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## School Update

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a whirlwind of a week with many different opportunities for our pupils here at PMS to experience.

On Monday, Year 7 were given the chance to work through several African-theme activities. It was brilliant to see how they responded to Sammy who came in to support some clay work with them. They got a lot from the day, and it was clear that they thoroughly enjoyed it.

On Tuesday, KS3 pupils were lucky enough to go to watch Romeo and Juliet at Stafford Castle. The feedback was amazing from the pupils and even more so from the children who had the chance to ask questions of the cast and director. They were able to gain a real insight into how the play is put together as well as gaining some tips from the pros.

On Thursday, our Year 5 pupils had a great opportunity to visit three different religious buildings. They visited a Temple, Gurdwara and a Mosque and it was brilliant to hear how much the pupils enjoyed the experience. All the venues were so welcoming, and the Sikh Temple even provided a 'langar' for our pupils for their lunch.

We have an important role with our pupils in ensuring they are exposed to as many different experiences as possible and ensuring that they are prepared for the multi-cultural world that we live in. We are a school and a community that will be accepting of all differences, and this was a great opportunity for Year 5.

Thursday also saw the school put on its production of "Shakespeare Rocks". It was remarkable to see so many of our children standing in front of a packed hall performing their hearts out. Please see the review of the production [HERE](#). These things do not just happen over night and Mrs Gutteridge and Mr Corbett have worked so hard to put this together, so a huge thanks must go to them for giving the children the opportunity to perform.

Next week, we have more things on the horizon. We have the book fair in school which all pupils will have the chance to go to as well as the chance to purchase books.

On Wednesday we welcome our brand-new pupils who will be joining us in September. It will be a great chance to meet them and give them chance to experience what PMS has to offer.

Likewise, our Year 8 pupils and some Year 6 children too will have the chance to visit their new school and we want to wish them the best of luck. As with every year it is sad to think of them leaving us, but we know they will be a fantastic asset to wherever they are heading.

Have a great weekend

Mr Grocutt

Headteacher

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

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Book Fair-[Click Here](#)



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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL PARENTS/CARERS

We are a Trick Box School!

# TRICK BOX<sup>®</sup>

### 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.

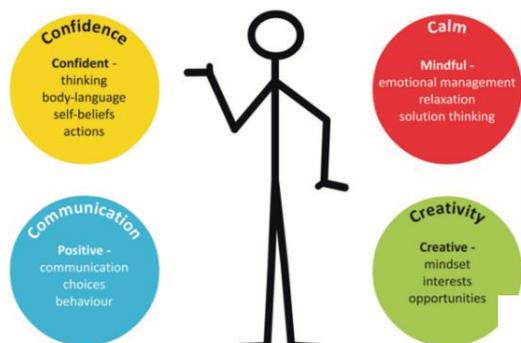
In KS2, these tricks are printed on cards and used throughout the school. If you would like box of TRICK BOX cards to use with your child at home, then please order these via  They are very reasonably priced at £3.

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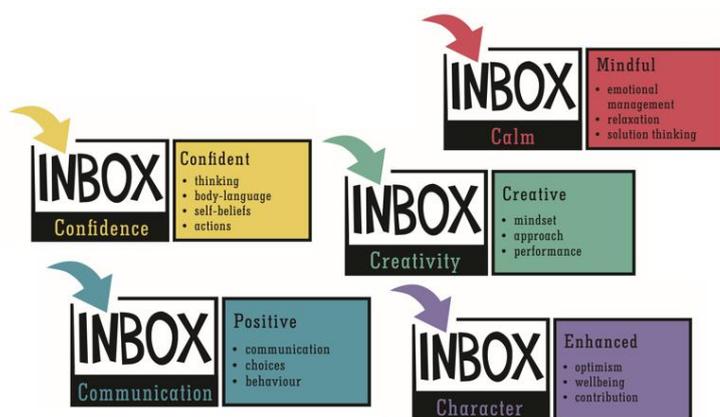
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This programme is already in place in some of our first schools and will be in all our trust schools imminently.

## 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.



them plans



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.

## 24 useful 'tricks'



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Penkridge & District  
**ROUNDTABLE**

# FUN RUN AND FUN DAY

SUNDAY 10TH JULY  
**2022**



**PRIZES!**

FOR BEST  
FANCY DRESS  
RUNNER /  
GROUP

**REGISTER ONLINE:**

<http://FunRun.PenkridgeRT.org.uk>

**ENTRY PRICES:**

	Online	On Day
Under 16	£5	£7
Adult	£7	£9
Family*	£20	£24

\*Max: 2 x Adults + 2 x Under 16's



BBQ, 30+ stalls run by local schools and community groups,  
entertainment & licensed bar.

**RACE STARTS 11AM | PRE-REGISTRATION CLOSES AT 10:00AM**  
**FUN DAY UNTIL 2PM, HALING DENE, PENKRIDGE**

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## Accelerated Reader and MyOn

Most words read this week:

- 1.) Isabelle H 6TG- 136, 136
- 2.) Lochlann G 7MW- 108, 382
- 3.) Evie B 7SS- 101, 302
- 4.) Connie G 6CA- 98, 561
- 5.) Emily R 5SE- 94, 440

Most quizzes taken in the school this week:

5SE - 18 quizzes taken

A massive well done to everyone who took quizzes this week. A reminder that quizzes on MyON or Accelerated Reader are a part of English homework and these should be done regularly.

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## Shakespeare Rocks Review

As part of my work experience with the Academy Trust, I had the privilege to watch the students perform 'Shakespeare Rocks', and, wow - they really did make Shakespeare rock! The performance was electric, humorous and heart-warming all in one, and it was incredibly clear how much effort the students had put into rehearsing the show to perfection, as the result was the most charming school production I think I've ever seen!

The chemistry between the students on stage felt so genuine, and the musical aspects of the play sounded beautiful! The pupils sang passionately and confidently, bringing so much emotion to the songs in the show. I also thoroughly enjoyed the presence of the incredibly talented band - they added so much depth to the backing tracks, delivering a truly authentic sound.

Overall, I LOVED it! It was clear to see that the students involved gave it their all, and have certainly created a masterpiece of a school performance!

Thank you for letting me come and see the show!

Jasmine Debney

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## Scholastic Book Fair

**1st, 4th and 5th July @ Penkridge Middle School**

With **reading** being such an important factor in a child's **learning and progress**, we have organised the return of the Scholastic Book Fair.

Children will have the opportunity to browse the books during the above dates.

They will be coming home with a 'Wish List' and you can pay for their chosen book(s) using the secure online payment link at

[www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay](http://www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay)

(or scan the QR code below).

You will be asked for the school postcode, which is ST19 5BW.



Please make sure that the wish list is returned to school (handed to Class Teachers) so that the book can be issued on delivery.

## Starring books such as



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