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Penn Fields School Autumn Term News Letter

Quick Check - Diary Dates

September

- 10th — Eid
- 14th — New Parents Meeting

October

- 5th — Harvest Festival
- 13th — Parents Evening 6pm-8pm
- 18th — KS4 Residential to Towers

25th — 29th HALF TERM

November

- 5th — Bonfire Night/Divali
- 15th — Remembrance Assembly

December

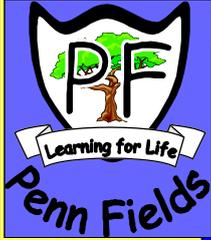
- 7th — Christmas Production (a.m.)
- 8th — Christmas Production (p.m.)
- 9th — Christmas Lunch
- 14th — KS 1 and 2 Christmas Party
- 15th — KS3 Christmas Party
- 16th — KS4 Christmas Outing

20th December — 3rd January Christmas Break

January

- 4th — **INSET DAY**
- 5th — School re-opens to pupils

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



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Successful Summer Fair

Our annual Summer Fair took place on 14th July and we were fortunate enough to have one of the few dry evenings of the month!

The Harley-Davidson motor cycles proved to be very popular with the adults, whilst the children



enjoyed the pony rides and bouncy castle.

Once again the BBQ stall proved to be a great attraction. The evening was once again a resounding success with over £1600 raised which will go towards supporting the numerous activities our pupils undertake during the year.

A big thank you to all of you for supporting the event. Your donations for the stalls and prizes were invaluable.

Welcome back to the Start of the new school year. I hope you all had an enjoyable summer despite the disappointing weather. We have had over 20 new pupils joining us this September and I am looking forward to meeting all of our parents/carers, old and new during the coming term.

In order to try and simplify the amount of paperwork we send out at the start of a new school year, we have put all letters together in individual pupil folders. If you sign the forms and return them in the folder it will hopefully stop letters getting lost and will make things easier for you!

Miss E. Stanley – Headteacher

Class 9's visit to Gelliwig

Here we are at the top of Cwm Bychan with wonderful views of Mount Snowdon. Our intrepid group have enjoyed exploring the Snowdonia National Park during our stay at Gelliwig. We have visited the Mediterranean style village of Portmeirion and explored the surrounding countryside. We have experienced the Ffestiniog Steam Railway and Llyn Mair. At Beddgelert we learned about the story of Gelert and visited his grave. Gelliwig is a big house in Porthmadog, we have had to look after the place and make sure it was clean and tidy for the next group coming



in. We worked hard in groups taking turns at washing up, cleaning, shopping, cooking and making the sandwiches. It was hard work but it was worth it, we all had a fantastic

Year 9 Overnight Camp

On the 21st July Year 9 were given the opportunity to take part in an overnight camp on the school playing fields. The aim of the camp was to train the pupils so that they could help on lower school camps in the future.

The pupils that took part were; Carl Edge, Ijaz Mohammed, Sharanjit Binning, Paige Hickie, Tammileigh Edwards, Tanraaj Cheema, Junaid Shafiq, Kyle Lee, Jay Beech, Jack Noden and Eddie Fellows.

The pupils learnt how to erect the tents including the big white mess tent and basic campcraft. The whole group worked well in their groups and all the staff commented how well behaved and hardworking they were.

Many thanks to all staff who gave up their time to make this a very successful camp.

Strawberry Picking at Bradshaw's Farm



Class One went on a trip to Bradshaw's Farm where they all had

fun strawberry picking. The strawberries were sold at the summer fair and raised lots of money for school.



Class 3's Hanging Basket Creation



Class 3 went to West Park and spent the day with the Park Rangers. They did some environmental work and made some beautiful hanging baskets. These baskets can now be found hanging in the Sensory Garden at school

WMSSSA - Cricket Tournament

The WMSSSA cricket tournament was held at Wolverhampton Cricket Club on the 14th July. Penn Fields were the only team to field two girls who had trained with the boys for the competition. Although we only won one match, the team improved with every game and had a superb day!

Team :- Junaid Shafiq(Capt), Carl Edge, Kyle Lee, Jack Noden, Sharanjit Binning, Paige Hickie, Brandon Lloyd, Tanraaj Cheema and Jay Beech.

Results:

2 Rivers 260	Penn Fields 215
Westcroft 260	Penn Fields 228
Southall 242	Penn Fields 236
Penn Fields 266	Wightwick 248



Busy term for Class 4

Class 4 have had a very busy summer term. As well as taking part in sailing, bikeability, visits to the Fire Station and Wolves Dome, we have also been to St Peter's School to take part in cookery activities. The cookies we have made tasted delicious and the children enjoyed choosing their own ingredients to add to their biscuits.

Sainsbury's Active kids Vouchers

Many thanks to all parents, friends and carers who sent into school the Sainsbury Active kids Vouchers. We collected over 7000 and these will be exchanged for cookery and PE equipment, which will arrive during the autumn term and be used by all pupils throughout the school.

Highfields Visits for Year 7



Year 7 pupils have enjoyed their continuing visits to Highfields School on Friday afternoons. This term they have taken part in redesigning a library to take into account different disabilities. The children contributed to the work of the Highfields pupils and took part in the presentations. They then moved on to some gardening and planted tomatoes, peas, carrots and spinach seeds in the environmental unit. Look at the concentration from Josh and Karandeep!



Youth Club



This year has seen the start of our Youth Clubs. There are two clubs, one for pupils in Key Stage 1 and 2 and another for Key Stage 3 and 4. We have been able to accommodate 12 pupils at each of the clubs. These run on a fortnightly basis on a Tuesday and Thursday from 3.15pm

until 5.30pm. We have enjoyed many activities such as bowling, cooking, sports evenings, visiting the local parks, tea at McDonalds and making Christmas decorations. All the pupils have enjoyed Youth Club and we look forward to welcoming more pupils in Autumn. Unfortunately we only have limited spaces available at the moment, and so a termly rota has been drawn up to ensure all pupils are given an opportunity to attend should they wish. Pupils and parents/carers will be notified at the beginning of each term when it is their turn.

Class 7 visit to Wildside Activity Centre



On 7th July class 7 went to Wildside activity centre in Wolverhampton. They were split into two groups for the day. One half went along the canal on a barge, learning how to open and close locks, the other half did a treasure hunt and went on a zip wire. For the morning treasure hunt they had to follow a map and a direction sheet, collect ten specified items, look for where certain photos were taken and answer a quiz. In the afternoon they climbed a ladder up to the bridge and then came down on the zip wire. The rain stayed away and they had a lovely day.

Horrible Science!!

On 9th July class 9 went to the Alexandra theatre in Birmingham for a Horrible Science production. The play included sketches about the body, bones, the digestive system, germs, microbes and forces. After the play they had a picnic in Cannon Hill Park. The pupils had to design a poster showing the mad scientist at work and Sharanjit Binning won 1st prize.

