



## Parents, Carers and Guardians

This week at Pegasus we have been concentrating on attendance, reviewing English and Maths across the Key Stages and checking books. Marie has also started to put the mock-exam timetable together for the Year 11 students.



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# Attendance

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**Target this year 95%. Actual to date – 89.8%**

We have had quite a few students absent this week due to cold like symptoms. This has also impacted on staffing, particularly on lower corridor. Unfortunately, some of the Annual Reviews have had to be cancelled too, due to staff absence. However, they will be arranged for a more convenient time.

With this in mind, please have a look at the guidance from the NHS regarding your child and attending school if not well. You will need to copy this into your browser, but it does contain some very useful information.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



## COVID

As the weather is changing and getting a little colder, we are entering 'Covid season.' We have had a few positive tests for Covid here at school, but please take note of the following information from the NHS and their recommendations. (This is contained within the NHS guidance).

## COVID-19

If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, and feels well enough, they can go to school.

Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have symptoms of COVID-19 and they either:

- have a high temperature
- do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities

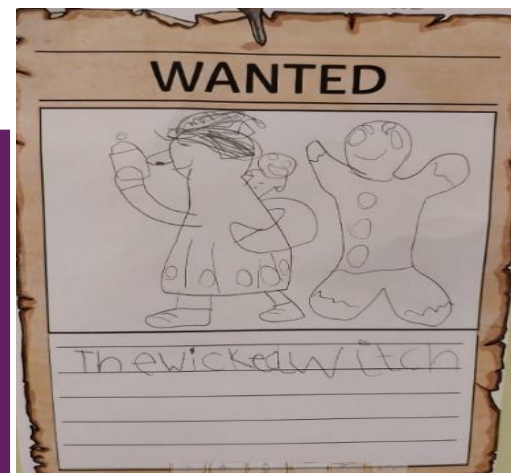
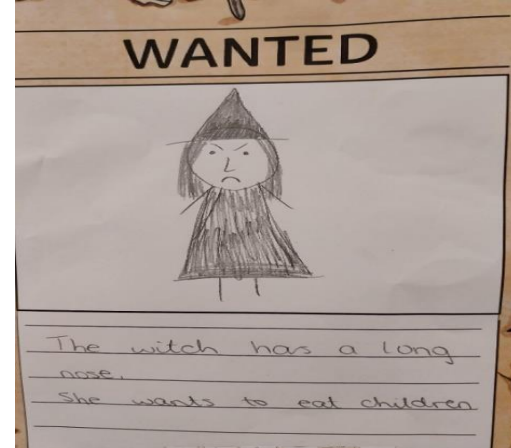
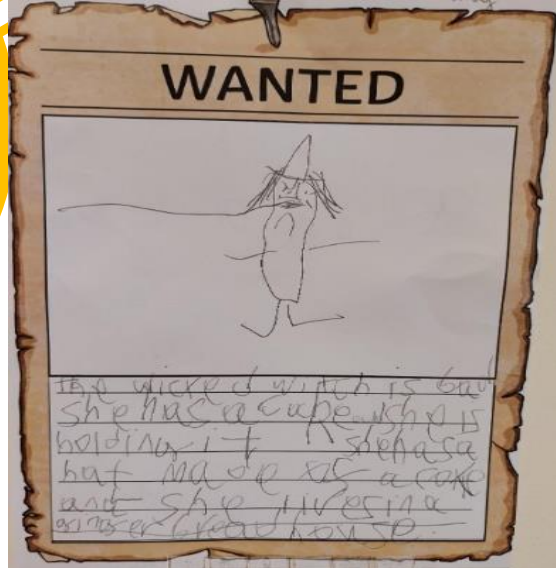
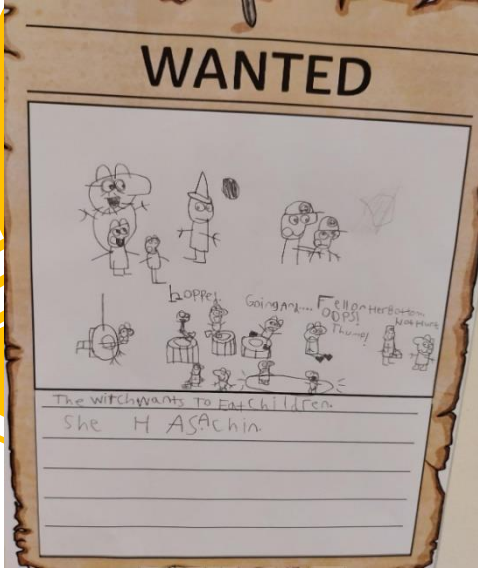
What to do if your child has tested positive:

Your child is no longer required to do a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test if they have symptoms. But if your child has tested positive for COVID-19, they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test.



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## English

I have been continuing to review the English curriculum across the school. This week Puffin class have completed some lovely work on describing a character. I thought it would be nice to share some of the work with you this week. They all look pretty scary, don't you think?

## Assessment and Mock Exams.

Assessment allows the teachers to check on the children's understanding and progress. This information is then used to inform future planning. There are two forms of assessment:

Formative – used every day to assess progress, skills and understanding.

Summative – used to assess learning at the end of a project or scheme of work.

This sits alongside any additional requirements expected by the Department for Education, such as SATs.

Teachers use a variety of methods to assess:

1. Questioning
2. Think Pink
3. Written pieces of work
4. Catching the children doing – sitting and observing the child.
5. Book reviews
6. Talking with the individual pupils about their understanding of their work

In effect we plan, do and review across all subject areas.

### Our Assessment Diary Term 2

Year 11 Mock Exams	November 6 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup> inclusive
Year 10 formal assessments	November 20 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> inclusive
Reception to Year 9 Assessment week	November 27 <sup>th</sup> – December 1st

*'Action without vision is only passing time, Vision without action is merely day dreaming, but vision with action can change the world.'*

Nelson Mandela

# Dates for the diary



## Parent Meetings Term 2

Year 11	November 22 <sup>nd</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Year 10	December 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup>
Reception to Year 9	December 4 <sup>th</sup> through to the 8 <sup>th</sup> .

The class teachers will be sending out information re the parent meetings prior to the meetings taking place.

### *Dates:*

- **Mental health day- October 10<sup>th</sup>**
- **African Drumming- October 20<sup>th</sup>**
- **End of Term – October 20<sup>th</sup>**
- **Training Day – October 30<sup>th</sup>**
- **Halloween – October 31<sup>st</sup> –  
Fancy dress on lower corridor  
(and upper if they'd like to).  
Teachers will send out  
information about this prior to  
half term.**

## Christmas Pantomime

This year we will be holding a Christmas Pantomime for the families here at Pegasus. Katie Oram has organised for a company to come into school to provide two showings of Cinderella. This will take place on **November 29<sup>th</sup>**. It would be lovely if you could join us.



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