

APRIL 2009

Penn Fields School Summer Term News Letter

Quick Check - Diary Dates

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21st —School re-opens to pupils

MAY

Mon 4th May—Mayday Bank Holiday—school closed

Tuesday 5th May—INSET Day—School Closed to pupils

Friday 8th—Funky Friday

Mon 25th—Friday 29th - Half Term Holiday

JUNE

Mon 1st AM—GCSE Maths Exam (Yr 11)

8th—12th—Annual Review week

Fri 12th AM—GCSE Science Exam

Tues 23rd—GCSE Maths Exam (Yr 10)

Fri 26th—Yr11 Leavers Assembly

JULY

Weds 1st (6pm—8pm) - Parents Evening

Weds 8th—Summer Fair

Tues 14th AM—KS1 & 2 Sports Day

Weds 15th AM—KS3 & 4 Sports Day

School closes to pupils Friday 17th July

Mon 20th & Tues 21st July—INSET DAYS—School closed to pupils

Weds 22nd July—Weds 2nd Sept 09—Summer Holidays

Thurs 3rd & Fri 4th Sept—INSET DAYS—School closed to pupils

School re-opens to pupils on MONDAY 7th SEPT 2009

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

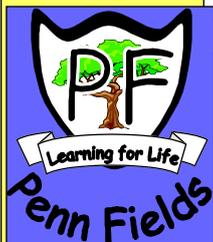
ASSEMBLY ROTA SUMMER TERM 2009

DATE	CLASS/STAFF
Monday 27th April	EG's Literacy Group
29th April	Class 1
6th May	IJ's Literacy Group
Monday 11th May	Litter assembly—outside speaker
13th May	Class 11
20th May	Mrs Callister
HALF TERM	
3rd June	KH's Literacy Group
Monday 8th June	Mr Yates
10th June	Class 2
17th June	Mr Hussain
24th June	Class 10
Monday 22nd June	OUTREACH
1st July	Class 4
8th July	RR's Literacy Group
15th July	Class 3

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.

 ★ **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 ★
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● **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 semi skimmed milk, the cost is £6 ●
 ● per term. Unfortunately we can no longer provide ●
 ● whole milk. This should be sent in by Friday 1st ●
 ● May at the latest. ●



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Comic Relief Day at Penn Fields



Friday 13th March was Comic Relief 'Red Nose Day' and the day in Penn Fields started with a Red Nose breakfast with 50p from each meal served going to Comic Relief. Pupils in upper school took part in a wide variety of different activities during the day playing board games, following a treasure hunt, making picture frames and decorating cakes.

The most popular activities during the day were the face painting and the cake stall which ran at break and lunchtime.

Also at lunchtime Mr Nickless ran a penalty shoot-out competition helped by Steven Swain and Jason Ballard in goal. During the afternoon lower school pupils had a sponsored dance and had a great time singing and dancing to the music. Upper school, meanwhile, took part in a sponsored walk or run around the school field. All pupils and 4 members of staff made huge efforts with Jay Beech completing the most laps—22 during the time allowed.

Our thanks go to everyone who sponsored the children and who sent in money to help the children, 'Do something funny for money'. We sent over £800 to Comic Relief—a massive sum of money from a small school. The money goes towards helping people both in Africa and the UK who are less fortunate. Thank you very much.

Mrs A. Stirling-Edge



I am pleased to be able to inform you that after Mr Briginshaw's serious head injury, he now seems to be on the road to recovery. He is still undergoing rehabilitation, but is back in school for a few hours, four days per week.

Mr Roalfe is now back in school following his motorbike accident.

The third and final term of the school year again promises to be a very busy one. I look forward to seeing you in school during the term.

Miss E Stanley — Deputy Head

Parent Governor Vacancy

Do you have what it takes to be a Parent Governor?

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor to join our Governing Body. If you feel you might be interested in this exciting and responsible role, please contact Mrs Bromley at school on 01902 558640, for further information.



Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Please can I remind you that we are continuing to save these vouchers which will be exchanged for sports and cookery equipment. Pupils can place these vouchers in the box in reception. Many thanks for your continuing support.

Thematic Approach

Within Key Stage 1 & 2 children have the opportunity to learn aspects of the curriculum through a thematic approach, to make greater links across the different subject areas. This term the theme has been 'Animals' with each class having a different focus area. To support the teaching of the theme, the animal man visited school to give everyone the opportunity to handle and learn about different animals. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed seeing as well as handling snakes, rabbits, lizards and many others. The theme for the Summer term is 'On the Move'.

