

Pixies news



We can do so much more as a team than we can by ourselves!



Value of the month

We've had so many activities this month which have tied in perfectly with the theme of **Co-operation/Teamwork**. You will find articles on Rock UK, BMX Academy, Music on the Field and the Eden project which have all promoted this value – it's no wonder that June and July are the busiest months of the year! There has also been time to look at really good examples of this month's value and the children enjoyed seeing how penguins use these values to survive extreme winters in the Antarctic. Our final value of the year in July will be **Patience**, a value which will help us to look forwards towards new challenges and changes. The children know this is a value I personally find quite difficult so I will need their help next month!

Martin Smith, Headteacher

Year 6 at Rock UK



Once again, the Year 6 children really enjoyed their residential trip to Rock UK. There was much hilarity about their attempts to navigate a swamp blind folded this year and several children succumbed to the waters up to their necks despite their best efforts. Big thanks to all the staff who attended this year. I always enjoy my mid-week visit and this year I was even included in a room inspection presentation. What an honour! The children behaved impeccably all week and are a real credit to their parents and the school.

Something in the Water!

You may well have heard by now that Miss Best will be joining Mrs Packard on maternity leave next academic year. We are so pleased for her, as a baby has been on the cards for a while but she will be sorely missed. Miss Best won't be starting her leave until October which gives plenty of time to settle in our new Reception cohort and we have already appointed Miss Gemma Shaw for the rest of the academic year. Miss Shaw has a number of years experience of teaching across KS1 and has most recently taught English in Spain. I had the pleasure of watching a lesson over Facetime, a first in technological magnificence!



Upcoming events

Tues 3rd July

Pupil Progress Meetings

Tues 3rd July | 3.30-6pm

Parent-Teacher Consultations

Wed 4th July | 4.30-7.30pm

Parent-Teacher Consultations

Thurs 5th July | 9.15am

New Reception Parents Meeting

Thurs 5th July

Class move up to next teacher morning

Fri 6th July

FOPHS Bag2School

Sat 7th July | 12-3pm

FOPHS Summer Fair

Wed 11th July

Image Theatre Production

Thurs 12th July | 3.30pm

Open Classrooms

Tues 17th July | 2pm

Upper KS2 Performance

Wed 18th July | 6pm

Upper KS2 Performance

Fri 20th July | 2pm

End of Term

Mon 3rd Sept

INSET Day

Y2 trip to Southend

Year 2 had a trip to Southend to investigate life on beach. Whilst there, they took time out for ice creams, walked along the longest pier in the country and enjoyed a train ride. Thank you to everyone who helped with the trip.



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**We love to learn
and learn to love!**

Improving the Environment

A representative came in from the Eden project to lead an assembly and class workshops on recycling. The children learnt about what makes a healthy packed lunch and how to cut down on packaging.

We are looking at a number of ways of making the school more environmentally friendly. Over the summer, we are going to be installing LED lights in the hall which will use a fraction of the electricity we have been using and in the autumn term, our window walling project will begin. It'll mean a bit of disruption but we are going to replace every window wall in the building which will improve insulation and aesthetics. All the rotting wood frames will also be replaced. The project will last approx. 12 weeks and each class will need to use the hall as a classroom whilst their own classroom is refurbished.



BMX Academy

We were delighted to welcome 3 times BMX UK Champion and former World BMX Champion Mike Mullen to school this month. Mike told his story of how he reached the top of his sport through developing a growth mindset, setting himself a goal and dedicating his time to practising. He showed us a video of his amazing feats and the children were then treated to a further demonstration in the playground where Mike insisted he could jump over 6 teachers (video on the school website now).

After this, the Year 5 and 6 children were given the opportunity to put into practice all they had learnt. After school, Mike led staff training on techniques we can use with the children to bring them to a positive, calm, mindful state. It was a brilliant day and I'm sure we'll be seeing Mike return to Pixies in the future.



Music and KS1 Singing Workshop

We haven't had space this issue to fit in photos of Music on the Field which was another sun laden afternoon of songs and instruments and it was clear to see how much progress the children made who have now been playing an instrument for a few years. To compliment this event, KS1 did some singing workshops at St John's Church. They learnt 3 songs at school which they performed at the event and learnt a further one on the day which they sang alongside other schools.



Stars of the week



Week of 04/06/18

Reception: **Caitlin Green & Layla Cooper**

Year 1: **Aiden Oliver**

Year 2: **Jamie Hamilton**

Year 3: **Louie Edmond**

Year 4: **Ryan Hardiman**

Year 5: **Whole Class**

Year 6: **At Rock UK**

Week of 11/06/18

Reception: **Elsie Alderman**

Year 1: **Myiah Bouri**

Year 2: **Daisy Kingsbury & Chethya Somaratne**

Year 3: **Myla Hyams**

Year 4: **Freddie Farr**

Year 5: **Leon Jackson**

Year 6: **Sam Brinklow**

Week of 25/06/18

Reception: **Freya Rayment & Jayden George**

Year 1: **Mason Frimley**

Year 2: **Harry Brennan**

Year 3: **Sullivan Hatchett**

Year 4: **Grace Maddison**

Year 5: **Grace Deane**

Year 6: **Sam Dale & Lewis Welfare**

School will resume on
Tuesday 4th September
at the usual time

