



NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2014

Ash Class

Ash Class have had a very busy term ending with a visit to Baggeridge Country Park. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and especially the play area. The activities here helped develop their co-ordination and turn-taking skills. We had a walk to the top of the hill and admired the beautiful view. We enjoyed a lovely "Teddy Bears Picnic, followed by games on the field. We finished a fantastic day with

a well deserved ice-cream.



Oak Class

Oak Class had a super seaside trip to Llandudno. The sun was shining as we paddled in the sea and had fun on the beach. We walked along the pier and enjoyed an ice cream whilst we dipped our feet in the sea. A lovely time was had by all.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents & Carers,

Looking through this newsletter has given me much pleasure and enabled me to reflect upon a very successful year at Penn Fields School.. It has also served to remind me of what a very busy summer term we had with our curriculum being supported by a wide range of activities, visits and residential trips. I must commend the staff and the pupils on their energy, enthusiasm and drive which make such events so successful. I am sure that the new school year will offer just as many adventures and challenges. I look forward to meeting with parents and carers of both our new and existing pupils during this autumn term.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours faithfully Miss E Stanley—Head Teacher

Elm Class went to Wolf Mountain for their final class visit together. They all took part in caving and climbing activities. It was great fun !!



Some of the children in Elm and Oak enjoyed a 2-day residential visit to Kingswood. They took part in a number of outdoor activities and even got to build a fire and toast marshmallows!



Pupils from Lower and Upper school have worked extremely hard with Mrs McGregor and visiting Artist, Ruth Spaak to create willow sculptures for the outside area. They look wonderful! Well done and thank you to everyone involved.



NUMICON training was delivered to all Teaching and Support staff at the beginning of the summer term. Despite being in the early stages teachers feel that NUMICON is beginning to have a positive effect on children's learning in Numeracy. Children enjoy the practical aspect of using the NUMICON apparatus. Children have found adding, subtracting multiplying and dividing easier when they use the NUMICON shapes.



The Speech and Language Therapy department have enjoyed a busy year developing and supporting individual and group language

programmes. We have recently welcomed Hayley Butler, a new Speech and Language Therapist, into the team.

We have enjoyed different activities with our language groups

throughout the year including a visit to the bowling alley with the senior social language group, and a visit to McDonalds.

The students practised their 'good looking' and 'good listening' skills.

Mrs Richardson has been developing her newly acquired iPad film directing skills with her primary language group and together they

have produced a topic based film clip of their choice. This has been a very exciting experience for those involved, who have gained a lot from

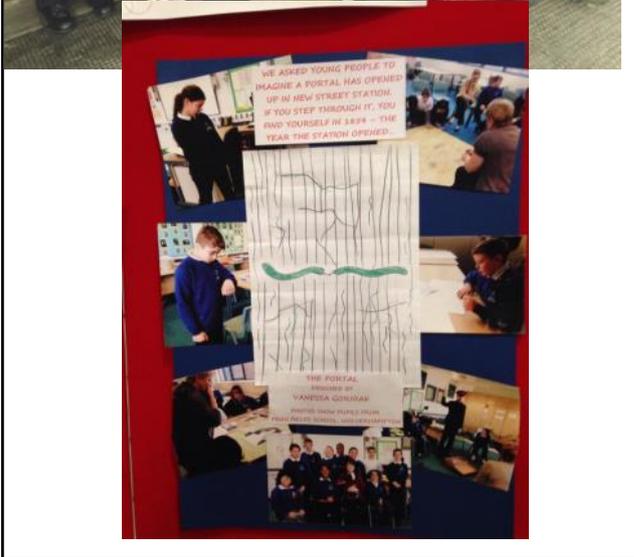
working together co-operatively and building their language skills in an entertaining style.

Last term children in year 7 worked with a visiting drama group on a project for the new station in Birmingham. We went to Birmingham New Street Station, on the train, to see what they had been working towards and view our work which on display.



The weather was glorious when Year 7 went to Kingswood for the day, which enabled the pupils to participate in a variety of activities which included climbing trees, pond dipping, orienteering, blind folded trail and the zip wire slide.

We had a picnic in the grounds and met the rabbits, guinea pigs and tortoise. A fantastic day was had by all pupils and staff.



