



Penn Fields School Newsletter

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

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Origami Boat Challenge

In Maths, students from 9B made origami paper boats that floated on water. The student whose boat managed to hold the most marbles before it sank was the winner! The students enjoyed this challenging activity.



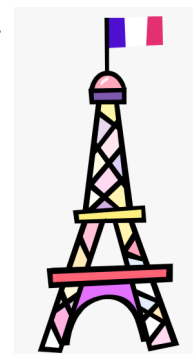
Elm Class Learning Outside the Classroom

Elm Class took part in the Great British Bird Watch. To help them identify the birds, they looked at different species and their features. Students used the binoculars to spot birds from the classroom and the outdoor area. They then made bird feeders and some yummy treats for the birds to enjoy. The children loved to see the birds coming to feed and were fortunate to see a variety of different birds over the week.



Oooo La Laaa! French Day is on the Way!

The whole school will be taking part in a Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) day on Thursday 16th February. We shall be experiencing and learning about France and the French language. There will be a variety of activities such as building an Eiffel Tower, Mardi Gras masks, French Cooking lessons, ordering 'Chocolat Chaud' from the café, spending Euros in the Patisserie, baguette baking, French food tasting and even our own Tour De France to name but a few! Your child will bring home a parent / carer feedback form after the day on Thursday, please complete it and return it to the school office. Merci!



Reading Corner



Picture books with QR codes.

You can digitally access picture books to read at home by scanning the QR code below. There will be a different book each week. This weeks book is **Private I. Guana**.

Reading Winners

This weeks reading winners are: **Chelsea Ann** from 4H, **Kaiden** from 8W and **Oliver** from 4Y. Excellent work and a very well done to you all!

Pawsome Gang

This weeks reading Domain Dog was **Vocabulary Victor**.

Word of the week was **Emulate**, meaning Copy

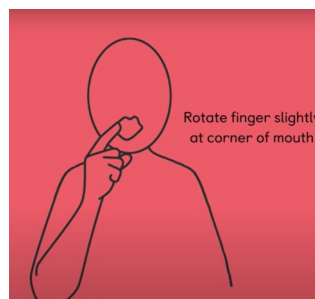
See if your child can tell you about these at home.

The students in upper school are reaping the rewards for their reading effort this week. Earlier in the term a reading incentive was introduced where students collect stamps for reading to an adult, reading mentor, completing an online quiz or answering questions about the book that they have read. Once a card has been stamped ten times the students receive a scratch card to find out what reward they have earned. The students are loving the incentive and enjoy filling up their cards. Don't forget to fill in the home reading diaries as students can earn extra stamps for this too. Happy Reading!



This weeks sign of the week is **Sweet**.

For more information about Makaton, videos and signs of the week please visit: <https://www.makaton.org/>



Dates for your Diary

MFL French Day: Thursday 16th February

World Book Day: Thursday 2nd March 2023. Students can dress up as a book character or come in their own school uniform.

Term Time: Tuesday 3 January 2023 to Friday 17 February 2023

Half Term: Monday 20 February 2023 to Fri 24 February 2023

Term Time: Monday 27 February 2023 to Friday 31 March 2023 **School Closes Early**

Early Closure Times:

Lower School – 12.45

Upper School – 13.15

