



21st January 2022.

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very busy week here at Pownall Green! Year 5 and 6 enjoyed watching the Bramhall High School Production "Little Shop of Horrors" and it was lovely to see some of our ex-students on the stage. We are always so proud when we see what our children go on to achieve. We focus strongly at Pownall Green on resilience and growth mindset and continually seek opportunities for the children to challenge themselves in different ways to develop these crucial life skills that help in and beyond the classroom.

We had a very productive PTA meeting on Wednesday discussing future plans and also looking at how school can benefit from the funds raised. Thankyou to everyone who attended. Keep an eye out for the upcoming PTA newsletter for more information on how you can support school.

Sports have been a big focus this week with a number of successes in different areas – more details below!

This week, Staff have had really productive training sessions on Art and Music. Whilst we are always mindful of the demands of the core subjects, we offer a broad and balanced curriculum and are really proud of the experiences the children get in all subjects and the links they develop year on year in their learning.

Sports Update

Basketball

On 17th Jan two teams went to a Basketball tournament, both teams were amazing! One team won all the games with impressive scores, the other team won most their games too! Great teamwork and passion shown throughout the tournament from both teams with them finishing 1st and 2nd in the group and qualifying for the Basketball FINALS next week. Well done to everyone involved!

Football

This week was the second round of the Metro Cup, a home fixture for PGPS FC Lions vs Broadstone Hall. The Lions go through to the next round winning 7-0 and the Panthers who had a friendly match vs Broadstone Hall on the same night won 9-0. Well done to both teams!

Cross Country

We are extremely proud of Theo B and Felix D who have been selected to run for Stockport in an upcoming Greater Manchester Cross Country competition. Well done to both boys who have done extremely well to achieve this! Cross country is very popular which is great but means we are short of vests! If you have one at home you do not need please return it to school.

Race 4 life – Volunteer request!

In recent years Pownall Green families have been involved in Race 4 life raising money for vital cancer research. We are looking for a parent volunteer to coordinate families who want to get involved – if you would be able to help please email Mr Carroll at year5@pownallgreen.stockport.sch.uk

PTA funding update

Projects the PTA have funded this year include additional reading scheme books, a new suite of iPads which is currently on its way to us and the largest project this year is provision of the outdoor canopies in year 1 enabling a richer range of learning opportunities for this year group. As you can see the children are really enjoying making the most of their new learning spaces.



Children's Mental Health Week 7 – 13 February 2022

The theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week is **Growing Together** and Pownall Green will be taking part. **Growing Together** is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow. Challenges and setbacks can help us to grow and adapt and trying new things can help us to move beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential. However, emotional growth is often a gradual process that happens over time, and sometimes we might feel a bit 'stuck'.

Research shows that up to 1.5 million children and young people across the UK need mental health support as a direct consequence of the pandemic.

Dress to Express Day – Friday 11th February

Students and staff can wear their favourite colour or a unique outfit to express how they're feeling, it can be as simple or elaborate as you like! **Dress to Express** is an opportunity for self-expression and celebrating a diverse range of emotions. The day also provide a great opportunity to be open about mental health and start conversations within our school community. If you are able to make a £2 donation to Place2Be through our Just Giving page, this will help to support young people across the UK who need mental health support. To make a donation, please follow this [link](#).

'Growing Together' Art Competition

We are inviting children to design their own piece of art work linked to children's mental health week. This art work could represent:

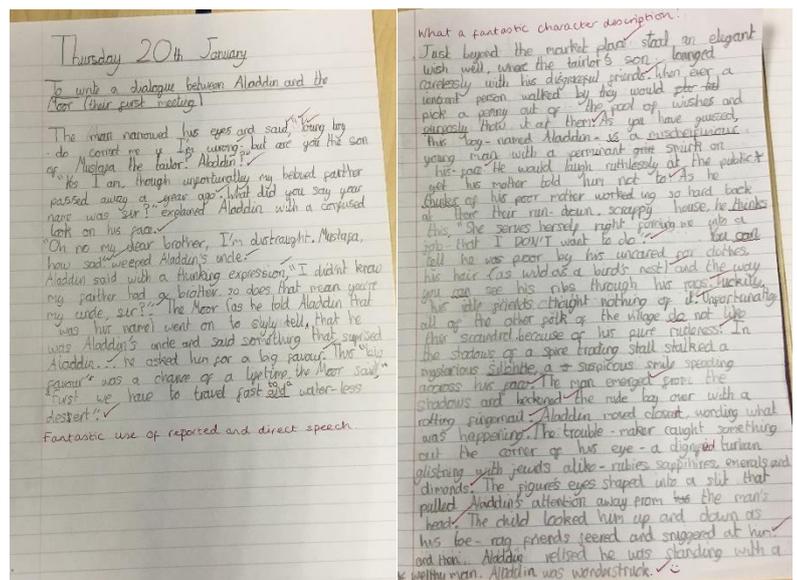
- Growing Together
- different emotions
- expressing ourselves
- importance of taking care of our mental health

You might consider the different tools we use in school to support our mental health and wellbeing, including the five ways to wellbeing, the zones of regulation or the balls of emotions. A winner from each year group will receive a prize and a selection of the art work will be displayed in school. Please send your completed art work in with a £1 donation by Monday 7th February.

