

APRIL 2008

Penn Fields School Summer Term News Letter

Quick Check - Diary Dates

MAY

- 1st—School closed for Council Elections
- 2nd—School closed to pupils for Inset Day
- 5th—BANK HOLIDAY
- Tues 6th—Fri 9th- KS3 SATS week (Class 9)
- 12h—16th- KS2 SATS (Year 6-Class 4)
- 26th—30th—Half Term

JUNE

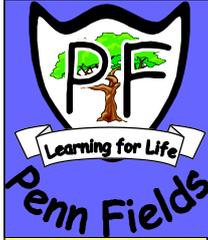
- 9th -13th—Annual Review week
- 25th—Theatre for Youth—whole school
- 27th—Year 11 Leaving day

JULY

- 9th—Summer Fair
- 17th—Parents Evening
- 21st—INSET day School closed to pupils
- 22nd—INSET day School closed to pupils

School reopens to pupils Tuesday 2nd September 2008

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



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CLASS 1 Enjoy Spring Term Visits

During the Spring term, Class 1 enjoyed two visits to Bantock House. On their first visit, the children took part in a toy and dolly workshop to support their history topic 'Toys of the Past'. On the second visit the children made their own puppets in a workshop designed to support their creative development.



In addition, as part of literacy, learning and exploratory play, pupils have been growing their own beanstalks and sunflowers, which have now been planted in the school garden.

This term sadly sees the leaving of our Year 11 pupils. All pupils will leave Penn Fields having achieved a range of externally accredited examination passes. This year promises to be an outstanding year in terms of pupils' achievements.

Parents are invited to our "Leavers Assembly" on Friday 27th June at 2.00pm. I look forward to seeing you.

B A Briggshaw
Headteacher

CHILDREN'S MARATHON

Well done to everyone who took part in 'The Children's Marathon Challenge' for children with Leukaemia. Pupils naming 26 football teams, countries of the world, Pop Stars, tasting 2 fruits & vegetables and keeping quiet for 2 hours (a real challenge!).

We raised £1134 and pupils will receive certificates and awards after the Easter break.

Many thanks to all of you that supported our pupils.

Please continue to save Sainsbury Active Kids Vouchers. So far we have collected over 1000. These will be exchanged for PE Equipment in the Autumn Term.

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

On the final Tuesday morning of the spring term, the whole school joined together to celebrate the Easter festival. Miss Turner led the assembly, ably supported by the school choir. Readings by pupils from KS3 & 4 reminded us of the Easter story and Miss Turner explained many of the old traditions associated with Easter. KS1 & 2 pupils took part in a display of egg rolling and a pupil from each class took part in a hunt the egg competition. The beautiful display at the front of the hall consisted of Easter cards, the Easter Bunny, a spring flower display and decorated Easter Eggs.

ROAD SAFETY

Pupils in Yrs 10 & 11 have been involved in practical roadside training with officers from the Road Safety Team. They will complete their training next term and become independent travellers.

Fairtrade

Class 9 have been studying Development as part of this term's geography topic. We have been looking at countries like Kenya who are trying to make life better for the people who live there. We can buy lots of things that are grown in Kenya from the supermarket, we looked at some of them. This symbol was on them.



It is the FAIRTRADE logo. Fair trade is where the people get a fair share of the money for their fruit and things. When you go shopping try and buy some thing with this logo on it.

EXTENDED SCHOOLS

Penn Fields has become the first school in Wolverhampton to achieve the Quality Mark for Extended Schools awarded by Canterbury University. To achieve the award the school has had to show that it provides a range of activities and services, to help meet the needs of its pupils, their families and the wider community.

Class 3

Class 3 have enjoyed many trips so far this year including a trip to Shugborough Hall, where they experienced what it was like in a Victorian classroom. They will be continuing their Victorian adventure with a trip to Canock Chase coal mine in the summer.

HOLA!

This year Classes 3 & 4 have developed links with a specialist language school and have been taking part in Spanish lessons. Language teacher, Miss Whitbread, has visited both classes on a Tuesday afternoon. The children have really enjoyed the lessons and have learned Spanish vocabulary in an entertaining way.

FOOTBALL

The U14 football team have been unbeaten, having played Westcroft and Wightwick both home and away. The U16's drew against Wightwick and were victorious against Westcroft.

KS1 & 2 PE

Links have been made with Haughton Special School, Telford to join together twice a term to participate in a friendly football match. Everyone enjoyed the match and great fun was had by all. Next term there are some football

CLASS 2

Children in class 2 visited Waitrose as part of the Healthy Eating topic in Science. Children enjoyed picking out and looking at fruits and vegetables and they also got to scan some items in at a till.



Some children from class 2 also visited Kingswood, they enjoyed some outdoor activities whilst developing teamwork skills. They enjoyed playing some musical instruments and playing in the confidence park which encouraged them to climb and practice their balance skills.