



# Penn Fields School Newsletter

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## Christmas Cards

If students wish to send each other Christmas cards, the deadline to bring cards in to school is Friday 11th December. Cards will then be 'quarantined' in either the Christmas card post box or in student classrooms until Tuesday 15th December when staff will hand the cards out. Any cards brought in to school after Friday 11th December will not be handed out.

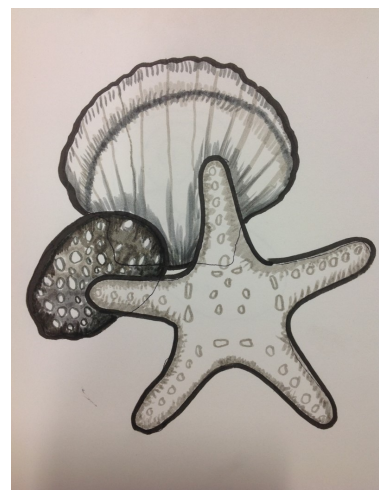


## Artist of the Week

Artist of the week is Jack in class 4Y.

Jack has created a drawing from first hand observation of shells in pen and ink. Jack worked really hard to improve the quality of the shapes, lines and patterns he uses in his drawings. Jack has also made significant progress in the composition of his art work.

Composition in art means the arrangement of elements within the picture space. The positioning and arrangement of objects within an art work affects how the viewer interacts with what is created. Composition is what helps makes an interesting and visually pleasing image.



## Christmas Dinner

Lower School students enjoyed their Christmas dinner this week and next week Upper School students will be sitting down to enjoy theirs too. Students will be seated in their tutor bubble, socially distanced away from any other tutor bubble, following Covid 19 safety measures. Below are the dates that Upper School students will be enjoying their Christmas dinner and photos will follow in next weeks newsletter.

Monday 7th December = 7S / 8Y / Nurture / 6th Form (NOVA & WVTC students)

Tuesday 8th December = 7W / 8P / Yr9

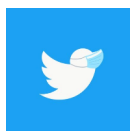
Wednesday 9th December = 4H / 4Y / 6th Form (Rodbaston Students)

## Word of the Week

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



## 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.



## Makaton Corner

Makaton is an AAC, meaning Augmentative and Alternative Communication. This is used to describe different ways of communicating, either to support speech (augmentative) or instead of speaking (alternative). This could be using signs, symbols, communication boards, apps and Voice Output Communication Aids (VOCAs).

### Top tips for signing with your child:

Offer lots of encouragement and give praise when a sign is attempted.



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Head to the Penn Fields website [www.pennfields.com](http://www.pennfields.com) for past newsletters, where you can look back at all the Makaton Corners to date.

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

## Children in Need 2020

Thank you to all students and parents for their contributions towards the Children in Need activities that took place on Friday 13th November 2020. Students took part in a number of activities including a live 20 minute work out with Joe



Well Done Everyone!

Wicks, who was completing a 24 hour non stop PE challenge. Many students also wore a different item of clothing and donated £1 to Children in Need.

## Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 11th December at Penn Fields School, it will be Christmas Jumper Day - Students are asked to wear normal school uniform, but replace their school jumper only with a Christmas jumper - Please note this is optional, students may remain in 100% school uniform if preferred. Christmas jumper day this year is just for fun!



## Dates for your Diary

Start of Autumn Term 2:

Children In Need Day:

**School Photographs - Cancelled**

Christmas Jumper Day:

Last Day of the Autumn Term:

Monday 4th January 2021:

Tuesday 5th January 2021:

Wednesday 6th January 2021:

Monday 15th - Friday 19th February 2021:

Tuesday 3 November—Friday 18 December 2020

Friday 13 November 2020

**Cancelled**

Friday 11 December 2020

Friday 18 December 2020 **(School closes at 13:30)**

School Closed - Staff INSET Day

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Start of Spring Term 1 - All students return to school

Half Term Holiday

