



# PENSHURST C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Dear parents

### THIS WEEK'S NEWS



Dear Parents,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. As January comes to an end (where did it go) I have been reflecting on the great things that happen around school. We may be a small school and sometimes enrichment activities or events can be a challenge to either staff or arrange transport to but I really do believe we do our best to offer our pupils great opportunities. I am also very pleased that these are not only sporting events but bring in all aspects of the curriculum. I am grateful for my teachers and office team who make these things happen. Over the last couple weeks there has been a team taking part in debating, another competing at an agility event, one at a music workshop as well as a trip, by train, to London.

This coming week is the PTFA Coffee Morning which is always a great chance to get together and sample some great bakes as well as try your hand at some of the games that our pupils in Oak Class are putting together. Please do come along and support the PTFA with their fundraising. Doors open at 8.45am.

During the last two weeks of term pupils, across the school, will be spending two afternoons immersed in art as part of an online Art Festival we are participating in – thanks to Mrs Hamill for organising this. I am sure the children will enjoy this and I am looking forward to sharing the finished artworks – in my last newsletter of this term. The work will also be displayed in school so you will be able to take a look when you visit for our Open Afternoon on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

**Sue Elliott,**  
**Headteacher.**

### Going for Gold

Pupils reaching gold over the last 2 weeks are:

**Maple:** Serafina, Rafe, Mila, Henrietta, Isabella, Archie, Vinnie, Olwen  
**Elm:** Raffy, Inara, Amelia, Elliott, Alina, Tilly, Ffion, Theo, Teddy, Teddy W, Njal and Tommy  
**Beech:** Luke, Elliot, Freida, Elwyn, Harrison, Leo, Tabby, Annabelle, Thea, Annabelle, Lukass, Aurora, Nate, Izzy, Jacob, William, Annie, Imogen and Rocky  
**Oak:** Theo, George, Ava-Grace, Isla, Willow, Tilly, Gilbert, Noelle, Zachary, Sammy, Coco, Taylor, Max, Oscar & Leo

### STARS OF THE WEEK

#### Maple Class

**Mila** – for working so hard and keeping going even when things are hard

**Archie** - for his quiet determination and interest in all areas of learning.

#### Class – Year 2

**Ffion** - for amazing determination in all she does. **Tommy** - for wonderful compassion and understanding when working with different partners

#### Beech Class

**Isabella** such a great member of Beech Class – she always tries hard

**Leo** for showing an incredible attitude to learning, independence and making good choices

**Nate** demonstrating such a passion for learning!

**Poppy** for excellent communication and being such a good friend to everyone around her

#### Oak Class

**Max** for such wonderful enthusiasm for learning

**Zachary, Gilbert & Leo** for amazing teamwork and communication.

**Ava-Grace** – she always makes the most of every learning opportunity.





## Enrichment Events

Pupils across the school have been out and about over the last 2 weeks. Our pupils in **Oak Class** have been to the Imperial War Museum in London as part of their WW2 history learning.

Our Pupils in **Beech Class** have visited Sevenoaks School to take part in a Gamelan Workshop as part of their music curriculum.

**Elm Class** took part in an Infant Agility Event earlier this week. Well done to the team as they came second overall. A fantastic result for our small school.

More events are planned for next half term



## Debating Masterclass

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January some pupils from Oak Class took part in a debating competition at Sevenoaks School.

Many thanks to Mrs Wickens for accompanying them. Mrs Wickens was very impressed with the way the children spoke – very clearly and confidently. They obviously did a very good job as they won this round and we are now waiting to hear further about the next round. Well done to them all! A very proud moment for the school.



## PTFA Coffee Morning

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
8.45am – 10.30am

A reminder that our coffee morning is open to both our school community and the wider community.

There will be a range of games created by Oak Class - bring your purse/wallet.

There will also be a raffle!

## Community Group

A local group – made up of parents, Rev'd Lisa and other local people are working on developing a Singing Group in Penshurst aimed at school aged children . This will take place on a Monday (late afternoon) after Easter. If you would like more information please contact Deborah Whitaker or Georgina Stober.

