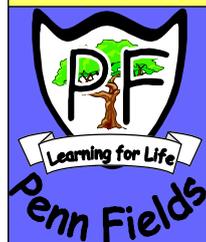


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## Quick Check – Diary Dates

### September

- 5th — **INSET DAY**
- 6th — School re-opens to pupils
- 13th — New Parents Meeting (**KS 1 & 2 ONLY**)

### October

- 4th — Harvest Festival Assembly @ 9.55am
- 12th — Parents Evening @ 6pm-8pm
- 24th — 28th **HALF TERM**

### November

- 15th — Remembrance Assembly @ 9.55am

### December

- 6th — Christmas Production (KS1 & 2 ONLY) @ 9.55am
- 7th — Christmas Production (KS1 & 2) ONLY @ 2 pm
- 8th — Christmas Lunch
- 12th — Carol Service (Whole School) @ Beckminster Church
- 13th — KS 1 & 2 Christmas Parties (pm)
- 14th — KS 3 Christmas Disco
- 15th — KS 4 Christmas Trip
- 16th — Break Up for Christmas Break
- 19th — 3rd **Christmas Break**

### January

- 3rd — **INSET DAY**
- 4th — School re-opens to pupils

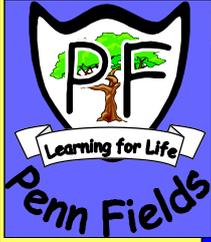
Please keep this page as it contains important information for the coming term.

## ASSEMBLY ROTA AUTUMN TERM 2011

DATE	CLASS/STAFF
September 14th	Mrs Callister
September 21st	Class 10
September 26th	Class 3
September 28th	Class 4
October 5th	Mr Jacksons Literacy Group
October 12th	Miss Moran
October 17th	Mr Hussain
October 19th	Class 1
<b>October 24th-28th HALF TERM</b>	
November 2nd	Class 2
November 7th	Mr Yates
November 9th	Mrs Griffiths Literacy Group
November 16th	Mrs Nock
November 23rd	Mrs Blower
November 30th	Mrs Halls Literacy Group
December 14th	Mrs Morgan
Mondays/GWA's	Miss Stanley / Mr Roalfe / SMT

Assemblies normally take place on a Wednesday at 9.55am, unless specified differently above. Occasionally assemblies may have to be cancelled or the dates changed. If there is any doubt, please telephone the school on 558640.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>IMPORTANT</b></p> <p>Please remember MOBILE PHONES should not be brought into school by pupils. The school cannot be responsible for the safe keeping of phones. Only independent travellers are allowed to bring their phones into school, and these MUST be handed into the office at the beginning of the day</p>	<p><b>School Dinners</b> The cost of school Dinners is £2.00 per day. This should be paid weekly (£10.00), 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</p> <p><b>Breakfast Club</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Milk Money</b> If your child is in class 1-4 and you would like them to have semi skimmed milk, the cost is £10 per term. Unfortunately we can no longer provide whole milk. This should be sent in by Friday 23rd September at the latest.</p>
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## SUMMER FAIR



Penn Fields Annual Summer Fair was this year blessed by a lovely evening which enabled us to hold the event outside in the sunshine! The weather played an important part in ensuring we had an excellent attendance. One of the highlights of the evening was an excellent display by our Fire Cadets who are a credit to the school. They managed to put out a burning car, rescue its overacting driver and rescue a cat from a tree! A big thank you must go to the fire-fighters from Merridale

Fire station, ably supported by our Community Police Officers, for all of the hard work and support they give our pupils on a Thursday evening. Our usual attractions such as the BBQ, raffle, tombola, balloon race, pony rides and many other stalls helped to raise over £1600. A big thank you to those of you who kindly donated prizes etc and to those who supported this event. The money raised will all be used in a variety of ways for the benefit of our pupils.



It is with mixed emotions that we start a new school year which will be our final year in the present building. Although I am looking forward to the move to the Highfields site, with a state of the art building and all of the facilities our pupils deserve, it will be sad to say goodbye to our school and the local community which has been our 'home' for such a long time. I will be writing to you shortly with information about the new school and how the move to the new building will be managed.

We welcome 5 new members of staff to Penn Fields, Mr Jones our new P.E teacher and 4 new members of support staff, Miss Mason, Miss Brookes, Mrs Perry and Mr Dew. I look forward to meeting you during the term in what promises to be another busy and exciting school year.

Miss E. Stanley  
Headteacher

## WOSCARS 2011

The WOSCARS is an extremely successful annual event. It celebrates achievements of teachers and learners in digital film and media creativity in schools in Wolverhampton. Entries are judged and the shortlisted schools are invited to the most glittering event of the academic year! The winning school for each category is announced at the ceremony. This year Penn Fields received eight nominations for awards, and was the most successful school at the awards, gaining four WOSCARS, including a special recognition award for the school's innovative work using digital portfolios.

