



Welcome to our first half term newsletter of the year. The children have had a very busy first half term, working hard in their new year groups. There have been many trips and experiences with so much to already be proud of.

Thank you to all of you, as our Pennyman Community, for your contributions to the academy and your attendance at events over the half term. We looking forward to welcoming you both next half term and over the course of this year.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff, or alternatively, make an appointment to see one of us. We are all happy to help.

Staff News

As you know, Miss Carter and Mr Blackburn joined the staff team this academic year. Thank you to all our school community for welcoming them to Pennyman.

With lovely baby news, we are delighted to share with you that Miss Foster and Mr Baker welcomed their baby girl into the world in September. Congratulations also go to Mrs Beagle, who in September, gave birth to her little boy. We send both families our love and congratulations, and wish them much happiness at this precious time.

Our Pennyman Values

Our Pennyman motto '**Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day.**' is very important to us as it reflects the vision of us as a school community and was created by the children.

We recently wrote to you to ask for contributions towards a set of values to support our motto. We have had so many responses and are very grateful for your thoughts and suggestions.

Having considered all the suggestions from across the community we have decided on the following to represent our values, and underpin our motto.

Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

Resilience

Kindness

Honesty

Respect

Team work

Manners

Over the next half we will be working on our chosen values and we look forward to sharing some of this with you in future newsletters.

Our Academy Priorities

Ensuring your children grow up to be the best they can be, in a happy and safe learning environment is of the highest priority. Each year we have areas of focus which we would like to improve even further. This year these include:

English: Ensuring the best possible opportunities in reading and writing.

Progress: As always, we will be looking closely to ensure all children make the progress they are capable of.

Leadership: We want to ensure all our leaders have opportunity to lead subjects and be the best that they can be.

Curriculum: As an academy and trust we are working to make our curriculum offer even better.

We will be sharing more detail on these throughout the year.

Trips and Visits

In this first half term the children have experienced many trips and visit to the academy to support and enhance their learning. Please enjoy our photo gallery of some of these events...

Nursery had a lovely Autumn walk in the woods.



The Police and Fire Brigade visited Reception as part of 'People who help us'.



Mrs Brooks' class and Year 1 went to Kirkleatham.



Y2 investigated the local area in Geography.



Y3 enjoyed a Visit from Kirkleatham Owl Centre.



As part of their history work, Y4 enjoyed a visit to



Y5 and Mrs Newbold's class had a great day at Highforce.



Y6 spent the day at Eden Camp



Mrs Newbold and Mrs Brooks children have enjoyed forest schools.



TAKE A LOOK AT OUR NEW WEBSITE!

Earlier this half term we launched our new website. We have spent time creating a site which gives you all the information you need, shares with you activities your child has been part of and celebrates achievements across the academy. Please take the time to have a look and any feedback is very welcome.

You can find the website here: www.pennyman.teesvalleyeducation.co.uk

ROAD SAFETY

We know that as a community we all feel much safer having Karen with us as our new patrol officer. It is lovely to see so many of you stopping and talking to her and so thank you for making her welcome.



As Karen is there to keep you all safe please can we encourage you all to use the crossing rather than points on the road.

May we also remind you that there is no parking allowed on the ramp into the academy at any time. This is an access route for specialist transport and emergency services and therefore stopping and parking is strictly forbidden. Thank you for your co-operation.



HALF TERM ATTENDANCE

Whole academy 94.9%

Highest in EYFS/KS1- Mrs Rix 97.4%

Highest in KS2- Mr Baker 97.7%



AFTERSCHOOL CLUB COLLECTION

To support site safety, the academy gates will open for after school club collection 5 minutes before the clubs finish. This will begin after the holidays. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

SPORT SO FAR...

We have had a very successful start to sport at Pennyman. this half term. Well done to everyone who has taken part!

We have attended 5 competitions through our sport partnership which have included Football, Rugby and the Cross Country Competition.

Y5/6 Boys Football - Plate 3 Runners Up

Y5/6 Girls Football - Plate 2 Runners Up

Y5/6 Girls Tag Rugby - Plate 1 Runners Up

Y3/4 Mixed Tag Rugby - Plate 1 Runners Up

Cross Country - 9th Place out of 29 schools

There were some fantastic performances at the cross country this year, with Jack Foster winning a bronze medal and Kaitlyn Drury finishing 6th both qualifying to represent Middlesbrough at the Tees Valley Finals.



AN AFTERNOON OF ART

Last week saw our first very successful open afternoon of the year. So many of you came to join in art activities and see your children's work. It was lovely to see the artists amongst you too! Thank you for your support and we look forward to sharing another afternoon with you next term. There are many pictures on the website, but here are a few from the afternoon.



End of day collection

In the past few weeks we have had an increasing number of children being collected late at the end of the day.

Please may we remind you that the school day ends as follows:

EYFS and KS1—3:00pm

KS2—3:05pm

Please ensure that your child is collected on time from their playground.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

PE KITS

PE is a very important part of your child's curriculum and an entitlement for all children.

You will receive a letter after half term if your child's day has changed. Please can we ask you to ensure that your child has their PE kit with them each week. There are very welcome to leave them in the academy should you wish them to.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Next half term is very busy with trips and experiences, as well as our Christmas celebrations. We will send out a final and detailed list after the holidays but here are some dates for your diary.

7th November: Cenotaph visit

10th December: Reception nativity performances

11th/12th November: Parent consultations

11th December: KS1 nativity performance pm

15th November: Children in Need

12th December: KS1 nativity performances

KS2 Christingle

29th November: Christmas Fayre

13th December - Pantomime Day

16th December - TVE Carol Concert in
Guisborough

17th December - Christmas Jumper / Dinner Day

18th December—Nursery craft day

19th December - Open Afternoon and end of term

Whilst we have shared lots of the half term news in the newsletter there is much more on our website so please take a look.

Whilst it is half term next week, remember that the academy is open should you have any queries, or need any advice or support. We are happy to help.

We wish you a restful week and look forward to seeing you all for another busy and successful half term on Monday 4th November.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs K Barkley

Miss K Morley

Head Teacher

Executive Head Teacher