



APRIL 2012

Penn Fields School News Letter

Sport Relief 2012.



Friday 23rd March was a warm sunny day. It was also Sport Relief Day. After a quick assembly to remind us what it was all about, class 1 and class 3 (and let's not forget Wolfie and his friends,) started the mile run. With junior sports leaders from class 10 and 11 to help and encourage them, our youngest pupils performed superbly well. At the same time inside, other pupils were taking part in lots of different activities from t-shirt and

sock design to multi skills sports events. The bouncy castle proved very popular with staff and pupils alike! All through the morning different classes and teachers came out to complete their mile. At break time the cake stall opened and was kept extremely busy until it sold out!

A massive thank you to everyone who contributed – whether by sending cakes, sponsoring a child or simply sending money for the cake sale - you helped us raise a massive £1250 for Sport Relief. An absolutely huge amount for a small school. Thank you for your support.

Dear Parents/Carers, Friends and Governors

Welcome back to all of our pupils to what is to be the final term in our present school building. It is with mixed emotions that we leave the Birches Barn Road site. Our present site has served us well but is now too small to deliver the wide and varied curriculum our pupils deserve.

The new building has airy rooms and many specialist facilities. It is a building fit for 21st century teaching, designed to offer pupils of all abilities the very best opportunities to learn.

It will be a massive task to pack equipment and resources and train staff in the use of the new technologies but everything is on track to welcome pupils back on Tuesday 11th September, in what will be a very busy term. I look forward to catching up with you and will answer any concerns you may have about the move.

Miss E. Stanley
Headteacher

P.S.D. News

During these lessons Year 11 have been looking at Technology in the Home and Community where the pupils looked at and used different household appliances for e.g. toaster, microwave, kettles etc, and also technologies outside the home for e.g. cash points, telephone boxes and pedestrian crossings.

Year 10 and The Transition group have been working together doing different team building games and group work. The Transition Group

were also lucky enough to see PCSO's Pip and Tash during February. They tried on all the uniforms for the different police activities. This was a fantastic morning.



The Olympic Torch



Greg Silvester came into school with members of the Special Olympics Gymnastics team. Greg is an inspirational man who has won over 250 medals, including winning gold at the Special Olympic Games. He has also had the great honour to be part of the Olympic relay taking the Flame to the Olympic Games in Sidney. He carried the torch in Auckland, New Zealand. The Olympic torch

starts its journey on 18th May when it arrives in the UK from Greece. It will travel miles around the country and it will pass through Wolverhampton on Saturday 30th June. Look out for more information and go along and watch!

School Uniform

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The school is selling uniform with the **old logo** at greatly reduced prices. There are limited sizes available on sweatshirts, polo shirts and P.E. T-shirts. The old logo will still be valid when we transfer over to the new Penn Fields School . Please contact the school on 01902 558640 if you would like to order any uniform. However the new school logo uniform is available at normal prices.

Sainburys Active Kids

We are once again collecting Sainsbury Active Kids Vouchers & Tesco for schools vouchers. These promotions by supermarkets are extremely important to the school, allowing us to purchase extra equipment and resources for the children. Please encourage all your family and friends to collect these vouchers with their shopping / petrol and send them into school with your child. Thank you.

Penn Fields Young Fire Fighters Club

The Penn Fields Young Fire Fighters Club continues to meet on a Thursday evening. They participate in a range of tasks and social activities. This term they have worked hard on putting together a Fire Safety Assembly. Each member of the group contributed to giving important fire safety advice to the rest of the school.

BBC School Report



This term pupils in Year 8 and 9 have been taking part in BBC School Report. As part of this work they have become 'young reporters' for the BBC and have been out searching for news to report on. A lot of their time has been focused on reporting on the visit Greg Silvester made to the school and this included working with a group of Highfields pupils to make a report of the event using green screen video technology. The results of their efforts can be viewed through the BBC school report web site. Well done to all who took part.



A Day at the Farm

On a sunny spring morning in March, Class 4 set off to visit the farm. When we got there we were met by the farmer and his wife. After having home made cake, we went around the farm. We all had the chance to feed the lambs and the calves before going for a walk across the fields and through the woods.

After saying goodbye to the farm we went to Bridgnorth for a picnic before returning to school. It was a great day and we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.



Report by Nicole Westwood (Year 9)

On Thursday 19th January, some Olympic gymnasts visited Penn Field's school, including Greg Silvester the special Olympic gymnast. The gymnasts showed off their moves to all of the pupils. The pupils really enjoyed it and thought it was fantastic. We all got a chance to ask Greg Silvester and the gymnast's some questions. We asked how it felt to carry the Olympic torch. Greg said "I ran 600 miles to Sydney, the torch was heavy but not as heavy as the baton I carried. He also got to keep the Olympic torch he showed it to the pupils. The pupils asked about the time he carried the baton he answered "the baton was very heavy. It had a message from the queen inside it" All of the pupils were very impressed. After the pupils talked to Greg Silvester they all got a chance to watch the gymnastic display. All of the pupils really enjoyed it. We all found out that it doesn't matter what people say, your dreams are only limited by you and you shouldn't listen to what other people say. At the end of the day the athletes left and the pupils had the day of a life time. To all of the athletes that came to Penn Field's school, all of the pupils would like to say thank you and good luck in the Olympics!

