



# Penn Fields School Newsletter

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

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## Rapidly improving Penn Fields School rated Good by inspectors

We are all so happy to have been recognised as a GOOD school following our recent Ofsted visit in January 2023.

Inspectors visited Penn Fields School earlier this year and found leaders 'want all pupils to achieve their very best'.

They say that 'respectful and kind relationships underpin all that is good at Penn Fields'.

Ms Thackaberry said: "It has been a long journey to get where we are today and has only been possible due to the continued support from the council's Education Excellence team, our school governors, our parents and most importantly our pupils. "Our whole staffing body have shown nothing but passion, enthusiasm and commitment to the improvement of the school and I am proud to be part of our Penn Fields community."



## Learning Outside the Classroom -Athletics Competition

KS4 had a fantastic day at Westcroft School with lots of hugely competitive athletic activities. The competition was very close all the way through and Penn Fields Team A finished in 1st place and Penn Fields Team B finished in 4th place out of the 8 teams that took part.

All students were outstanding and made some new friends along the way.



## Preparation for Adulthood

In this week's PFA lesson KS4 students were practising their culinary skills by making cup cakes. They followed a recipe and method, measured the ingredients and used equipment safely. The students had fun making their cakes and they looked fantastic!





## 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 'Sophie's Masterpiece'.

### Reading Winners

This weeks reading winners are: **Luis F** and **Kyle F** from 9L and **Lexi** from 7CJ



**Pawsome Gang.** This weeks reading Domain Dog was **Summarising Sheba.**

**Word of the week** was **Fragile** meaning easily damaged or broken.  
See if your child can tell you about these at home.

## Online Safety – Screen time

Know the risks, and what you can do to keep your child safe.

What's the problem?

Spending time online and on devices can be a positive thing. But high levels of screen time can put your child more at risk of:

- Being bullied online
- Abuse and grooming (when someone builds a relationship with a child to exploit or abuse them)
- Seeing inappropriate content
- Not getting enough sleep and exercise

Things you can do

- Set parental controls on devices
- Agree rules on screen time
- Talk to your child about staying safe online

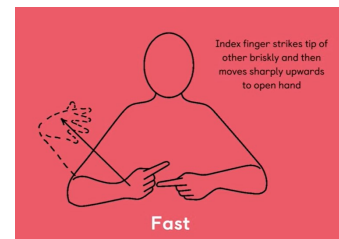
The Safeguarding team will be sending out 'How to set parental controls' on devices to help guide and support you.



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

For more information about Makaton, videos and signs of the week please visit:

<https://www.makaton.org/>



## Year 11 Maths Revision

Students in year 11 taking GCSE Maths this year will be sent a Teams invite for an extra revision session during the Easter Holidays. Please join if you can.

The date and time for the session is **Thursday 6th April at 10am**

## Dates for your Diary

**Spring Term Time:** Monday 27 February 2023 to Friday 31 March 2023

**School Closes Early:** Friday 31 March 2023 (Early closure / Lower School – 12.45 / Upper School – 13.15)

**INSET Day:** Monday 17th April - School Closed

**Summer Term Time:** Tuesday 18th April 2023 to Friday 26th May 2023

**Half Term:** Monday 29th May 2023 to Friday 2nd June 2023

**Summer Term Time:** Monday 5th June 2023 to Friday 21st July 2023 (Early closure)

