



Weekly News

22nd
March 2019

Pen Mill Infant and Nursery Academy

All of the information on this page can be found on:

- our website at www.penmillinfants.co.uk
- the playground screen

Golden Book Pupils

Awards were presented this week to the following children:

Carle	Harper & Ozzie
Waddell	Elena-Iulia & Blake
Sharratt	Matei-Nicolae & Ky-Mani
Potter	Poppy & Oliwia
Donaldson	Rhylee & Norbert
Jeffers	Cali & Kyle

Attendance

Pen Mill Academy attendance - 93%

Our Attendance Bear was awarded to Jeffers class who attained the highest class attendance this week with 97%

Team Points

Well done to Maple Team who achieved the most points this week with 52 points.

Celebrate and Evaluate - Tuesday 26th March

Celebrate and Evaluate is a chance for you to visit your child's classroom and look together at the wonderful work they have produced so far during this Spring term.

It is an opportunity for you to discuss your child's targets and talk about the things they have enjoyed and feel they have done well. A morning session between 8.30am and 9.15am and an afternoon session between 3.15pm and 3.30pm are available.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Technology & Learning

This half term we will be sharing parents guides to various apps and games your children may use to support you in keeping your children safe online. We hope these will be helpful.

If you have any comments or concerns about your children's use of technology or any aspect of e-safety, please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Hayden.



What parents need to know about YouTube

Full size copies of these information sheets can be found at the end of the weekly update.

Adventure Babies visit with Sharratt & Waddell



On Friday Mel from Adventure Babies came to visit Waddell and Sharratt class. It was an exciting, engaging and innovative way of telling a story. Lots of sensory opportunities were provided for children to explore which are linked to the story.

We have been learning about traditional tales and we told the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' using the sensory bags to help us. The children got to taste salt and sugar, use a giggle stick and smell the scent of the forest.

We then explored the tuff trays and finished with a song. The children had a lovely time and the dark tent and the lights were a hit. We look forward to Mel returning this Friday 22nd March to work with the Nursery children and our Peter Rabbit group.



Start of the school day

Please could we remind all parents and carers that children remain their responsibility whilst on the playground before classroom doors are opened in the morning.

Children should be kept safe by staying with their parents or carers until teachers open the doors at the beginning of the school day.

Unfortunately, we have received a number of complaints from parents this week regarding their child either being hurt by another child who is not supervised or their child running off.

Cake Sale - Friday 5th April

Ms Fletcher and Potter Class will be holding a cake sale on Friday 5th April at 3:15pm on the playground.

They are trying to raise money for animal houses around the school such as a hedgehog house, bat box and bird box.

If you would like to help us by baking cakes we would be very grateful.



Upcoming Dates - all dates can be found on our website

Celebrate and Evaluate <i>Parents invited into classes to view their child's work</i>	Tuesday 26th March 8.30am-9.15am or 3.15pm-3.30pm
Year 2 soft ball games	Friday 29th March 1.30pm - 2.30pm
Easter bonnet parade <i>Children invited to make a bonnet at home for the parade</i>	Monday 1st April
Nursery visit to Sunningdale Lodge	Tuesday 2nd April
Easter Service at St Michael's Church Year 1 to lead - <i>parents welcome</i>	Wednesday 3rd April 2pm
Themed Curriculum Day for Reception and Year 1 children <i>'Fairytale Day'</i>	Thursday 4th April
Themed Curriculum Day for Year 2 children <i>'Castle Day'</i>	Thursday 4th April
Cake Sale	Friday 5th April 3.15pm
Last day of term	Friday 5th April



AGE RESTRICTION
13+

YouTube is a video sharing app/application that enables you to upload, view, share and comment on a wide variety of videos. Consisting of a huge resource of information, advice and entertainment, YouTube now has 1.2 billion logged in monthly users who watch a billion hours of videos daily. Most of the content on Google-owned YouTube is uploaded by individuals, but organisations and media companies also offer some of their content via this platform.

What parents need to know about YouTube

SPENDING A PREMIUM
YouTube Premium (formerly YouTube Red) is a new paid streaming subscription service in the UK, offering a three-month free trial to some viewers into a £72 per-month price. This includes the ability to download videos, stream videos with the app in the background, gives exclusive access to original content and a separate music streaming service and getting ads.

DANGEROUS 'CHALLENGE' & VIRAL VIDEOS
On YouTube, 'challenge' videos are shared quickly and can be very dangerous. One parent may post a video of themselves being convinced to swallow the contents of their drink or jumping in a river and before you know it, the video goes viral and everyone seems to go to and share their videos. The speed at which challenge videos spread across the internet makes it difficult to keep up with the latest ones.