Active Kids Day for Hearing Impaired Pupils

On Friday 16th March, 7 pupils went to the Jennie Lee Centre for an Active Kids day, organised by the Hearing Impairment Team. All hearing impaired pupils from schools in Wolverhampton were invited. The day started with a one hour fitness session, then a break during which there were competitions and quizzes to enter. After break there was a Karate session. The instructor spotted some very good work and suggested that some of the pupils could join his club. After lunch there was a choice of activity. Most of the boys chose Football and the girls chose Cheerleading. At 2.30pm the Cheerleading group demonstrated what they had learned to the whole group and then it was time for the prize giving. Everyone was given a chocolate egg and some won special prizes for their competition entries. All Penn Fields pupils were a credit to their school. They were helpful, joined in with all the activities on offer and made lots of new friends. As the Jennie Lee Centre is soon to close down we are hoping to organise another event in the Summer term.



Flower Power!

Recently BSF artist Ruth Moilliet visited PennFields and worked with our pupils on a project for the new school. Ruth specialises in sculpture inspired by nature and worked with the pupils to produce a display for the art room.

All the pupils involved including Class 4 and a range of KS3 enjoyed themselves and produced some fantastic work. When Ruth returns she will work on ideas for the central space in the new school.

Marvellous Masks

Class 9 recently finished work on their masks. Once again they have produced some amazing artwork. The pupils were inspired by the study of masks from around the world and throughout history. All the pupils are very proud of their hard work as seen in the photo.



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Class Glass

As part of the ongoing artwork design for the new school a selection of KS3 and 4 pupils went with BSF artist Gary Grosvenor to Wolverhampton University. They went to see how glass sculptures are made.

All the pupils were impressed by the glass smelting process and each made a unique hand cast, currently displayed in the school.

Gary will return later in the year to show us how the designs for the new school are progressing.

Sporting News



Pupils from key stages 4 have played a number of matches this term against Wightwick and Westcroft. There were some very encouraging performances from all of the pupils. Ijaz was our man of the match versus Wightwick as he never stopped working. Key stage 3 & 4 girls also played Wightwick and won 10 -1. Chloe Ball has to be mentioned because she played

on the other side for the last section of the game and scored their only goal, brilliant girls! Key stage 4 played in a basketball tournament at Kings Lichfield. We took 2 teams who competed extremely well and worked so hard against some very good schools. There have been both basketball, rugby and football clubs for key stages 1, 2, 3 & 4 which have been extremely well attended. Since Christmas all the PE classes have been doing Boxercise, gymnastics and cricket. While Year 9 have also been able to experience extra PE and have been learning Table Tennis. These have all been met with lots of enthusiasm from all the pupils.

SMILE event –Simran and Reggie both won gold at the latest SMILE event for their Table Tennis. Fantastic work. Well done. Year 11 Young Leaders have been organising and leading a number of sports



afternoons for class 3. They have run Tri Golf, Multiskills and other games.



Mr Fletcher has been taking a group of selected pupils to the local table tennis club where the pupils have gained a lot of knowledge and experience in the sport. Year 11 ran a Multi Sports day on 11th January where pupils from 6 different schools took part in

multiskills, tri golf, cricket and boccia. This was a fantastic day where the Transition group also came along to take part. Fantastic effort everyone, even if we did end up outside.

Toy Theme for Key Stage 1 & 2

This term the theme in Key Stage 1 & 2 has been 'Toys'. As part of our work on Toys, everyone in Lower School has enjoyed the Punch and Judy Show. Punch and Judy gave the children a great experience of a traditional puppet show, known since Victorian times. Class 1 have been involved in designing and making a class teddy bear. Everyone helped to choose, make and name the teddy. The teddy will be used within class work next term.

Next term the theme in Key Stage 1 & 2 will be 'In the Community'. Some of the work will involve looking at the roles of different members of the community and exploring our local environment.

Class 1 also joined a Community event at Merridale Primary School. The children had the opportunity to explore different seeds, mix some compost and plant their own seeds.

ASSEMBLY ROTA SUMMER TERM 2012

DATE	CLASS/STAFF
Wednesday 2nd May	EG's Literacy Group
Tuesday 8th May	Mrs Blower
Wednesday 9th May	Class 11
Tuesday 15th May	Class 4
Wednesday 16th May	Mrs Callister
Tuesday 22nd May	IJ's Literacy Group
Wednesday 23rd May	KH's Literacy Group
Tuesday 29th May	Mr Hussain
Wednesday 30th May	Class 1
HALF TERM	
Tuesday 12th May	AM's Literacy Group
Wednesday 13th June	Class 2
Wednesday 20th June	Mr Yates
Tuesday 26th June	Class 10
Wednesday 27th June	Class 3
Friday 29th June	Yr 11's LEAVERS ASSEMBLY at 2pm
Tuesday 3rd July	Mrs McGregor
Wednesday 4th July	Mrs Nock
Tuesday 10th July	Mrs Blower
Wednesday 11th July	Mrs Morgan
Friday 13th July	FINAL ASSEMBLY @ 2.10pm
Monday 16th July-Friday 20th July	SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

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 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
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 £10 per term. Unfortunately we can no longer provide whole milk. This should be sent in by Friday 11th May at the latest.



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Quick Check – Diary Dates

APRIL

- 5th—END OF TERM
- 6th-22nd—Easter Break
- 23rd—INSET DAY
- 24th—Pupils return back to school

MAY

- 3rd—Election Day (School Closed to pupils)
- 14th—18th Yr 9 visit to Gelliwig (Wales)

JUNE

- 1st—Break Up for Half term
- 4th-7th—HALF TERM
- 11th—Pupils return back to school
- 11th—Yr 11's Work Experience Week
- 27th—Parents Evening 6pm-8pm
- 29th—Yr 11's Finish

JULY

- 5th—SUMMER FAIR 6pm-9pm
- 13th—END of TERM for Pupils

SEPTEMBER

- 11th—Pupils return to New School at Boundary Way , Penn, WV4 4NT

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