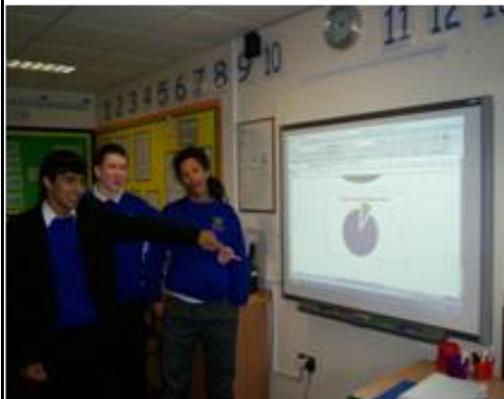
Black Country Treasures

A group of year 8 pupils have been working on a project to produce work for an exhibition which will be showcased across four museums in Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall.

Wolverhampton's contribution is four physical objects, 'treasures' of Wolverhampton, a banner as a permanent resource for museums and a display book of seventy two pages. All the work has been produced by the pupils over a term.

The work will be displayed across museums in the Black Country. Wolverhampton will use Bantock House between June and July

Hypothesis Testing



Key stage 3 numeracy group 4 took part in Hypothesis testing. The children worked in groups of 2 or 3. They came up with a great variety of questions or hypotheses to test including "Boys are more clever than girls", " Girls have more stuff than boys", "Women are less confident than men", " Boys train harder than girls for football" and "More boys than girls are left handed". The groups devised their own questions to test out the hypotheses. They chose a fair sample of 20 pupils or staff to answer the questions. Each group had to present their findings to the class and produce graphs to display their work. All groups except one were very pleased to prove their hypothesis.

Timkens

Staff at Timkens praised excellent behaviour and politeness . An enjoyable time by all pupils and some amazing items as well as numerous opportunities were experienced.

Pet Shop Visit for Class 1

Pupils from class 1 have been learning about pets this term. We visited the pet shop to look at the different animals and to buy our own pet for the class-room. Class 1 have now got two pet fish called Batman and Robin which they help to look after. Children in class 1 have also enjoyed visits to Kingswood Activity Centre, Cannock Toy Museum and Bantock House for a puppet workshop. In addition, Class 1 have been spending time outside planting and growing their own vegetables and flowers in the garden. We have been using the free equipment and seeds sent to us from the Morrisson's 'Let's Grow' vouchers that pupils brought into school. We are looking forward to the summer when we can eat some of what we have grown.



Mrs Dingley welcomed by Class 3

Mrs Dingley has enjoyed her first term with Class 3. Everyone has been kind and helpful. The children have helped Mrs Dingley settle into her new school. We have been learning about African animals, and saw some of those when we visited the Safari Park. We also did our 1st class assembly together and had fun dancing to Tiger Feet.

KS 1/2 Football Fixtures Against Haughton

27th April Yrs 3 & 4 — Home

12th May Yrs 3 & 4 — Away

19th May Yrs 3 & 4 — Home

3rd June Yrs 5 & 6 — Away

9th June Yrs 3 & 4 — Away

Bikeability Program for KS 1 & 2 PE

Everyone in Key Stage 2,3 & 4 participated in a 'Bike Taster' session as part of the Bikeability program. Pupils had the chance to demonstrate



their cycling skills around the playground, with some pupils steering between cones. In the Summer term



there are plans for further cycling opportunities.

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas

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JOHN BOYNE

Literacy Groups 3 & 4 have been studying the book 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' by John Boyne.

I like the boy Bruno in the story, his character in the film is naive and he doesn't understand why he has to move house and leave all his friends behind. He moves house and one day he was looking out of the window and he saw a figure. He didn't know what it was but as he got closer and closer it finally appeared as a little boy who was on the other side of the barbed wire fence.

Amy Davies

The book is called 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas', it was good. Because it tells you what happened in the story and about Bruno. He doesn't know why the fence is there and he doesn't understand why he can't go by the fence. It tells about the Jewish people. Bruno's dad's hated Jewish people. So he wants Bruno to stay away from the Jewish. And stay away from the other side. **Alisha Gill**

The book is about the boy in the striped pyjamas because it tells us about what happened to the Jewish people and Bruno doesn't understand why they are on the other side of the barbed wire fence. I think the story is good and Bruno doesn't know what Auschwitz is; he calls it 'out with'. Bruno is very spoilt. He doesn't understand why the fence is there he thinks it's a game they play but Gretel tells him it's a work camp. **Aarondeep Matharu**

I like it because Bruno is missing his friends and he likes exploring and he meets Shmuel on the other side of the barbed wire fence. **Stephen Swain**

It was good because I liked it when Bruno went exploring in the back garden. It was a sad story. **Adam Marshall.**

KS 1 & 2 Football

Years 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6 are continuing to enjoy the football matches with Haughton School, Telford. This term we are looking very smart with a new football strip. Class 2 & 4 have had the opportunity to develop their football skills and awareness of the game, with some football training sessions at Aldersley Stadium. Everyone involved in the program have had great fun and thoroughly enjoyed the sessions.

Easter Breakfast Specials

Breakfast Club ran a Easter Special on the



last day of term, and provided the children with a choice

of Hot Cross Buns or a fitting eggs on toast! With over 50 children attending, this proved to be an eggstremely successful!