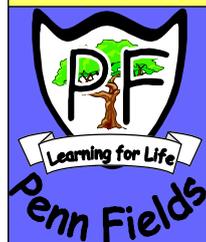


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# Penn Fields School Spring Term News Letter

## Quick Check - Diary Dates

### January

- 4th — **INSET DAY**
- 5th — School re-opens to pupils
- 17th— GCSE Chemistry Exam (am)
- 19th— GCSE Physics Exam (am)
- 20th— GCSE Maths Exam (am)

### February

- 21st — 25th **HALF TERM**

### March

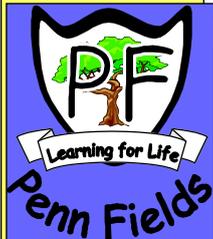
- 7th—11th Annual Review Week
- 14th—18th Annual Review Week
- 16th—Entry Level Maths Exam (am)
- 21st—Entry Level ICT & RE Exam (pm)
- 22nd—Entry Level Science Exam (am)
- 23rd—Entry Level English Exam (am)
- 24th—Entry Level D&T (pm)
- 30th — Parents Evening

### April

- 8th — 26th **Easter Break**

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





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### Penn Fields School Christmas Production 'The Bossy King'

Our Christmas production proved to be a great success. Pupils from Classes one - four starred in the musical production of 'The Bossy King', very ably supported by a choir of upper and lower school pupils and a percussion group. Na-waaf Koodaruth proved himself to be an excellent, word perfect



'bossy king' and the story was very well narrated by JJ Harrison-Eason and Ethan Tunstall. Both the morning and afternoon productions were well attended and enjoyed by all. Many thanks to all of the pupils for their efforts and a big thank you to the staff for their hard work in supporting the pupils, making costumes, props etc. A special thank you must go to Mrs Dillon and Mrs Payne for their work with the music and production of the play.

Autumn term at Penn Fields proved to be a very busy one with a full programme of activities undertaken by pupils. In September three of our pupils went to the Highfields School site to help lay the first bricks for the building of our new school. For those of you with internet access, the following websites [www.wolverhamptonbsf.org.uk](http://www.wolverhamptonbsf.org.uk) and [www.inspirewolverhampton.co.uk](http://www.inspirewolverhampton.co.uk) outline the aims of the project and a virtual tour video is available of both Penn Fields School and the new Highfields School. A webcam has also been set up so building developments can be viewed.

The term ended with a very successful lower school Christmas Production, 'The Bossy King'. On the final Monday the whole of school walked down to Beckminster Church for a carol concert and the week continued with lower school Christmas parties, a KS3 disco and key stage 4 bowling and buffet. A very busy but enjoyable last week!

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year and look forward to meeting with you in 2011.

Miss E. Stanley  
Headteacher

### Class 9's visit to Ironbridge

Class 9 have been out of school on two Geography Field trips, a Stream Study of the Wom Brook and exploring the River Severn at Ironbridge and Cressage. Here they are on the flood plain at Cressage. The flood plain is very flat and the River Severn has formed huge loops called meanders. In Ironbridge Gorge the River Severn flows in a very direct route and has steep valley sides. Class 9 measured how wide the river is in 2 places by pacing it out. The river is much narrower in the gorge.



### Sponsored Bike Ride from Upton to Wirral



Mr & Mrs Paul Sullivan and their son Luke, a pupil at Penn Fields School, inspired Craig Nicklin, Chris Rowen and John Green of C.A.D Fencing to sponsor Ian Wyke and Garry Moran on a bike ride from Upton on Wirral to Wolverhampton. After a few beers in The Victoria Pub, Deans Road, C.A.D Fencing started the ball rolling by donating the first £300.00. Family, friends and regulars at the pub also sponsored Ian and Garry and they raised a staggering £1371.00 for Penn Fields School.

Josie Moran, Garry's mother kept the boys going with her stewed steak and they had great support from family and friends. Miss Stanley - Headteacher at Penn Fields School was presented with the cheque. She said "I am amazed at the amount of money that Ian and Garry have raised and the commitment of C.A.D Fencing. The money is greatly appreciated and will go towards a new sensory room and Christmas parties for the children. A big thank you to everyone involved".

### Key Stage 4 Pupils visit to Towers



In October, a group of 10 pupils attended an outdoor activity week at the Tow-

ers in Capel Curig, North Wales. They took part in a range of activities in-



cluding canoeing, gorge walking, orienteering, rock climbing and abseiling. Meal time for many was the highlight of the day with the food being both tasty and plentiful.

### Busy Term for Class 3

Class 3 welcomed Miss Miller to Penn Fields in September. She has enjoyed her first term.

We were invited to the Grand opening of Low Hill Adventure Playground and met the Major. We also went to the Safeside Centre and learned about keeping safe outside and in the home.

We all celebrated Diwali and took part in a dance workshop led by Highfields pupils.

### Let's Grow Vouchers

Thank you to everyone who sent in 'Let's Grow' vouchers. Over one thousand vouchers were collected and have bought the school a variety of seeds to grow and apple and pear trees to plant.

### Class 2's Visits to see Santa



Class 2 have enjoyed Christmas visits to the Safari park and Telford Winter Wonderland this term. The children saw reindeer, experienced a sleigh and carousel ride and received a present from Santa. A lovely time was had by all.

### Key Stage 4 news

Big changes to the KS4 curriculum have meant that our pupils in years 10 & 11 have started lots of new courses this year including Independent Living Skills (ILS) with the topic this term being personal safety. New PSD courses include parenting awareness, human rights and environmental awareness all of which are extremely relevant to our pupils.

Year 11 pupils have been busy completing a brand new exam this term - "Functional Skills" tests our children's ability to use the skills they learn in Maths, ICT and English in real life situations. Results should be out in January, however our pupils impressed the exam board so much in their English interviews (a visit to the job centre) that they have asked the school for permission to use the DVD to train other teachers! Pupils from KS4 continue to enjoy their work experience at Timkens. Pupils from year 10 have started their exam course and are thoroughly enjoying the various practical experiences on offer.

Four Year 10 pupils have completed the first term of their VRQ sport & leisure course at Westcroft School. To date they have visited Telford Town Park, a variety of leisure facilities around Wolverhampton including Central baths, Bentley Bridge leisure pool, 10 pin bowling, a tour round Villa Park, a "Dragons Den" type competition at the Hawthorns, (WBA football ground) and are looking forward to a trip to the Snowdome in Tamworth in the New Year. Needless to say the pupils are thoroughly enjoying their course.

Youth Club continues to go from strength to strength. Senior pupils have enjoyed a variety of activities ranging from learning to make samosas to a visit to the Grand Theatre to see Aladdin.

The KS4 Christmas outing was again a big success with pupils spending the morning bowling at Strykers before coming back to school for a buffet lunch. As usual pupils behaved themselves well and a lot of fun was had by all.

### Key Stage 3 Friday Afternoons



Pupils have been very busy visiting Essington Fruit Farm to see how fruit and vegetables grow. Pupils have made cabbage soup and tasted seasonal fruits and salads. Pupils have been studying 'Charlie & The Chocolate Factory', so pupils also made chocolate fudge.