



Penn Fields School Newsletter

Where every moment is a learning opportunity and that every moment matters

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Welcome Back Message from Ms Thackaberry - Head Teacher

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to Penn Fields School for the new academic year. We are excited to have welcomed so many new students this year and as they all come to the end of their first full week, we are happy to say they have settled amazingly well and are very much part of our Penn Fields Community. We look forward to seeing the progress & developments they make as well as working closely with their parents / carers as they year goes on. We have also welcomed several new staff members, who are incredibly experienced, extremely dedicated and who are already having an impact on students and around the school. I continue to feel honored to be the Head Teacher at such an inspirational school, where still every day I am inspired by our students, parents and staff who continue to demonstrate strength and resilience within everyday life. I look forward to sharing our continued success over the next academic year.



Introducing New Penn Fields Staff

Welcome to new members of the Penn Fields Team. There are some new faces and some familiar faces who have now become permanent members of staff.



Miss Aheer
TLSA



Miss Matache
TLSA



Mrs Ridgway
TLSA



Miss Mincher
TLSA



Miss Dhanjal
Teacher



Mr Byrne
Student Engagement

Once Upon a Time...

They say that reading can transport you to magical places and that is definitely the case at Penn Fields school. Over the summer holidays, play to measure have worked hard to create our very own enchanted library, which incorporates a gingerbread house intervention area, toadstool table, seating and a sensory mural wall. The students were surprised on their return to school to see such a transformation and have been in wonder at all the delights within the library, with many just saying 'wow' and looking around with smiles on their faces.

With reading such an important skill and in particular reading for pleasure it has been fantastic to see so many students enjoying the area, listening to stories and selecting books in such an amazing space. The enchanted library has certainly put reading at the heart of the school.



ATSSA Bronze Award



Staff, Students and their family's have been warmly congratulated on achieving the Attachment and Trauma Sensitive Schools Bronze Award, which is an external sign of recognition of everyone's commitment to the steps that have been taken at Penn Fields School to develop a culture of compassion and nurture. This, plays a pivotal role in supporting our students into a state of 'learning readiness' and we look forward to working towards the Silver Award in the new academic year.

Café Sixth Form

Students have received new aprons to wear for Café Sixth Form. A variety of hot and cold drink and paninis are prepared and served by our Sixth Form students to Key Stage 4 and staff. Vegetarian and Vegan options available on request. The Café is open every Friday and payment should be made in Sixth Form during registration time.

Hot and cold drinks cost £1.50 and Paninis cost £2.00

Watch this space for weekly specials!



Pre-Vocational Training

Students have started back at college this week. Penn Fields offers students the opportunity to go to Rodbaston and WVTC to take part in courses such as car mechanics, sports leadership, cooking, animal care, health & beauty and construction.



Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2023

Term Time: Wednesday 6 September 2023 to Friday 27 October 2023

Half term: Monday 30 October 2023 to Friday 3 November 2023

Term Time: Monday 6 November 2023 to Friday 22 December 2023 – **School Closes Early**

Monday 4 December 2023 – **School Closed – INSET Day**

Spring Term 2024

Monday 8 January 2024 – **School Closed – INSET Day**

Term Time: Monday 8 January 2024 to Friday 9 February 2024

