

SEPTEMBER 2012



Penn Fields School News Letter

SUMMER FAIR 2012



Penn Fields Annual Summer Fair was held on one of the very few sunny evenings in July which enabled us to hold the event outside in the sunshine! It was a very successful evening and as usual very well attended. The attractions such as the BBQ, raffle, tombola, face painting, café and many other stalls helped to raise



over **£1100**. 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 to support our pupils and help run the school minibuses.

Dear Parents/Carers, Friends and Governors

The new school building was finally handed over to Penn Fields School on September 3rd and staff returned on the 4th of September. We had to unpack over 900 crates of equipment and resources to prepare school for the return of our pupils. The faces of the pupils when they came into their new school for the first time was a sight to be seen. The new school is a very impressive building and we now have the facilities that will allow us to deliver a wide and varied curriculum that will meet the needs of all pupils.

At the end of last term we said goodbye to Upper School Phase Manager, Mrs Hall who had been at the school for over 20 years. At present Mrs Griffiths is leading KS3 and Mrs Nock is looking after pupils in KS4 and our new 6th form. We welcome Mr Cartwright onto the teaching staff and Miss Heslop and Miss Moore have joined our team of support staff. A big welcome to the seventeen new pupils that have joined the school at what is a very new and exciting time for everyone involved with Penn Fields. I look forward to meeting up with you over the coming term.

Miss E. Stanley
Headteacher



Multi-Skills Event at Aldersley Stadium

In June pupils from key stage 3 went to the multi schools games at Aldersley stadium. They took part in the football tournament against six other schools and came 6th.



Key Stage 3 Competency Curriculum

A number of lovely Friday afternoons were organised which included road safety, cooking, dancing, messy art, a celebration of the diamond jubilee and the Olympics.

Key Stage 2 and 3 Music Activities

A group of KS3 pupils and pupils from Penn Hall worked with Heather Bradshaw from the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra this term. We then attended a concert at the Symphony Hall which was enjoyed by all.

Pupils from Class 3 and 4 took part in the Whole School Music Project, this term they learned to play the fife and performed for KS1/2 and parents.

Members of the school choir and Class 3 took part in the Wolverhampton School Summer Music Festival at the Wulfrun Hall.

Key Stage 3 at Symphony Hall



In June key stage 3 pupils went to Birmingham symphony hall to watch a performance relating to world sports. It was audience participation and they all enjoyed it.

Morrisons Let's Grow Vouchers and Box Top Tokens

The school is continuing to collect Morrisons Lets Grow Vouchers and Box Top Tokens from Nestle Cereal boxes. These token will enable the school to receive free books for the library and garden plants and tools for the new garden room.

PE & Sports Summer Term

P.E - Pupils have had a busy term learning cricket, rounders, athletics, tennis and baseball. The pupils got to try baseball when we organised the Olympic Day where pupils were able to try a sport they may not have done before. Although the weather did dictate that lessons were brought inside, the pupil's skills improved very well indeed. I have been impressed by the application of all our pupils with regard to their learning. This has been a very pleasing and encouraging aspect of PE. When we move into our new school the facilities will enhance the pupils learning even further.

Athletics - On 5th July 14 pupils from Key Stage 3 & 4 attended the WMSSA Athletics Championships at Oakengates in Telford. There were some notable performances from Jordan Biggs (Year 10) in the 400m who gained a Gold Medal, Chad Palmer (Year 7) in the High Jump who also gained a Gold Medal and a special mention to Ben Williams (Year 8) who ran the 400m, 800m and 4x400m relay. He was a little tired on the way home. Well done to the whole Team because they came 4th out of 7 teams with some very strong competition.

Football - Key Stage 3 & 4 also took part in the WMSSA 6-a-side football tournament at Westcroft. There were some very strong teams involved and yet the Key Stage 3 team (consisting of year 7 & year 8 pupils) came a credible 4th out of 8 and the Key Stage 4 team came 3rd from 9. A fantastic effort from all involved. Well done.

SMILE EVENT - A number of pupils from Key Stage 3 went to Walsall Campus of Wolverhampton University, to take part in the SMILE multi sports event in May and then again in June to attend the Smile Football. They were all a credit to the school and were highly praised for their sporting excellence. Well done to all involved.

Rounders - On 14th July Key Stage 3 & 4 attended the WMSSA Rounders Tournament at Two Rivers School, Tamworth. On a beautiful day the pupils worked very hard. There was some excellent play from all involved and we achieved a very credible 4th place out of 8 for both teams. Well done.



Key Stage 3 at SMILE EVENT

In May key stage 3 pupils went to Wolverhampton university, Walsall campus to take part in S.M.I.L.E day. Between them they took part in Tag Rugby, Basketball, Hockey, Gymnastics and Judo.

Busy Term for Key Stage 1 and 2

Key Stage 1 & 2 have had a busy term, with many lovely activities taking place. The children have enjoyed participating in a water activity program at Gailey Lake. They have had the chance to do Canadian Canoeing and Sailing. A great time has been had by all.

Key Stage 1 & 2 children have joined in Diamond Jubilee celebrations. The day of Jubilee activities finished with an afternoon dance and outdoor party.

The Penn Fields Young Fire Fighters who meet every Thursday evening at Merridale Fire Station put on a fun and exciting presentation to show their fire drill skills. They showed how they could use the ladders and hose to 'save the Royal Family'. Next term we will be looking to recruit new members.



