



# Penn Fields School Newsletter

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## Nurture Class

Nurture Class have been learning about Diwali, which started on Thursday 12th November and lasts for five days. The main Diwali celebration will be taking place this year on Saturday 14th November. Nurture students have made rangoli patterns, clay diva lamps, tried Indian sweets and pupils spoke about their own Diwali experiences. Nurture Class, along with all students & staff wish you all a Safe & Happy Diwali.



## Makaton Corner

Talking does not just involve speaking. Watch someone talking, they will not just be saying words but they will also be using hand movements or gestures, facial expression, eye contact and body language (posture and movement). All this is communication.

Makaton uses speech with signs (gestures) and symbols (pictures) to help people communicate. Makaton also encourage the use of facial expression, eye contact and body language to give as much information as possible.

### Top tips for signing with your child:

Make using Makaton fun!

Use signs and symbols as much and as often as you can

Head to the Penn Fields website [www.pennfields.com](http://www.pennfields.com) for past Makaton Corner information, tips and signs.



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For more information on Makaton, please visit: <https://www.makaton.org/>



## Twitter - head@pennfields

Ms Thackaberry now has a head@pennfields Twitter account, where she will be sharing information on the school for parents to see. This already has included, a welcome back message, the staff INSET day, word of the week, Coopers supervision of students arriving at school and Sixth Form students working in the outside sensory garden space. Please take a look and give the account a follow.



## Artist of the Week

Artist of the week has gone to Maggie (Class 4H). Maggie has drawn this delightful daisy from first hand observation, using oil pastels. Maggie has made significant improvement with her drawing compositions and has further developed her understanding of the impact different materials can have on her art-work. Maggie has been inspired by the Artist Georgia O’Keeffe and has used natural forms as inspiration in her own art work - Well done Maggie.

Georgia O’Keeffe is one of the most significant artists of the 20th century, renowned for her contribution to modern art. She painted nature in a way that showed how it made her feel. She is best known for her paintings of enlarged flowers and desert landscapes

Last weeks artist of the week was Umardev in Year 9—Check out Ms Thackaberry’s Twitter feed (head@pennfields) to see his self portrait inspired by the work of British Artist, Julian Opie.



## Parents, please remember to

Keep your distance from others & wear a face covering when dropping off and collecting your child from our school. Thank You

#WolvesBackToLearning



## Word of the Week

Next weeks “word of the week” is Miniature. All Upper School students in their English lessons, will learn the meaning of the word and put it into sentences to check their understanding.

## Remembrance Day

On Wednesday 11th November, all Penn Fields students and staff stood silent to observe the two minutes silence for Remembrance Day. Mr Whitmore gave a beautiful rendition of the Last Post leading Penn Fields School into the two minute silence, Garden Room students created a wall display, making poppies out of their own handprints and Nurture Class spent time learning about Armistice Day and also made poppies for their classroom.



## Dates for your Diary

Start of Autumn Term 2:  
Children In Need Day:  
School Photographs:  
Christmas Jumper Day:  
Last Day of the Autumn Term:

Tuesday 3 November—Friday 18 December 2020  
Friday 13 November 2020  
Wednesday 25 November 2020  
Friday 11 December 2020  
Friday 18 December 2020 **(School closes at 13:30)**

