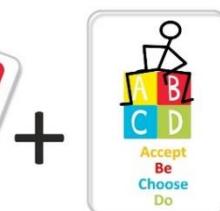
Teachers use the tricks in class and parents are able to practise these with their children at home (cards are available to order).

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



24 Tricks



Self-Coaching Model

= Happy Habits

ENCOURAGEMENT | EFFORT | EXCELLENCE



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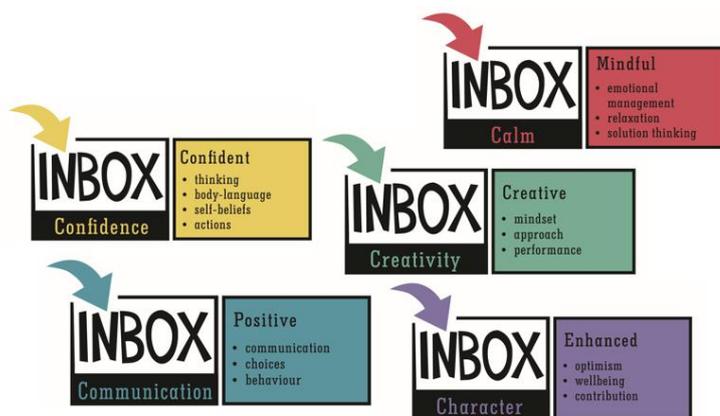


but to take up positive life opportunities and thrive!

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 say,
"well done"
to myself.

KS2 TRICK BOX example:

This strategy focuses on balancing recognition of our efforts with outcomes.



Accelerated Reader and MyOn

Most words read this week:

- 1.) Laura T 7MW- 241,637
- 2.) Evie B 7SS- 85,241
- 3.) Amelie W 6AG- 75,226
- 4.) Emily R 5SE- 61,674
- 5.) Finley W 5JB- 54,708

Most quizzes taken in each year group this week:

5SE - 25 quizzes taken

6TG- 4 quizzes taken

7LW- 8 quizzes taken

8AC- 1 quiz taken

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>

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.

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.

KS3 Book Club news

'I Know You Did It' by Sue Wallman was a book I was very much looking forward to reading- it's definitely the genre I would normally go for as I love a good crime fiction novel!

A secret from her past threatens to detonate her present... On her first day at a new school, Ruby finds a note in her locker saying I Know You Did It. She's terrified that someone has found out she was responsible for the death of a girl called Hannah in a playground when they were both toddlers - a secret she has been keeping guiltily for ten years. When other pupils at the school start suffering serious accidents, the finger of blame points at Ruby. She knows she's not the perpetrator, but who is? And what link do they have to her past...?

This book is marketed as young adult fiction, and we felt that it would be a good read for Year 7 and above. Copies will be going into the KS3 school library book boxes and even better, this book can also be quizzed on Accelerated Reader. Happy reading and see you soon!

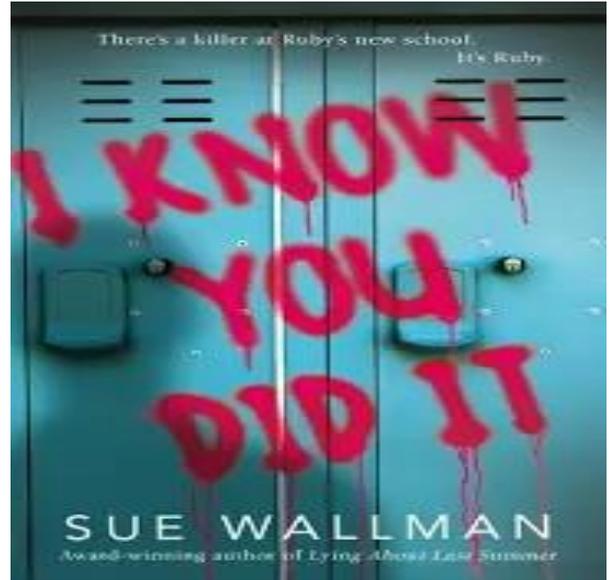
Mrs Evans

I Know You Did It is a very good murder mystery book. It is aimed at ages around 12-14 as there are mentions of murder and violence. It takes a while to get into but about half way through, the book picks up pace. The main character has a dark secret that keeps coming back to haunt her.

Jennifer 8SH

This book took me a while to get into but as soon as I got past a certain point it became very gripping... It's one of the best books I have ever read. People who are into murder mysteries would love this book. There is a big secret all through the book and people become aware of the main character's dark past.

Olivia 8SH



I like this book because its extremely catchy. The main character is an introvert and really interesting. It keeps you guessing until the very end.

Lily 8JW

When we first started reading, the book confused us as the main character was talking about a big secret and this was extremely intriguing.

As the story progresses, we find out more and more about the secret and it ends with a massive twist which we weren't expecting.

Rachel and Grace 8RCT

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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