



APRIL 2009

Penn Fields School Spring Term News Letter

Quick Check - Diary Dates

JANUARY

5th —School re-opens to pupils
16th & 19th — GCSE Science (Physics) Examination

FEBRUARY

16th-20th - Half Term

MARCH

3rd—13th—Annual Review Weeks
16th—30th—Entry Level Examinations (Yr 11)
25th—Parents Evening
30th—Easter Assembly

APRIL

2nd—Easter Bunny visit
6th April—17th April—Easter Holidays

Monday 20th April—School closed to pupils—teacher training day

School re-opens to pupils on Tuesday 21st April 2008

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

ASSEMBLY ROTA

Parents/visitors are welcome to attend class assemblies. Please note, they take place on Wednesdays at 9.50 am until 10.10am.

JANUARY

14th - Class 1
21st - Class 11
28th - Class 10

FEBRUARY

4th - Mr Jackson's Literacy Group
9th - Mr Hussain
11th - Mrs Griffiths' Literacy Group
HALF TERM
25th - Mrs Hall's Literacy Group

MARCH

2nd - Mrs Callister
4th - Class 2
11th - OUTREACH Team
18th - Class 4
25th - Class 3

1st April - Mr Yates

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 in-
dependent travel-
lers are allowed to
bring their phones
into school, and
these **MUST** be
handed into the
office at the be-
ginning of the day

School Dinners

The cost of school Dinners is £1.60 per day. This should be paid weekly (£8), 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

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.

Milk Money

If your child is in class 1-4 and you would like them to have milk, the cost is £6 per term. This should be sent in by Friday 23rd January at the latest.

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Christmas at Penn Fields



Key Stage 1 & 2 pupils enjoyed performing the story of 'The Inn Keepers Breakfast'. The play retold the Nativity story from the inn keeper's view. The innkeepers, Jordon Brookes and JJ Harrison Eason, performed their part well to show how the innkeeper was continually interrupted while eating his breakfast. The story gradually built up to the nativity scene, with Mary & Joseph, Travellers, Shepherds and the Kings disturbing the innkeeper eating his breakfast.

The story was narrated clearly, by Bethany Smart and Nawaaf Koodaruth, and a selection of songs were sung enthusiastically by the choir. Several pupils from the choir confidently sung solos. Mrs Ashford (school audiologist) worked hard with a mixed group of Key Stage 2,3 & 4 pupils to sign many of the songs. All the pupils worked hard and performed with enthusiasm and enjoyment.

Class 1 have particularly enjoyed learning about Christmas celebrations and took the opportunity to visit Santa at Dudley Zoo .

KS 3 held their annual Christmas disco. The boys were changed and waiting. The girls of course, were late! The make up, perfume and tidying the hair took half an hour. Then the music started and the disco began. An excellent party! One of the best for years.



Welcome back to pupils to what seems to be a very busy Spring Term. Three new members of staff have started in January. Following Miss Moran's move to our Outreach Service, Mrs Dingley has been appointed as teacher of Class 3. Miss Harper, a new TLSA, will be working with Class 7, and Mrs Choudhury is our new receptionist.

Mr Brigginsaw and Mr Roalfe have still not fully recovered from their accidents. We send them both our best wishes and look forward to their return to full fitness.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy New Year and look forward to seeing you in the coming weeks.

Miss E Stanley — Deputy Head

Share Group at Pennfields School

Parents are welcome to come along and join in with activities and enjoy a social get together. The group is held every Wednesday afternoon at 1.15pm in school and everyone is welcome. We help parents share quality time learning to work with their children at home. The school Health Care Worker is always at hand to talk about any concerns.



May I take this opportunity on behalf of Mrs O'Connor (NNEB) and myself to wish all our friends from the SHARE group a very happy and prosperous New Year and a big thank you for all their support and we look forward to welcoming any new faces.



Children In Need

Class 10 decided to get involved in Children In Need this year by running a cake and cookie stall from their classroom. They are delighted to report that through very kind donations and a complete cake sell-out, they raised £220 which has been donated to Children In Need. Thank you to everyone who supported us.

Boggle Hole Adventure

In September, 10 pupils from KS4 spent a week in Yorkshire staying in a youth hostel in a small cove called Boggle Hole.



