

NEWSLETTER

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Headteacher Message

At PCA we are fortunate enough to have a highly skilled support staff team that recognise the importance of continued professional development and are committed to being lifelong learners themselves. All our Teaching Assistants work relentlessly to support our children and regularly attend training to update their own skills and understanding. To recognise the hard work of our team and to continue this learning journey, we have decided to work on achieving the Best Practice with Teaching Assistants Award. We feel that this national award will not only provide development opportunities for our staff, but will recognise the hard work and dedication of our accomplished TA team.

The Best Practice with Teaching Assistants Award (BPTAA) provides a framework for the strategic management of teaching assistants. It allows schools to develop and facilitate professional development opportunities for teaching assistants whilst recognising and nurturing their expertise and talents. We feel that the strength of our team will enable us to achieve this prestigious award by the end of the year.

What's in the Best Practice with Teaching Assistants Award framework?



Anita Edwards
Executive
Headteacher

This week in DT, **6CR** have been designing and creating their own 'steady hand' game. They are incorporating elements of product design and electronics into this project, and have been experimenting with wire bending.



Welcome Back!

We are all looking forward to welcoming back Miss Cowan who returns from her maternity leave after the half term break. She has been greatly missed and she will join the Y5 team on her return.



Year 4 had a fantastic day building Maya temples on Thursday using nothing but wooden poles and rubber bands! They had to work together to build the strongest 2d shape of all, the mighty triangle, and configure them into geometric shapes so fiendishly complicated Mr Toubanks was left scratching his head. The finished structure was a towering **FOUR METRES TALL!** Tall enough to make even the mightiest Maya god jealous! Well done Year 4; a job well done!





In **year 5** we have been studying the non-fiction book 'Survivors' by David Long. This book has many true stories about courageous survivors who all had one thing in common: the incredible ability to draw on their strength,



bravery and self-belief in order to beat the odds and live to tell their tales. We have looked at two tales of survival: 'The girl who fell to earth' and 'The friends who crossed the border by balloon. The work shown below is the final presentation of information on the successful escapes over the Berlin Wall.



The children have worked so hard to gather information and have presented it beautifully. The 'double page spread' really showcases their knowledge. We are so proud of them!



Y1 Maths Club

Year 1 have enjoyed maths club! We have enjoyed finding one more and one less, counting in multiples, and also using maths equipment to solve problems.

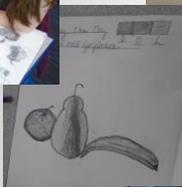


Attendance Week Ending 28.05.2021

R	90.87%
Year 1	95.52%
Year 2	96.50%
Year 3	89.25%
Year 4	94.60%
Year 5	89.10%
Year 6	92.98%
Whole School (weekly)	92.52%
Whole School (Sept to date)	93.89%

Target 97%

Year 2 have been developing their sketching and shading skills in art this week. They were encouraged to apply their shading techniques to their still life drawings of fruit to capture the 3D element. We are super proud of how hard they worked and how talented they are!



Terrific Time Keepers



This weeks winning class is **1EN!** Well done to all pupils in **1EN** for your fabulous punctuality this week.

Dates for your diary

Friday 28th May 2021
School closes – half term
Monday 7th June 2021
Return to school
Monday 28th June 2021
Individual school photographs

Summer term B Enrichment clubs

Monday	Y1 – Science Club	Y3 – Healthy Eating Club	Y4 - Dance	Y5 – Drama Club
Tuesday	Rec – Reading Club	Rec – Traditional Games	Y5 – Engineering Club	
Wednesday	Y2 – Multi Skills	Y3 – Sculpture Club	Y6 – Archery (9 th June – 7 th July)	
Thursday	Y1 – Multi Skills	Y4 – Board/Card game club	Y6 Girls – Moss Lane rovers	

Up coming School Events

Reception – Year 3 Science Workshop
Tuesday 8th June



EYFS Freshwater Theatre Company
Wednesday 9th June

Year 1 History Workshop (Florence Nightingale)

Friday 11th June



If you haven't already, please pay for these workshops on Parent Pay!