PENN FIELDS YOUTH CLUBS

All 3 youth clubs remain extremely popular and over-subscribed.

This term over 40 pupils have taken part in a wide range of activities such as swimming, bowling, visits to Baggeridge Country Park, as well as many activities in and around school.

KS2 youth club takes place on a Tuesday,

KS3 & 4 on a Thursday

KS4 & 5 on a Friday.

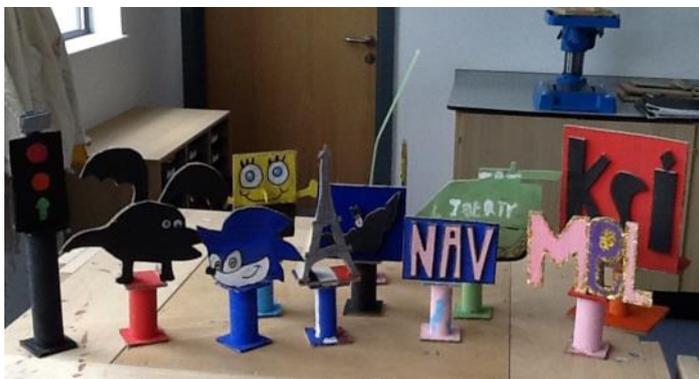
Clubs run fortnightly from 3.15-5.30pm (6pm on a Friday)



Earlier in the summer Class 8 visited Baggeridge Country Park to look at the mining themed sculptures there. They sketched their version and then returned to school to design their own statues.

Over the course of 5 weeks they have produced a wide variety of designs that are colourful and very interesting to look at.

Here are a selection of them.



As part of their work on Healthy Eating, Class 9 have worked on Healthy Picnic ideas. They planned, made their healthy snacks and went to "The Hamble" for a beautifully sunny



afternoon of fun and food. Everyone had a great time and will be able to recognise Healthy and Unhealthy foods.

A variety of KS3, 4 and 5 students worked over a period of 6 weeks to get the planters ready for growing vegetables. A total of 134 buckets of stones was removed before our seedlings could be planted.

With tender care from Transition's group and 6th former's our vegetables have flourished and have already supplied two school events with a tasty salad.

Children in year 10 have had an end of year trip visiting the cinema to watch Transformers and then a picnic at the castle ruins in Dudley to finish the day off.



In May, 10 of the Class 9 pupils had a fantastic residential experience to Porthmadog in Wales for a week.

They visited Coed-y-Brenin, Beddgellert, Greenwood Forest Park and Criccieth beach.

Activities included den building, walking, rock scrambling, archery, rock pooling, crabbing and riding on a rollercoaster.

Mrs Tolson, Mrs Yates and Mr Fletcher were all very proud of the determination, courage and team work shown by everyone when faced with some very difficult challenges.



10 students from the Transition and Sixth Form groups enjoyed a 3 day residential based at Buxton in the Peak District. They had a fun packed trip and activities included visiting an Otter, Owl and Deer Conservation centre, Poole's Cavern, Tittesworth Reservoir, The Pavillion Gardens Park and Dovedale. Mrs Case, Mr Dew and Mr Fletcher were all very proud of how sensible and well behaved everyone was.

Class 10 are continuing to work hard towards their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award. This term the focus has been on expedition training. The group has learned how to put up tents and use a Trangia (cooking stove). Their first practice expedition went very well. The whole group managed to carry their big heavy rucksacks and walk 6 miles along local canal towpaths and disused railway lines. They then put their camping skills into action by sleeping in tents on the school field. The plan is to do another practice expedition early next term and then the final assessed expedition will be just after Easter next year.



PE at Penn Fields

Classes have been taking part in a wide range of activities including Tennis, Rounder's, Cricket and Athletics this term.

Pupils in key stage 3 have worked hard on their catching, fielding and batting skills.

In key stage 4 pupils have worked on playing full games of rounders and small games of cricket.

Whilst working on Athletics, pupils have looked at throws such as shot- putt, discuss, javelin, jumps such as long and triple and long and shorts distance runs.

Well done to all pupils this term. You should be very proud of your learning, another fantastic term for Penn Fields Sport.