Year 7 at Wildside Activity Centre

In July year 7 and a few pupils from years 8 and 9, went to Wildside activity centre. Half the group went on a barge trip, learnt how to operate the locks and each had a turn at steering the boat. The other half did a treasure hunt and then went on the zip wire. Although unfortunately we had some rain the pupils enjoyed the day.

Key Stage 3 and 4 Celebrating World Sports Day



Across key stages 3 & 4 pupils celebrated world sports and culture day in June. A number of activities were arranged by staff and the pupils experienced a variety of events.



Key Stage visit to Kingswood Residential

10 pupils enjoyed a 2 day residential at the Kingwood centre. They did a number of outdoor activities including den building, nature trails, fire making, pet handling and pond dipping. We all had fun and sleep! We are hoping to go again next year.

Independent Living Skills

As part of their course, Year 10 have been looking at Leisure Activities available to them around Wolverhampton. They then visited Central Baths to follow an Induction programme in the SHOKK Gym designed specifically for use by young people. The pupils used cross-trainers, a treadmill, exercise bikes, reaction wall and fixed weights area. Having completed their Induction, the pupils have their gym card and can visit the gym independently or with their friends at any time for only £1.

Leavers 2012

Leavers Day was celebrated as usual at the end of June, as we said goodbye to year 11 as they move onto the next phase of their education.

The pupils had opted for a 'curry lunch' and spent the morning cooking curry and chapatis. Samosas and pakoras were donated by various staff and parents resulting in there being plenty of left-overs to be enjoyed by others.

In the afternoon the pupils were joined by a record breaking number of family and friends who helped us celebrate the contribution these young people have made to Penn Fields. We wish them well for their futures and hope they will stay in touch.

Class 9's visit to Gelliweg



Having escaped the wet of Wolverhampton, Class 9 travelled to North Wales. We spent our enjoyable evenings exploring the beach and playing games at Criccieth and Blackrock Sands. We stayed in a big house in Porthmadog called Gelliwig and had to help with the cooking, washing up and cleaning. We had to write a daily diary and send post-cards. It was a good experience for us all.

Wales is a beautiful place and we visited Portmeirion, travelled to Beddgelert on the Welsh Highland Railway, this means the 'grave of Gelert'. We had a wet walk round the forest a Llyn Mair! The weather was very kind to us most of the time and this made our stay at Gelliwig so enjoyable. Deandre said, "It was very good, I love it. I enjoyed it there especially with all my mates!"

ASSEMBLY ROTA AUTUMN TERM 2012

DATE	CLASS/STAFF
September 19th	Class 4
September 26th	Class 11
October 2nd	Harvest Festival
October 3rd	Mrs Callister
October 10th	Mr Jackson's Literacy Group
October 17th	Mrs Nock
October 24th	Class 1 (Acorn)
HALF TERM	
November 7th	Class 10
November 13th	Remembrance Assembly
November 14th	Class 2
November 21st	Mrs Griffiths's Literacy Group
November 28th	Mr Hussain
November 30th	Mr Cartwright's Literacy Group
December 5th	Mrs Blower
December 14th	Mrs Morgan
Monday's & Friday's	Miss Stanley / Mr Roalfe / SMT

Assemblies normally take place at 9.50am, 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 / 558639

IMPORTANT

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

School Dinners
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

Breakfast Club
Breakfast Club will not be available until further notice.

Milk Money
If your child is in Acorn, Ash, Elm or Oak and you would like them to have semi skimmed milk, the cost is £10 per term. Please note if your child is entitled to free school meals, they are entitled to free milk. Unfortunately we can no longer provide whole milk. This should be sent in by Friday 28th September at the latest.



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Quick Check – Diary Dates

SEPTEMBER

25th—Lower School Youth Club (selected pupils only)
27th—Upper School Youth Club (selected pupils only)

OCTOBER

2nd—HARVEST Assembly
8th -12th —Key Stage 4 Annual Review Week
9th—Lower School Youth Club (selected pupils only)
11th—Upper School Youth Club (selected pupils only)
17th—PARENTS EVENING 6pm-8pm
23rd—Lower School Youth Club (selected pupils only)
25th—Upper School Youth Club (selected pupils only)
26th—School Breaks up for HALF TERM

29th Oct—2nd Nov - HALF TERM

NOVEMBER

13th—Lower School Youth Club (selected pupils only)
13th—REMEMBRANCE Assembly
15th—Upper School Youth Club (selected pupils only)
27th—Lower School Youth Club (selected pupils only)
29th—Upper School Youth Club (selected pupils only)

DECEMBER

4th—Lower School Youth Club (selected pupils only)
6th—Upper School Youth Club (selected pupils only)
11th—Lower school Youth Club
11th—KS1 / 2 Christmas Production 10am
12th—KS1 / 2 Christmas Production 2pm
13th—Christmas Lunch (Whole School)
18th—KS1 / 2 Christmas Party (pm)
19th—KS3 Christmas Disco/Party (pm)
20th—KS4 & 6th Form Christmas Trip
21st—School Breaks up for Christmas Break

22nd Dec—6th Jan CHRISTMAS BREAK

JANUARY 2013

7th—INSET DAY
8th— Pupils return back to school

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