

SEPTEMBER 2009

Penn Fields School Autumn Term News Letter

Quick Check - Diary Dates

SEPTEMBER

- 7th — School re-opens to pupils
- 29th — Governors meeting
- 29th — Harvest Assembly

OCTOBER

- 12th — 16th Annual Review Week
- 21st — Parents Evening 6pm — 8pm
- 26th- 30th Half Term

NOVEMBER

- 2nd — School Re-opens
- 11th — Remembrance Assembly

DECEMBER

- 8th — Christams Production—10am
- 9th — Christmas Production—2pm
- 15th — KS1/2 Christmas Party
- 16th — KS3 — Christmas Party
- 17th — KS4 — Christmas Trip
- Friday 18th December — Last day of term

School re-opens to pupils on Tuesday 5th January 2010

Please keep this page as it contains important information for the coming term.

ASSEMBLY ROTA

Parents/visitors are welcome to attend class assemblies. Please note, they take place on Wednesdays at 9.50 am until 10.10am.

SEPTEMBER

14th Sept — Class 11 (Monday)
16th Sept — Mr Yates
23rd Sept — Class 10
30th Sept — Mrs Griffiths Lit Group

OCTOBER

7th Oct — Mr Hussain
14th Oct — Mr Jackson's Lit Group
21st Oct — Class 4
HALF TERM

NOVEMBER

4th Nov — Class 3
9th Nov — Mrs Callister
18th Nov — Class 2
25th Nov — Outreach

DECEMBER

2nd Dec — Class 1
9th Dec — Mrs Hall's Lit Group
TBA — Mr Roalfe's Lit Group

IMPORTANT

Please remember that children should not arrive at school any earlier than 8.30am and should always be collected at 3.05pm. The school is not insured for pupils to be on the premises either before or after these times.

School Dinners

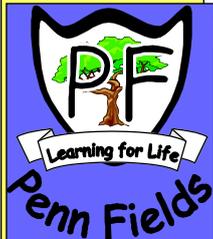
The cost of school Dinners is now £1.80 per day. This should be paid weekly (£9), in advance, on the first day of the week. Please ensure you give the office at least a weeks notice if you wish to change your child's meal arrangements.

Breakfast Club

If your child attends Breakfast Club, the cost is £1.50 per day, payable on the day or paid weekly in advance, on the first day of the week.

Milk Money

If your child is in class 1-4 and you would like them to have milk, the cost is now £8 per term. This should be sent in by Friday 18th September at the latest.



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FIRST EVER RESIDENTIAL FOR CLASS 1



Class 1 enjoyed their first residential at Beaudesert Park in Cannock Wood. The children experienced a variety of outdoor activities including a minibeast safari, treasure hunt and go-carting. Everyone was very well behaved and the



trip proved to be extremely successful. In addition, pupils in Class 1 have taken part in a range of outdoor visits such as Bantock Park, football at Aldersley Stadium Dome and strawberry picking at Bradshaws farm.

Welcome back!

I hope you all had an enjoyable summerdespite the British weather! It looks as if we are going to be having a busy autumn term for our pupils which will culminate in a Christmas production for our primary pupils.

We had some outstanding GCSE and Entry Level examination results and have high expectations for this year's class 11.

I look forward to meeting with you during the term, and as you know, you are more than welcome to visit or contact us with any concerns you may have.

Miss E Stanley
Deputy Head

Gelliwig Residential

'Having escaped the wet of Wolverhampton, Class 9 and friends enjoy the cool air in the caverns of King Arthur's Labyrinth.' The weather in North Wales was great so we spent our enjoyable evenings exploring the beach and playing games.

We stayed in a big house in Porthmadoc called Gelliwig and had to help with the cooking, washing up and



cleaning. It was a good experience for us all. Wales is a beautiful place and we visited King Arthur's Labyrinth in Corris, travelled to Tan y Bwlch on the Ffestiniog Railway, walked round the forest at Llyn Mair and on our last morning we went to Beddgelert. This means the 'grave of Gelert'. The weather was very kind to us and this made our stay at Gelliwig so enjoyable.

Speech and Language Therapy

This year class one has participated in a speech and language programme called Time to Talk. The central character in the programme is Ginger Bear, and the class have enjoyed the many fun activities associated with her story. Many parents of children in class one will be familiar with the home activities, rhymes and poems that are regularly submitted to them, and most will agree that the pupils have benefited from the extra practise that these activities provide. We hope to continue this as a whole class programme in the future for others to enjoy. During this year's schedule the pupils in class one have developed some very creative role play around the theme of Ginger and particularly Ginger's Burger Bar, and have taken part in a class visit to McDonalds using their communication skills to order themselves a milkshake. The visit was a great success and we wish to thank parents for their support.



Bantock Museum

Black Country Treasures, featuring the work about Wolverhampton, which was completed by a group of year 8 pupils linking their history studies with a museum project, was finally displayed at Bantock Museum.



Cinderella Pantomime

This year, pupils in class eight have been learning about the traditions of Pantomime and have written, rehearsed and performed their own version of the pantomime classic 'Cinderella'. The cast includes Ijaz Mohammed as Buttons, Sharanjit Binning as Cinderella, Jay Beech, Carl Edge and Jack Noden as the ugly sisters and Tammileigh Edwards and Jessica Guy as the pantomime



SUMMER FAIR

This year's Summer Fair took place on a fine and sunny day in July. The preparations started early in the summer term with class 10 running a football raffle. 10 balls were won this year with profit going to the Summer Fair. The ASDAN group also started their organisation by designing and making posters which they then took round to local shops and businesses to advertise the event.