### WOSCARS Nominations

KS2 Digital Art – John Broome (Colourful 2)  
KS2 Animation – Nawaaf Koodaruth (The Setting Sun)  
KS4 Digital Game – Vincent Marandola (Impossible)  
KS4 E-book – Aaron Matharu (Midland Metro)  
KS4 Digital Art – Sharanjit Binning (School Entrance)

### WOSCAR Winners

KS3 E-book – Luke Sullivan (Sam's Tour of the School)  
KS4 Audio – Aaron Matharu (Podcast)  
KS4 Digital Communication (BSF Award) – Tanraj Cheema (My City)  
Special Award – Penn Fields School (Digital Portfolios)



Mr Roalfe, Luke, Tanraj & Aaron with their WOSCARS

More information can be found on the WOSCARS website at <https://www.wolverhampton-engage.net/sites/anonymous/woscars/Pages/default.aspx>

### Class 3 visits to RAF Cosford & Wildside Centre



Class 3 have enjoyed their theme work, and especially their visits to Cosford Air Museum and The Wildside Centre. The children saw many old and new planes and went on a ride in the Black Hawk Simulator. They also enjoyed travelling along the canal, and learned how to open and close the locks.



### An arresting experience!

Mr Yates, the Art and D&T teacher felt the long arm of the law when Penn Fields had a visit from the police recently. As well as helping the pupils understand the many aspects of their important job the police let the pupils try on uniforms and try out their kit.



Pictured: Jason Banks and Adam Mabberley.

### KS2 Youth Club.



The KS2 youth club has again been very popular. Pupils have experienced a wide range of activities, inside and outside of school. Everyone involved has had a great time and are eager to return when Youth Club starts again in late September.

If your child is in Class 3 or 4 in September and they would like to attend please let the school know as soon as possible because spaces are limited.

## Gelliwig Residential



On the 23<sup>rd</sup> May, we went on a residential trip to Gelliwig in North Wales. It took us 2 ½ hours to travel there by bus. The house was massive and we slept in bunk beds. The boys slept upstairs and the girls slept downstairs. On the first night we couldn't sleep for laughing because Stuart and Josh were snoring. The

teachers did all the cooking for us but we had to wash up, tidy up and make the sandwiches for day trips. We had to write a daily diary and send postcards. We went on lots of day trips. Here we are at Portmeirion, we had a long walk there and looked at the amazing village. We went to the beaches at Criccieth and Black Rock Sands. We visited Coed y Brenin, Bedgellert and went on an old steam train to Tan y Bwlch. But we enjoyed our visits to the beach best. Thank you to all our staff for taking us and to Mr Jackson for getting the fish and chips.

## **The Art of Success!**



Class 11 have had another successful year at Penn Fields. They have completed their Entry Level qualifications in Art and D&T with a range of excellent work including, sketching, painting, pastels, photograph as well as using plastics in D&T. Well done all involved!

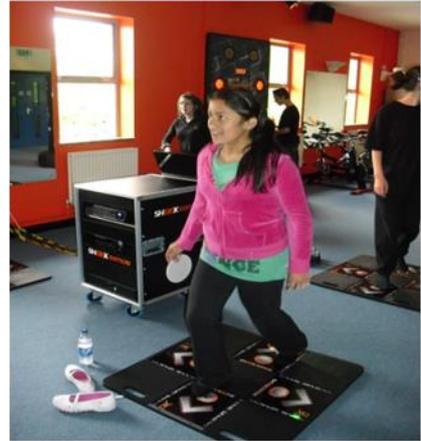
Pictured: The work of Aarondeep Matharu and Stephen Swain.

## Skills for Independence



This new course has offered members of KS4 a variety of new experiences and this term's module on "Leisure in the local community" has involved visits to a variety of activities which take place in Wolverhampton. As well as visiting a variety of local parks and places of cultural interest, class 10 & 11

have spent some afternoons at the new Shokk gym facilities at central baths. At £1 this facility is well supervised and offers our pupils an excellent opportunity to exercise. Pupils have completed an induction and can therefore use the facility out of school time.



## **Wildside Year 7**

The annual trip was made to Wildside in July. A group went on a canal boat and helped with the locks, while another group traversed a canal bridge returning to the canal path by a zip wire.



## **A Busy Summer Term for Class 2**



Class 2 enjoyed finding out about machines on the move, especially the visits to Bobbington airport and a ride on the steam train at Severn Valley railway. Our 'Strawberries and Cream' stall at the summer fayre was a great success. The children picked the strawberries at

Essington fruit farm for the fayre and we saved some for a strawberry tea party at school. The children made strawberry milkshakes, short-bread and ice cream. A lovely time was had by all!



## Key Stage 3 Friday Afternoons

Pupils were able to understand difficulties associated with hearing and visual impairment



Pupils have also been undertaking road safety training.



Pupils have been busy baking cookies and making wraps.



### Managing Money Course For Class 11

Pupils in Class 11 completed a Personal and Social Development course entitled Managing Money. They thought about how they would manage a weekly budget and produced a PowerPoint presentation of their ideas. Some of the items pupils would buy on a regular basis are shown here. Here are some things that they would have to save up for.



### Class 8 T-shirts



Recently class 8 designed their own t-shirts based on what they wanted to do when they are older. The pupils had a wide range of ambitions including hairdressers, police officers and racing drivers! The pupils were all very happy with their t-shirts and were eager to take them home.