



## NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2014

### Sport Relief March 2014

Once again we entered into the spirit of Sport Relief by putting the timetable to one side and taking part in a day of fun sporting activities to raise money for Sport Relief, as well as being sponsored for a 1 mile run, pupils took part in Zumba, rowing, football, circuits, danceathon, aqua aerobics, swimming, making fruit kebabs and many more class based activities which helped the pupils to understand how lucky they are compared to many other children across the world. A massive thank you, as ever, to everyone who joined in and helped to make this day a huge success – especially our friends – “Wolfie” and the coaches from Wolves in the Community as well as our parents and carers for donations of cakes and biscuits and the sponsorship of the children.

**It is with huge pride we can tell you that over £700 has been raised for Sport Relief ! !**



### PENN FIELDS SCHOOL HOUSE TEAMS

We have introduced a School House System.

*There are 3 house groups  
Murray, Ennis & Farah*

#### A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADTEACHER

The third and final term of the school year promises to be a very busy one. We have two residential visits in May, a group of Key Stage 2 pupils have had an overnight visit to Kingswood Centre and some of our Year 9 pupils are on our annual visit to Gelliwig in Wales. School is also hoping to organise residential visits for the Transition Group and 6th Form. Year 11 are working very hard getting course work together to be sent off to examiners and pupils are also taking examinations in Functional Skills, they will be leaving school on **Friday 27th June**.

We will soon be asking for your support for our main fund raising event 'Summer Fair' which this year is being held on **Thursday 10th July**

I hope I can catch up with you on Parents evening which will be held from **6 – 8 p.m. on Wednesday 18th June**.

Regards, Miss E Stanley

Three Houses



To support the theme on Toys **Key Stage 1 & 2** enjoyed a Punch & Judy Show. They found out about the different characters and how they behaved in the show.



**Acorn Class** had a fantastic time at the Build-a-Bear store. Everyone helped to choose, fill and dress three teddy bears to bring back to school. We named our teddies after the School House System;



**Murray White, Ennis Red and Farah Green.**

**Oak Class Visit to Bridgnorth**

The day started misty when we set out from Penn Fields for the farm, but by the time we arrived the sun was shining. We saw the Lambs and Nimrod the Horse before setting off across the fields for a walk. We then moved onto Bridgnorth where we had lunch by the river and a ride up to High Town on the cliff railway. We had a good day and everyone enjoyed themselves.



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**Speech and Language**

During this term pupils from both Acorn and Ash class have attended our Friendship Street intervention group. They have enjoyed meeting various characters associated with the Street, exploring how to make friends and maintain friendships. The group have gained confidence in sharing their ideas and discussing who their friends are and what friends do together. We feel that the group have benefited overall from the programme and they are now able to identify 'friendship builders and blockers'. We are looking forward to repeating the programme next term with a new group of pupils from Elm and Oak who will hopefully have fun too!



After school clubs continue to be oversubscribed and enjoyed this term by over 40 children. During this very wet Spring term, activities have been largely based in school – swimming, computer games, snooker and sports hall activities. Since the clocks went forward we

have been out to Baggeridge Country Park for a walk and to play on the park, with the final week being an evening bowling at Hollywood Bowl, Bentley Bridge.

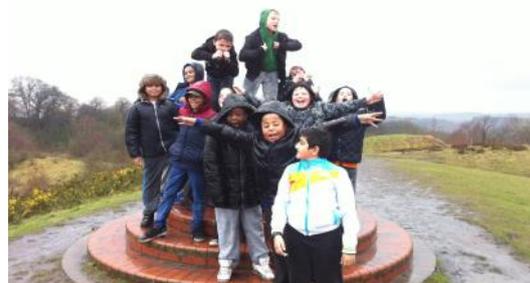


Elm class enjoyed performing songs and rhythms during their Djembe concert. During the Summer term they will be learning to play a brass instrument

**Key stage 2 Youth Club**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> March we visited Baggeridge Park, it was raining but we were not deterred by the weather, we arrived put on our coats and set out on the walk to the top, everyone enjoyed getting wet and

**Next term's Youth Clubs will continue as KS2 on Tuesdays, KS3/4 on Thursdays &**



***Pupils in Oak Class have enjoyed 'Life with Art' Workshops and have made some beautiful silk and glass paintings.***



Pupils from Key Stage 2, Years 7, 10, 11 and Sixth Form have been working with Artist, Ruth Spaak to create a Wall Piece for School. They have used reclaimed wooden objects and turned them into something new by sanding, priming, painting and varnishing them. The Wall Piece project is now completed and has been installed on the Purple Level. Well done to everybody who took part in the project, it has certainly brightened up our school !



**PE at Penn Fields**

Classes have been taking part in gymnastics, boxing, fitness and hockey this term. While doing gymnastics pupils worked on balancing, body control and vaulting. Boxing has involved many different levels of work with a number of pupils working on 'high' level combinations. Whilst working on fitness pupils have looked at heart rates and different ways of training such as 'Tabata' training where pupils have small amounts of rest, circuit training and 'Hurricane' training where pupils don't rest between exercises. The level of fitness and effort has been really impressive. During Hockey the pupils have worked hard on 2 specific rules – no feet, and use of the flat side of the stick only. These were difficult at first for some



pupils but with hard work and effort pupils have been producing some fantastic skill levels.

