



# Pixies news



## Upcoming events

### Mon 3rd July

Y5 Trip to Science Museum

### Tues 4th July

Pupil Progress Meetings

### Tues 4th July | 9.15-11.45am

EYFS Sports Festival

### Tues 4th July | 5-7.30pm

Parent Consultation Evening

### Wed 5th July | 3.30-6pm

Parent Consultation Evening

### Thurs 6th July | 9.15am

YR Class Assembly

### Thurs 6th July | AM

Class Transition Day

### Fri 7th July | 3.15pm

Open Classrooms

### Fri 7th July | 5pm

FOPHS Camp Out

### Fri 7th July

Bag2School Day

### Mon 10th July

School Panto (at school)

### Tues 11th July | 2pm

Upper KS2 Production

### Wed 12th July | 6pm

Upper KS2 Production

### Wed 19th July | 2pm

End of Term

### Tues 5th Sept

Children Return to School

We've enjoyed taking time out to improve our thinking skills and reflection



## Value of the month

Our value we have been working on this month is **Thoughtfulness**. Our interpretation of the value has been focused on developing our thinking skills, awe and wonder rather than acts of thoughtfulness (which is covered by other values). The children really enjoyed taking time out to think about simple visual puzzles, brain teasers, match stick problems and we even had time for some Sudoku! We also marvelled at some things around us such as the smallest lizard on the planet and how amazing the human eye is. Finally, we used our imaginations to think through some 'thunks' (worth a google if you've not come across them before). As we head towards the end of our academic year, our next value is **Courage** which is particularly apt for all our children (especially Year 6) as the children move from one class or school to another.

Martin Smith, Headteacher

## Rock UK



Once again, our Year 6 children enjoyed their residential journey to Rock UK and I include a few highlight photos! I had the pleasure of visiting the group in the middle of the week and it was lovely to see them working together on the various challenges and activities with resilience, patience and encouragement. Many of the children were expressing their highlights of the week and what they were most proud of achieving.

## Communication

The governors have been doing some work on parental engagement. One thing that came out of this is that our parents in the younger year groups weren't sure if/when they could speak with teachers. So, key message – any parent is welcome to speak with class teachers at any point in the year. We have an open door policy so if you need to share information or discuss a worry, we are here for you. Feel free to approach the office and request an appointment before or after school.

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We love to learn  
and learn to love!

## Music on the Field

After cancelling due to bad weather last year, it was wonderful to be able to run our 2nd Music on the Field event. The children showcased their burgeoning talents playing violins, guitars, trumpets and ukuleles. Punters were also treated to memorable songs from each class performed this year. We hope to be able to repeat the event next year – I can see a full blown orchestra in the future!



## Stars of the week



### Week of 09/06/17

Reception: **Charlotte Farmer**  
Year 1: **Lexi Hyland**  
Year 2: **Whole Class**  
Year 3: **Finley Corcoran**  
Year 4: **Zack Broadbent**  
Year 5: **Harrison Leeks**  
Year 6: **Out at Rock UK**

### Week of 23/06/17

Reception: **Flynn Green**  
Year 1: **Whole Class**  
Year 2: **Alicia George**  
Year 3: **Owen Campbell**  
Year 4: **Emma Lewis**  
Year 5: **Daniel Martinez-Wise**  
Year 6: **Adam Steel**

### Week of 30/06/17

Reception: **Issac Hyams**  
Year 1: **Whole Class**  
Year 2: **Frankie Webb**  
Year 3: **Leah Kain**  
Year 4: **Finley Smart**  
Year 5: **Whole Class**  
Year 6: **Malachi Wicks**

## News Bites

- What a packed newsletter this one has been, and we haven't even had time to celebrate it as a special 50th issue milestone!
- Thank you to all who attended sports day in the hot weather. We normally do photos but have run out of room. Congratulations to Ashridge who had a clean sweep on all the trophies
- We hope you found our e-safety workshop for KS2 children and parents helpful. If you ever have things to share or concerns to raise, then please do let us know

## Introductions... Part 2



I am delighted to introduce to you **Mrs Kayleigh Rahilly** who is joining the staff on a permanent basis and will be taking the Year 4 class next year. Mrs Rahilly has had a very eventful year as she joins us having moved from an 'outstanding' school in London to Hemel. She's also managed to squeeze in a baby and time to apply for new posts. Having seen her teach, we snapped her up before the competition!



**Mrs Varsha Savaniya** will also be joining the team on a year's contract as a teaching assistant and will be working with our Year 2 children.

Although we are sad to be waving farewell to Mrs Edwards, we are delighted that Mrs Bhandal will remain at the school and will be doing some PPA teaching across several classes.

## Out and About

Children across the school have been enjoying their trips out. Year 2 went to Gulliver's World where they clearly enjoyed sampling the rides and have brought this inspiration back to school as they look at how fun fair rides work.

Children in Year 3 & Year 4 visited Chessington World of Adventures and had a workshop on forces which tied in with their recent school topics. They also enjoyed some rides and animal attractions. **A big thank you** to all our parent helpers who helped to make the trips successful and meaningful.



## Painted Stones

On the 7th July, the children are going to take part in a painted stones project which will then go on display at the Open Classroom event. The project has positive links to values with an emphasis on the idea we are all unique individuals but valued regardless. The children will use a template to create their design. In the meantime, we've made a few test samples on the left.

**Well done**  
to everyone!