

### Message from Mrs. Gray:

The weeks are flying by! It is definitely getting colder. Please can we ask that all children bring a warm coat to school for outdoor playtimes. Also, we continue to follow the government guidance regarding ensuring classrooms are well ventilated, to reduce the spread of respiratory illnesses - including covid-19 - so please ensure children have jumpers/ cardigans in school.

### Individual Photographs

The school photography company, Tempest, is visiting school on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October** to take individual photographs and sibling groups. There is no obligation to purchase any photographs taken. If you would like a family photograph involving pre-school children, please come to school for 8:30am so that they can be taken before the start of the school day.

### TT Rockstars Day – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October we are holding a Rock Stars day to promote the use of TT Rockstars, an online platform for learning multiplication tables. Children (and staff!) are encouraged to dress up as a rock star on the day, rocking their air guitars! During the day, we will also be launching the Times Tables Challenge, inviting pupils to learn their tables and collect as many points as possible. We are inviting all children to take part in the dress up day, including the younger ones who do not use the program just yet – it will hopefully build excitement for what is to come in the future!



### Special Mentions Assembly

Last week's Special Mentions were awarded to:

**Class 1 – Annie and Thomas**

**Class 2 – Annabel and Naomi**

**Class 3 – Hughie and Charlie**

**Class 4 – Maya and Rosie**

**Class 5 – Iris and Arthur**

Fantastic effort!



### Attendance

Class 3 achieved the highest attendance for the second week in a row last week with 99.6%. They earn 5 minutes extra playtime. Well done!



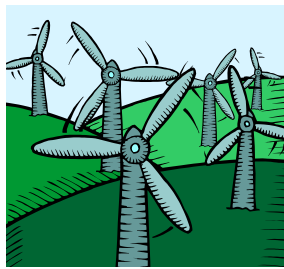
### Remember every school day counts!

Late arrivals

We monitor the number of lates carefully and letters will be sent by school to any families where children have been late 5 times. If 10 lates occur, a letter from the Local Authority will be received. Please ensure children arrive before 9 o'clock. There were **3** recorded lates last week.

### School Dinner Theme Day

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October, all children are invited to have a Halloween themed school dinner (the menu is attached). A School Money link will be sent this week to parents of children who usually have packed lunches so that they are able to purchase the spooky dinner if they wish.



### Tough Tortoises

We present Tough Tortoise certificates for being determined; persevering even when we find things hard; ignoring distractions.

In Friday's assembly, we awarded certificates to:

**Florence (Class 1)**

**Ethan (Class 2)**

**Caleb (Class 3)**

**Javier (Class 4)**

**Jacob (Class 5)**

Super!



### Y5 Bikeability

Bikeability for Y5 pupils is taking place w/c 17.10.22. Y5 pupils taking part will need to bring their bikes to school on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Please remember that pupils also need helmets to take part. Active Barnsley can provide a bike and helmet for your child if you are unable to provide a road worthy bike. Please contact the school if you wish to borrow a bike and/or helmet. A letter with further details and a consent form will be sent out today. Please return by Friday at the latest.

Please note, for insurance reasons, bikes will need to be taken home each evening. Contact the school office if there is an issue with this.

### Sporting News

Well done to our Y5/6 boys who took part in a football tournament at PGS last week. Mrs. Shore was very impressed with the determination and team work on display.

### Reminder: FOMS event – Halloween Disco

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October children are invited to attend a Halloween disco in the school hall. They may wear spooky costumes if they wish. There will be 2 sessions: Key Stage 1 disco (Class 1 and 2) – 3:30 – 4:30pm; Key Stage 2 disco (Classes 3-5) – 4:45 – 6:00pm. Tickets cost £2 each – please do not send any money; parents will be notified when they are on sale. A drink and a packet of crisps will be included in the price. If any Key Stage 1 parents are available to help with changing into costumes, please come to school at 3:15pm. Key Stage 1 parents are welcome to stay and accompany their child to the disco. If parents prefer, staff will take Class 1 and 2 children direct from their classrooms to the hall and they can be collected at 4:30pm. Entry and dismissal from the disco will be via the side door from the car park.

**There will be no Wednesday sports club on this date due to the disco.**

### Reminder - Flu Nasal Spray

Flu nasal spray vaccinations will be taking place in school on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October** for children whose parents have provided consent.

### Year 6 parents: PGS Open Evening

We have been asked to remind Y6 parents of Penistone Grammar School's open evening, which is taking place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 18:00 - 20:00.

More details are available at [www.penistone-gs.uk](http://www.penistone-gs.uk). Early entry at 5:30pm can be gained using the postcard sent home with Y6 children last week. For further information please contact PGS on 01226 762114; email [enquiries@penistone-gs.uk](mailto:enquiries@penistone-gs.uk) or follow PGS on Twitter @PGSALC