Well done to all pupils this term. You should be very proud of your learning and keep up the hard work.

Clubs have been running throughout the term and have been very successful with excellent numbers turning out each week. We have around **50 different pupils** attending 'Sports' clubs each week. This is an amazing achievement. Well done to all those that give up their lunchtimes.

***Simaren Atti has also been helping the little footballers in Key Stage 1 & 2 every Tuesday lunchtime. A big thank you to her as she has been giving up her free time to do this Well done Sim, a Young Leader in the making***

**The Towers Residential**

Twelve students from Class 11 and Sixth Form enjoyed a fantastic week at the Towers Outdoor Education Centre in North Wales during March. The activities included canoeing, gorge walking, rock climbing, abseiling, mountain walking, caving, night walks and cooking marshmallows around a fire. Miss Parry, Mr Dew and Mr Fletcher were all very proud of the determination, courage and team work shown by everyone when faced with some very difficult challenges.





Class 10 are continuing to work hard towards their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award. They have made weekly visits to the Moat Project in Albrighton where they have enjoyed doing some gardening and conservation activities. They are now hoping to use their new skills to help develop the wooded area beside our school football pitch. They were also lucky enough to have some fishing lessons from a fishing coach and caught lots of fish.



## Wolf Mountain

Some Class 10 and Transition students have been enjoying weekly visits to Wolf Mountain as part of the Sportivate programme run by Wolverhampton PE and Sports Partnership. The aim is to encourage young people to increase their physical activity by trying new activities in the local community. The students have been rock climbing, caving and also tried archery. They have developed their skills in each activity and made great progress. They have also increased their self-confidence and had great fun.



It's been a busy term for year 11 who have finished their final complete term at Penn Fields. Big decisions have had to be made about their future, and visits have been made to the Skills Show experience at Dunstall Park where pupils were able to have hands on experience of vocational skills and to Wolverhampton College where they toured the facilities, met ex pupils who spoke enthusiastically about their college courses and filled in application forms. Interviews will take place during May, and parents and carers will be invited to attend with their child.

At the same time pupils have been working hard to complete their coursework which has now been submitted to the examiners for marking. The next step is to complete Functional Skills exams during May when pupils will be examined in Maths, English and ICT skills.

After half term year 11 pupils will complete a week of work experience leaving just a couple of weeks before the final 'Moving-on' assembly with the inevitable sad goodbyes.

## ASSEMBLY ROTA SUMMER TERM 2014

DATE	CLASS/STAFF
April 30th	Mrs Morgan
May 7th	Oak Class
Monday 12th	Mrs Callister
May 14th	Miss Moran's Literacy group
Monday May 19th	Class 11
May 21st	Val Plant – St Bart's Church
<b>HALF TERM</b>	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Ash Class
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Mrs Nock
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Mrs Palmer's Literacy Group
11th June	Mrs Blower
Monday 16th June	Mr Fletcher's Literacy Group
June 18th	Mr Jones
Monday June 23rd	Mrs McGregor
June 25th	Elm Class
FRIDAY 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2.pm	Year 11 Leavers assembly
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Val Plant – St Bart's Church
July 2nd	Mr Yates
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Mrs Timbrell's Literacy Group
July 9th	Mr Hussain - The Muslim Faith
Monday July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Acorn Class
July 16th	No Assembly
Friday July 18th	Final Assembly - 2pm



# Penn Fields School

## SUMMER 2014– DIARY DATES

### MAY

- 5TH BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
- 6TH LOWER SCHOOL YOUTH CLUB
- 8TH UPPER SCHOOL YOUTH CLUB
- 9TH 6TH FORM YOUTH CLUB
- 12TH GELLIWIG RESIDENTIAL
- 20TH LOWER SCHOOL YOUTH CLUB
- 22ND UPPER SCHOOL YOUTH CLUB
- 23RD 6TH FORM YOUTH CLUB—LAST DAY OF TERM

**26TH-30TH WHITSUN HALF TERM BREAK**

### JUNE

- 2ND SCHOOL RE-OPENS TO ALL STUDENTS
- 3RD LOWER SCHOOL YOUTH CLUB
- 5TH UPPER SCHOOL YOUTH CLUB
- 6TH 6TH FORM YOUTH CLUB
- 9TH WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK UPPER SCHOOL
- 17TH LOWER SCHOOL YOUTH CLUB
- 18TH PARENTS EVENING—6-8PM
- 19TH UPPER SCHOOL YOUTH CLUB
- 20TH 6TH FORM YOUTH CLUB

### JULY

- 1ST LOWER SCHOOL YOUTH CLUB
- 3RD UPPER SCHOOL YOUTH CLUB
- 4TH 6TH FORM YOUTH CLUB
- 10TH PENN FIELDS SUMMER FAYRE
- 15TH LOWER SCHOOL YOUTH CLUB
- 18TH LAST DAY OF TERM

**21ST SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 21ST JULY—31ST AUGUST 2014**