As a school we are improving in the competitions and the skill levels of individuals competing. There were 3 Gold medals in the Athletics from Chad Palmer (High Jump), Tyrese Dunkley (100m) and Ben Williams (200m). We had quite a few 2nd places as well from Mackenzie, Deandre , Josh and the senior boys relay team.

We finished 3rd and 4th in the Netball Tournament out of 7 teams. The 2 teams worked so hard and Sapphire Dixon was our star of the day.

A small group of pupils went to a SMILE event at Walsall Campus and from this Tyrese Dunkley has been asked to represent the Midlands in Judo and Athletics, well done Tyrese !

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL PARENTS & CARERS

SCHOOL MEALS

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL **YEAR 1** STUDENTS ARE ENTITLED TO A FREE SCHOOL MEAL UNDER THE NEW GOVERNMENT SCHOOL MEAL PROJECT.

THE COST OF A SCHOOL MEAL FOR **YEARS 2—6** STUDENTS IS NOW **£2.10** PER DAY

THE COST OF A SCHOOL MEAL FOR YEARS **7-6TH** FORM STUDENTS IS NOW **£2.20** PER DAY.

MILK FOR LOWER SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY IS CHARGED AT £11 PER TERM.

MORRISONS LET'S GROW VOUCHERS

Do you shop at Morrisons ?

We are now collecting the Let's Grow Vouchers to enable us to purchase gardening equipment for our students to use.

We would be very grateful if you can send any vouchers into school.





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AUTUMN 2014– DIARY DATES

September

3rd	Pupils back to school
9th	Youth Club
10th	Share Group
11th	Youth Club
12th	Youth Club
16th	Youth Club
18th	Youth Club
23rd	Youth Club
25th	Youth Club
26th	Youth Club

October

8th	Harvest Assembly (School)
15th	Parents Evening (6pm-8pm)
21st	Youth Club
23rd	Youth Club
24th	Youth Club

HALF TERM BREAK

27th —31st October

November

4th	Youth Club
6th	Youth Club
7th	Youth Club
12th	Remembrance Assembly
18th	Youth Club
20th	Youth Club
21st	Youth Club
25th	Youth Club

December

2nd	Youth Club
4th	Youth Club
5th	Youth Club
9th	KS1&2 Christmas Production 10am
10th	KS1 & 2 Christmas Production 2.00 pm
11th	Christmas Lunch
16th	KS1&2 Parties PM
17th	Carol Service
	KS3 Disco PM
18th	KS4 Christmas Trip
	6th Form Trip PM
19th	Final Assembly

CHRISTMAS BREAK 22nd December—3rd January

**PLEASE REFER TO THIS PAGE FOR IMPORTANT
DATES DURING THIS TERM**

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ASSEMBLY ROTA AUTUMN TERM 2014

DATE	CLASS /GROUP/ STAFF
September 3rd	Miss Stanley
Monday September 8 th	Mr Roalfe
September 10 th	Elm Class
Monday September 15 th	No assembly
September 17 th	Mrs Nock
Monday 23 rd September	Oak Class
September 24 th	Mrs Callister (Harvest rehearsals)
Monday September 29 th	Class 11
October 1 st	Ash Class
Monday 6 th October	Mrs Plant—St Barts
8 th October	Harvest Festival (School only)
Monday 13 th	Mr Hussain (Eid – Islam)
October 15 th	Mrs Morgan
Monday 20 th	Mrs Griffiths' Literacy Group
October 22 nd	Acorn Class
	HALF TERM
Monday November 3 rd	Reverend Ben from St. Barts
November 5 th	Class 10
Monday 10 th November	Mrs McGregor
12th November	Remembrance Assembly (School only)
Monday 17 th	Mr Yates' Literacy Group
November 19 th	Mrs Timbrell's Literacy Group
Monday 24 th	Mrs Plant
November 26 th	Miss Moran's Literacy Group
Monday December 1 st	Mrs Blower
December 3 rd	Christmas rehearsals
Monday December 8 th	Christmas Dress Rehearsal
December 10 th	No assembly
Good Work Assemblies	Miss Stanley/Mr Roalfe Mrs Payne/SMT

ASSEMBLY STARTS AT 9.50AM. PLEASE CALL US ON 01902 558640 TO ENSURE THAT ASSEMBLY IS STILL GOING AHEAD AS PLANNED.