As part of their ASDAN

course the pupils were encouraged to develop their independence skills which involved daily tasks such as making their bed, helping with the cooking, setting tables etc. During the day we spent a lot of time exploring the local area which included Robin Hood's Bay, Whitby, Scarborough, the North Yorkshire Steam Railway and Goathland - the village used for filming Heartbeat.

Highlights of the week included finding a large crab on Scarborough beach, Miss Jones accidentally sitting down in a rather deep rock pool, as well as eating an evening meal of fish & chips after an afternoon spent in Whitby swimming pool.

Bantock Park visit by Year 10 and 11

Pupils in year 10 and 11 have been working with the park rangers from Bantock Park. In October the rangers visited Penn Fields. They talked about looking after birds in winter and the pupils made bird boxes. In November the pupils visited Bantock Park as part of their ASDAN transition challenge working on improving their social skill. After a walk around the park, the pupils decided to have a cup of tea and a piece of cake at the cafe! This was enjoyed by everybody. Thanks a lot to the park rangers at Bantock Park for their help and support.

In to the wild!

On October the 15th and 16th we went to do Outdoor Pursuit with Mr Pugh. We did rock climbing, abseiling and scrambling by the stream in Badger Dingle. On Thursday we went to the woods at Much Wenlock. Mr Pugh told us what we needed to do. He gave us walkie-talkies and his dogs were out with us. It was great fun and we all enjoyed ourselves.



Class 2 Visits

As part of Class 2's Literacy work we have enjoyed a visit to Fallings Park Fire Station to interview a Firefighter to find out their role. We have also visited Dudley Castle to find out more about castles and castle life.

School football teams

Both the U14 and U16 teams have strong squads this year, they have trained hard up to half term training twice a week in any weather. It seems that this hard work has paid off, as the results below reflect.

U14 Team

Penn Fields 10 v **Wightwick 4 Fields 2**

Westcroft 2 v Penn Fields 16 FieldsA

Wightwick 4 v Penn Fields 7 Fields B 16

Top scorers

Chloe Ball 10

Stephen Swain 10

Carl Edge 7

Michael Linton 4

Kyle Lee 1

Adam Maberley 1

U16 Team

Westcroft 4 v Penn

Wightwick A 0 v Penn

Wightwick B 1 v Penn

Top scorers

Adam Swift 6

Adam Siverns 6

Martin Jones 3

Ryan Oakley 3

Josh Betts 3

David Carless 3

Mark Sharp 1

Shane Deakin 1

Football Training Next Term

Monday - Keystage 2

Wednesday - Girls

Thursday - U16 Boys

Friday - U14 Boys

If you do not train you don't get picked!!!!

Learning of Celebrations



Class 1 have participated in several visits. They visited the Sikh Gurdwara to learn about Diwali

and participated in a pretend wedding and baptism at Beckminster church.

Wolverhampton Wanderers Football Training

Three groups of pupils were selected to attend the Wolverhampton Wanderers training dome at Aldesley every Tuesday afternoon. The sessions were delivered by Community Coach Mark Williams and his team who not only put the pupils through their paces but also Penn Fields staff, Mrs Stirling Edge, Mrs Hall, Mr Nickless, Mrs Spear, Mrs Hussain and Ms Kaur all suffered the experience!!! Mark was fantastic with the pupils he encouraged them all to lead a warm up at the beginning of every session. Each group experience six sessions of intensive coaching culminating in a visit to Molineux where Mark Williams explained the history of the 'Wolves'.

Space Invaders! - A science project by class 8

In science Class 8 students have done some excellent research work on Space. They have used a variety of resources including books, magazines, newspaper cuttings and internet to find out information on topics such as planets, moons, aliens, black holes and stars to name but a few.

The project was completed in four weeks and at the end of it they assessed each other's work and did a brief presentation. They all then voted for the best five projects.

Ijaz is still coming to terms with no aliens being found during his investigative work..... but he hasn't given up hope yet!



The winners were Sharanjit, Paige, Jack, Carl and Jay, who each received a prize for their efforts. **PS.** If anyone has any news on Black holes please contact Tanraj!!