For more information about children's mental health week or for further support, please visit <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents>.

Writer of the Week

Cara (5DC) wrote excellent character descriptions and dialogue based upon the book 'Aladdin' by Phillip Pullman this week. Year 5 are going to continue their exciting learning about Aladdin by writing a setting description of a marketplace and by writing a narrative cliffhanger. Well done Cara, you are a fantastic writer.



Premier League Assembly

We are super proud of all our children and the passion and hard work that goes into their writing in and out of school. As per the letter sent home yesterday we are very excited that Rico's writing has been recognised with the award of "Young Academy Writer of the Year" and that we have a celebration morning next Friday (28th). If you have not yet returned the permission form sent home on Thursday please return to your class teacher as soon as possible as we would like as many children as possible to be able to be involved. 4MV will still be swimming on this day but will have an opportunity to see the cup on their return to school. A copy of the permission form is attached if you need it.

Please accept our apologies, the cup coming to school is the Premier League trophy not the FA Cup. We are still super excited and apologise for our lack of professional football knowledge.

Covid Guidance

Following the recent changes in guidance, from Thursday 27th January you will no longer be required to wear a face covering on site but are of course still welcome to do so.

The latest isolation guidance is that children who test positive for Covid-19 can return to school on Day 6 provided they have a negative lateral flow test on day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. Attached is a pictorial guide to help with working out which days isolation is needed.

We are pleased that these changes mean that children miss less school but we do need everyone to continue to be vigilant for symptoms and take PCR or LFT tests in line with national guidance to help keep our community safe. Covid is still circulating in our community and this week we have had one class who have needed to operate in a bubble due to the number of cases in that class.

The latest government guidance for parents can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

Reminder: Flu Vaccinations

If your child has not had a flu vaccination this season you can contact Intrahealth at gmschoolflu@intrahealth.co.uk to book in an appointment at one of their catch up sessions.

Diary Dates

Please note that events below are subject to change dependant on Covid prevalence in our area. We very much hope we are able to run all the events below.

7.2.22 – 11.2.22	Children's mental health week
11.2.22	"Dress to Express" day
1.3.22	Open morning for existing parents- 8.30 – 9.00
8.3.22	Poet Visit to school
23.3.22	Parents evening 3.30 – 6.30 (Virtual)
30.3.22	Parents evening 5.00 – 8.00 (Virtual)
31.3.22	PTA Easter Egg Hunt (after school)
23.4.22	PTA Ball
9.7.22	PTA Summer Fair

Mrs J Kersh

Headteacher

Golden Book For Week Ending 21/1/22

- REW Sophia A is our Golden Child this week. Sophia is a delight to have in class and is a real ambassador of our Golden Values. Sophia always tries her hardest with her learning, listens to instructions first time and is so kind and caring towards others. Well done Sophia, we are very lucky to have you!
- RHW Juliet O'K - Juliet absolutely loves making things on our creation station! She is remembering to plan and draw a design of her model first and then selects the tools and resources she needs to make it. She was also the first one to have a go at our observational drawing challenge, producing a lovely drawing of one of our old toys. What a superstar!
- 1FP Oliver B has a brilliant attitude towards his learning. He is a super role model with his fabulous listening, kindness to others and excellent presentation in his work. Well done Oliver
- 1HH Ella A - I have been so impressed with your attitude towards your learning this week. You are growing in confidence and tackling all of your challenges with a growth mindset. Well done!
- 2FN Finley M is our golden child this week for his imaginative ideas about our dragon and some fantastic writing
- 2GJ Tristan L – Tristan has worked really hard to subtract multiples of Ten and he wrote an impressive description of a dragon.
- 3NS Lois P - During SPAG Lois thought of some excellent examples of the prefixes dis, Mis and un. She explained how each prefix changed the root word. Then during independent reading she spotted many words contained todays learning. Well done Lois your hard work and clear explanations were amazing!
- 3SP Lena S has superb listening skills and was amazing at our listening game in dance this week! She's also a wonderful French ambassador and is doing a great job at changing the date every day with her partner. She is a brilliant self-manager and can be trusted to be making the right choices at school which makes her a delight to teach - thank you, Lena!
- 4BK Jake F - we have been so impressed and proud of Jake's writing this week. We couldn't be more proud of his positive attitude and determination to always do his very best. Well done Jake!
- 4MV Evie F you are the golden child this week because you are an excellent role model in our class. You are a super self-manager and you work hard to complete all tasks set!
- 5BC Shaina R has worked really hard this week when writing dialogue for our Aladdin narratives. She listened carefully and focussed on trying to apply her learning to her independent work. Well done Shaina!
- 5DC Mustafa H - I have been very impressed by what a fantastic self manager Mustafa has become. He has fantastic focus during independent tasks and always takes part in our class discussions. What a star!
- 6DK Alice J is golden child for 6DK this week for always being organised and ready. Alice is an excellent self manager, and as a result has produced some excellent work this week. Well done Alice, you are a valuable member of our class!
- 6VL Josh P has impressed me this week with his commitment to directed reading. Josh thought carefully about his answers and included relevant detail; his retrieval questions included evidence selected from the text. Well done Josh!