



# Penn Fields School Newsletter

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## Italian Day

The whole school took part in an Italian day this week. Students started the day with a cornetto for breakfast which is like a croissant. In lessons they learnt Italian words, made pizzas, tasted Italian foods, built leaning towers of Pisa and lego Italian landmarks, baked biscotti, learnt fractions with biscuit pizzas, tested the chemicals in Italian foods, made fruit batteries inspired by the work of Italian Scientist, Alessandro Volta, learnt Italian words through Italian restaurant role play and some students were even able to ask questions to an Italian person via a zoom link. Lunch was a special Italian menu of Pizza, pasta, garlic bread and gelato for dessert. Ask your child what they did and learnt on Italian day. A parent / carer feedback form has been sent home with your child, please complete this and return it to school. Grazie!



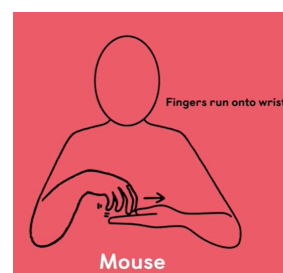
## Hedgehogs in the Garden...Base

Students in garden base have made these amazing hedgehogs from clay and sticks that they foraged for outside. The children worked independently to make these wonderful sculptures.



This weeks sign of the week is **Mouse**.  
For more information about Makaton,  
videos and signs of the week please visit:

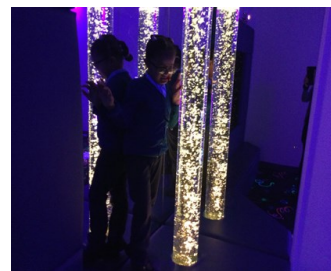
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### Sensory Room



There is a brand new sensory room at Penn Fields School. There is a lot of new equipment such as bubble tubes, lighting and an interactive board. This week, Willow class have been experiencing the new sensory room and have used various programs on the interactive board.



### Painting Workshop

#### LOTC

This week Key Stage 4 have been learning outside the classroom at the Newhampton Arts Centre. Students took part in a painting workshop with a local artist, Paul Owen. They experimented with alcohol inks and blending fluids to create abstract, free-form artworks. Students tried lots of different tools and techniques and will use the workshop as inspiration to develop a painting outcome that will be exhibited at Penn Fest 2024.



### Parental Engagement Workshop

On **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023** 9.00 am - 10am, the English department is running a workshop for parents and careers. This will be an informal event where parents will learn about future workshops that we will be running where we will be working with parents and their children directly, showing them how to support their children with reading.

This workshop will include the opportunity to visit our new enchanted library with your child and explore the books together. You will also have the opportunity to visit our English intervention area and explore some of the resources that we have available.

If you would like to attend, please email: [bwhitmore@pennfields.com](mailto:bwhitmore@pennfields.com) or phone reception.

Refreshments will be available.

### 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

