



What a half term it has been so far! As the first half term of this academic year draws to a close, we all need to take a moment to celebrate and congratulate all the children, families and staff of Team Pennyman. The commitment, resilience and teamwork shown by all has been exceptional. Thank you for your continued support with the adaptations to timings of the day in order to maximise learning as well as to keep everybody safe when arriving and leaving the academy. Have a safe and relaxing half term and we look forward to welcoming the children back for more fantastic learning. Please enjoy some of the wonderful things that have been happening this month. Mrs Stogdale

**Congratulations to Mrs Rossington!**

We are very pleased to announce the safe arrival of Hollie Robyn Rossington. Congratulations to Mrs and Mr Rossington on the birth of your beautiful daughter. Enjoy every moment and we look forward to meeting her!



**Parking Outside the Academy**

Inconsiderate parking is increasingly causing problems around the school, putting the safety of your children and others at risk. Dangerously parking on the zigzag lines is causing visibility issues for all road users, mainly to those children trying to cross the road to get to and from school. Please do not park dangerously outside of school putting people at risk.. Thank you for your support with this.

**Middlesbrough Art Weekender Workshop**

Years 3 and 4 had a lovely opportunity to take part in The Art Weekender, an annual contemporary arts festival held in Middlesbrough Town Centre. We were joined by Sara and Sue from The Start Studio to explore city infrastructure during an art afternoon. After discussing the essentials for a city the children worked in groups to create a cityscape using a range of mixed media. Building on this, the children were given the opportunity to draw from a window looking out into their future or to draw their idea of what a city might look like. It was a wonderful and creative afternoon, we loved it!



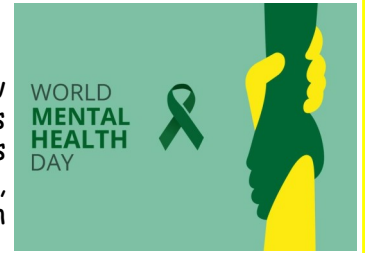
**Sport**

It has been lovely to see the children attending sports competitions again this half term and we have had some fantastic performances in ALL the competitions we have entered. The Y5/6 boys produced some excellent attacking play in the football competition, progressing to the Championship Competition, just missing out on a Semi Final Place. We took 33 children to the cross country competition, in tough conditions all the children ran their best and we had 6 top 20 finishes with Mercy T, Lily F and Jenson K finishing in the top 10 in their races to qualify for the Tees Valley Finals. In the Tag Rugby competitions the Y5/6 girls team played some wonderful rugby scoring some excellent tries, finishing 4th in a very tough group. The Y5/6 boys team were in a very competitive group, they played some excellent attacking Rugby and defending brilliantly throughout finishing joint 2nd in the group progressing onto the semi-finals on try difference. In a pulsating end to end game the boys just missed out on the final losing to a very solid Berwick Hills team 6 - 4. Well done to ALL the children who have been selected so far in representing Pennyman you have made us ALL super PROUD of you!



## World Mental Health Day

World Mental Health Day in the UK was on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021. We know that mental health can touch us all at some point of our life and affect us all in different ways. This is why, on 8<sup>th</sup> October, the children and adults of Pennyman Primary wore yellow, as part of the 'Hello Yellow' campaign, to show support for those effected by mental health issues and in solidarity of those supporting people with these conditions.



Mental health has many stigmas to it and can make people feel uncomfortable, they many not talk about it or want to listen to how people feel. It is important that we talk about it and make people aware of speaking about mental health and their feelings. We want people to know they are not on their own and that help is never too far away.



## Romans in Y4



In Y4, the children started their topic of the Romans with a special Roman day. The children made shields and a human timeline to show how the romans fit in with history in this country. They looked at food history and some of the Roman buildings that still stand in the UK. The children really enjoyed it and loved having Steve in school sharing all of his wonderful Roman facts.



## Y6 Helpers: Roles and Responsibilities

Our Y6 children have fully embraced their new responsibilities, helping staff and children around school. Jobs include Mrs Stogdale's PA, Office Support, Librarians, Cleaners, Well-being Ambassadors, Lunchtime Support and Buddies across each Key Stage. They have proven to be excellent role models to the younger children and they should be very proud of themselves. We know that they will continue to thrive within their roles and will help to reinforce the wonderful culture of Pennyman. Our Head Boy, Alife and Head Girl Ava, and Deputy Head Boy Byron and Deputy Head Girl Lexi-Mae have been outstanding in the way that they have conducted themselves and have supported their peers in their new positions. We are so very proud of our Y6's, who are taking their responsibilities very seriously, and are a credit to the school. Well done to you all!