On the days just before the summer fair, the ASDAN group and Class 1 visited Bradshaws to pick strawberries for the refreshments stalls. Plenty were picked and as many eaten during the afternoon! Class 10 spent the day of the summer fair blowing up over 170 balloons for the annual balloon race which were released between showers. To date we have had balloons identified in Warwickshire, Buckinghamshire and Kent!



5 pupils offered to stay behind after school to help staff set up their stalls. They worked extremely hard, moving tables

and equipment out to the playground.

By 6 o'clock the queue stretched out onto the pavement and as usual our parents and friends supported us tremendously with our annual fundraiser. Over £1600 has been raised, which will go some way to keeping the minibuses on the road and financing Christmas entertainment which as usual will be upon us before we know it!!



Highfields and Penn Fields Inclusion Project

Over the past three weeks, year eight pupils from Penn Fields school have been taking part in an inclusion project with year eight pupils from Highfields Specialist Science School in order to prepare the pupils for when the two schools are co-located in 2012.



The pupils worked on a piece of drama and a short story based on the theme of 'Crime Scene Investigation' and

began by walking into a crime scene including the 'murder victim' and many clues. They had to work out 'Who done it?' by working in teams as detectives.



Penn Fields pupils were extremely well received by the Highfields pupils and both groups are desperate to work together on similar projects in the future so the co-location is eagerly anticipated by this group of pupils.

Working with the Community

Everyone has participated in a Fire Safety session, with the opportunity to experience what it is like being in a smoke filled space.



We had another successful term with our involvement in the Bikability program. Some pupils have achieved Levels 1 & 2.

Sports News

Athletics Championships

On Monday 29th June Penn Fields entered a team in the WMSSSA Athletics Championships. The event was divided into Senior boys, Junior boys and U16 girls. All team members tried hard and showed a lot of enthusiasm and determination.

Notable performances:-

- 100m Senior boys Martin Jones 2nd
- 200m Junior boys Jack Noden 3rd
- 200m Senior boys David Hay 2nd
- Shot Junior boys Jack Noden 3rd
- Long Jump Senior boys Martin Jones 3rd
- High Jump Junior boys Carl Edge 3rd

Cricket Tournament

The WMSSSA cricket tournament was held at Wolverhampton Cricket Club on the 14th July. Penn Fields were the only team to field three girls who had trained with the boys for the competition. Although we did not win one match the team improved with every game and had a superb day!

Football Tournament

We entered two teams in the WMSSSA football tournament held on the 29th May. There were 12 teams in the U14 competition divided into two leagues with the top two teams going through to the semi final. The U14 team unfortunately were drawn in league 1 and played last Year's finalists, Hednesford Valley who won 1-0 in a close match. Eventually Penn Fields remembered how to play football and qualified for the semi finals where they played Two Rivers. After extra time the two teams could not be separated so it went to penalties and Two Rivers went through and ultimately won the overall competition in the final.

The U16 team had to play every school and their results were; won 1, drew 2 and lost 3. Best performance was against Wightwick which we won 2-1.

This was a very good competition with Penn Fields showing improvement in both year groups.

FOOTBALL COACHING AT ALDERSLEY DOME

Throughout the year pupils have had the opportunity to visit 'the Dome' at Aldersley Stadium, for coaching with Wolves F.C. This has proved a very successful link, that will continue throughout the autumn term.



SCHOOL UNIFORMS

NEW P.E. KIT NOW INSTOCK

Prices: £10.00

P.E Kit comprising: Pump bag with logo
Blue t-shirt with logo
Blue Shorts

Individual Prices

T-shirts

Age 3/4 – 11/12 £4.00

Size S,M,L – XL £4.50

Shorts

18/20 – 26/28 waist £3.00

30/32 – 34/36 £3.50

Pump Bag £3.00

School Uniform

Polo Shirts

24" - small £6.00

Med—XL £8.00

Sweat-Shirts

24" - 32" £8.00

Med—L £9.00

XL—XXL £11.00

KS1-3 Royal Blue KS4 Black

BREAKFAST CLUB

Everyday the school runs a breakfast club from 8.30am—8.55am. This consists of toast, healthy cereals, fruit juices etc. The cost of a breakfast is £1.50.

Also on a monthly basis the school has breakfast specials. These are notified on a flyer that is sent home with pupils. This months breakfast special on 18th Sept will be



a choice of
egg, beans with
toast



or sausage, beans
with toast.

The breakfast specials also cost £1.50. Breakfasts can be paid in advance for up to a week or on the day. Keep an eye out for those specials!

PARENT GOVERNORS

Do you want to play a more active role in your child's school. We currently have vacancies for Parent Governors.

If you are interested in this important and interesting opportunity, please contact Mrs S Bromley at the School Office.

HELLO'S & GOODBYE'S

The end of the Summer term saw us saying goodbye to Miss Cross (from Class 4).

In the Autumn term we welcome Mrs G Aujla (Teaching Assistant in class 7) and Miss Smith (TLSA) in Class 3.

We also offer our warm congratulations to a number of staff who have recently tied the knot during the summer holidays, so congratulations to Miss Cooper (now Mrs McGregor), Miss Osbourne (now Mrs Thornton) and Mrs Richards (now Mrs Rowe).