SHARING VIDEOS
As well as watching videos, many children are keen to share their own videos online, uploading their YouTube videos, such as vlogs or 'haul' videos. However, if they post something on YouTube, they may later regret it or feel embarrassed about what they have shared. There is also a risk that they will receive harmful or negative comments regarding not only their content, but also their appearance. YouTube's comment section is notorious for being one of the most unpleasant on the internet.

IN-APP MESSAGING
When your child is logged into their Google account and browsing the YouTube website, they can share and talk about videos with their friends using the chat feature. This can be found at the top right of the sharing site or through an app messaging on that mobile or tablet. When they log on to the YouTube tool, they have a list of suggested people from their contacts, which can be any contact they've had on Google or somebody who has seen their account log.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE VIDEOS
As YouTube is the biggest video sharing website in the world, there is content available for all ages, meaning that some content will not be appropriate for your child. If you think that content is unsuitable, there is a flagging feature to submit it for review by YouTube staff, but you will need to be aware that just because video is not appropriate for a younger audience, it may not violate YouTube's policies. YouTube has mechanisms in place to automatically remove explicit and harmful content, but offensive content may still slip through.



National Online Safety

Top Tips for Parents

TURN ON 'RESTRICTED' MODE
Restricted Mode is an optional setting you can use to help control and restrict video content. You can enable your child's account to use Restricted Mode on the YouTube app or device. To do this, follow these steps:

Step 1: Go to the bottom of any YouTube video and click on the 'Settings' icon (the gear icon).

Step 2: In the bottom right corner, click on 'Restricted Mode'.

Step 3: To enable it, click on 'Restricted Mode' and then 'Turn on Restricted Mode'.

Step 4: To turn off Restricted Mode, click on 'Restricted Mode' and then 'Turn off Restricted Mode'.

Please note that you can't turn Restricted Mode on a phone or the same device that you use your account. You will need to turn this on each time your child uses it.

CREATE A FAMILY GOOGLE ACCOUNT
By having a shared family Google account, sharing the history and activity on YouTube. To use this history on a computer, go to the 'Family Link' page under the 'Library' section. On the 'Family Link' page, you can see a list of all the content that your child has watched on YouTube.

YOUTUBE KIDS - PARENT APPROVED CONTENT
The YouTube Kids app is designed to help parents manage their child's YouTube experience. It allows parents to create a separate YouTube account for their child, giving parents and guardians full control over what their children see on the app. YouTube Kids also offers a 'Restricted Mode' setting, which can be turned on to help parents manage their child's YouTube experience.

BLOCKING ACCOUNTS
When using YouTube, there may be someone whose your child receives negative comments, or somebody giving your child a difficult time, having lots of hateful tweets and previous before comments sent to you.

- Go to their channel/home by clicking on their name.
- Click on 'Block'.
- The site disappears from with an image of a flag on it.
- Press 'Block user'.
- Tap 'Block'.

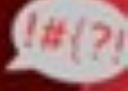
MONITOR WHAT YOUR CHILD IS WATCHING/POSTING
The only way to truly know what your child does have been watching is to regularly monitor them. You can do this by checking their watching history. YouTube videos can also be easily downloaded as a file, so parents that your child is watching and that it could have been watched by someone else. While there have to get their videos or pictures on the internet, a good amount of YouTube is shared with it. To get a better idea of what your child is watching, you can check their account on a computer. You can also check their account on a mobile device. You should encourage them not to use their real name.

DIGITAL WELLBEING
YouTube has introduced a new feature called 'Time Restricted' that allows you to set how long your child can spend on the platform. This can be done through the 'Family Link' app. You can set a limit on how long your child can spend on YouTube each day. This can be helpful for parents who want to ensure their child is not spending too much time on the platform.

OPT FOR A FAMILY PREMIUM PLAN
A YouTube Family Premium plan may be a good alternative option if you have more than one child. For £11.99 a month, it allows you to share a YouTube paid membership with up to five other family members - aged 13 and over - living in the same household. As the account holder, or family manager, you must create a Google Family account.

MANAGING IN-APP MESSAGES
If your child is accessing YouTube via your account, bear in mind that they may be receiving the Google comments and are completely blocked by them. You can restrict comments from the suggested content list by going to and holding the person's name and tapping on the red 'x'.

YOUTUBE GAMING
YouTube has created its own distribution for games, which highlights the top gaming videos from the user's channel. It also features 'Live Gaming' where you can watch live streams of YouTube gamers. There are also other games and content available on the platform. These are called 'Live Gaming' and 'Gaming Highlights'. It can be a great resource for family fun and even the games it can be a great idea for parents to play in their own time. YouTube Kids also offers a 'Family Link' app, which can be used to manage your child's YouTube account.



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