Penn Hall School Newsletter - July 2021

Dear Families, Colleagues, Governors and Friends

How lovely it has been this half term to see our children and young people boarding the school minibus and heading out on a school trip again. It has been so long since we have been able to venture beyond the school gates we had almost forgotten how much enjoyment and high quality learning a school trips brings. We hope you enjoy the photographs included in the following pages which show some of our summer term adventures: Class AO on the narrow boat, Class RG and LG out to Kingswood and Class MN to the recording studio at Newhampton Arts Centre.

Please head to our website home page at www.pennhall.co.uk to check out the video of the song Class MN has written and performed with help from our music partners, Inclusic (www.inclusic.co.uk). We are really looking forward to working with Inclusic even more next year as they spend a day and a half in school each week offering music workshops to pupils of all ages.

Whilst we have felt a little normality creeping back into school life this term, it has not been without its' Covid challenges. We have had significant numbers of children and staff isolating, a result of which some pupils have missed out on planned activities and the Holiday Scheme.

As always, every member of the Penn Hall family has risen to these challenges with positivity and hard work. I would like to take this opportunity to say an enormous **"thank you"** to the staff team for their unwavering commitment to support our children and young people in school and to you, their families, for offering the same at home. Our Governing Board have worked really hard this year to offer support and challenge to the leadership team to ensure that each and every pupil receives the best possible education every single day.

To our children and young people, I would also like to say an enormous "**thank you.**" You are all truly inspiring with your humour, resilience, kindness and love of life.

I am so looking forward to what we can achieve together next year but for now wish you all a happy and healthy summer holiday.

Sarah Wilkinson
Headteacher

"Working together to be the best that we can be"

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Dear All

Here we are at the end of another busy year and it has been a year like no other. Our students and staff have once again amazed us all with their resilience and ability to adapt to the most challenging of circumstances. It is so disappointing that the end of term has been disrupted for so many, especially our leavers (both students and staff). Thankfully the Penn Fest celebration was able to take place and was such a wonderful day for everyone able to take part.

As we look forward, it is exciting that we have a dedicated and enthusiastic permanent Headteacher and senior leadership team in place who are committed to inspiring and supporting our school and its' students. Our Governing board are all committed to the school motto of "working together to be the best that we can be." We will achieve this by working hard and being positive.

We look forward to welcoming our students and staff back into school in September and in the meantime, we wish you all a happy and safe summer break.

Tracy Wilkinson
Chair of Governing Board

RG visited Kingswood twice this term. We took part in some wonderful activities all based around stories and discovery. The class enjoyed exploring colour, feelings and different materials as well as meeting the animals and going on a nature walk.
We all thoroughly enjoyed our days out.

On Monday 14th June Class RST were visited by PC Harding and PCSO Bennett. They came to talk to us to teach us how to contact them in an emergency, what the job of being a police officer entails and how they help us.

We discussed what kind of things are an emergency and what number to ring if you need help in an emergency, which is 999. We also found out today that for those adults or children who are unable to talk because they cannot use their voice or because it is not safe to do so, then after calling 999 if you dial 55 the operator on the phone will understand and send help.

Finally, we went onto the playground to have a close look at their police car.

.....to all of those who are leaving us this term

William Spencer, Richie Tanner, Erik Istanek and Stephen Bould are all leaving our sixth form today and we wish them all the very best for their next steps towards adulthood.

Mrs Jayne Cowdale and Mrs Joy Evans will be leaving school today to begin their retirement after decades of dedicated service to Penn Hall School.

Mrs Amy Bisla will be leaving us to embark on teacher training at Manor Primary School and Wolverhampton University.

Miss Sophie Greatwood will be leaving her support role in school to embark on a new carer as a SEND Officer for Solihull Council.

We are very pleased that we have all played a part in each of our leavers' journey and hope that they will take the Penn Hall 'can do' spirit with them wherever they may go.

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Live Music

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Class SH & GE enjoyed a mini PennFest/Leavers' Celebration

Class ET went to the Wildside Activity Centre
and enjoyed their ride on a narrow boat.
PIC·COLLAGE

Class ET's
picnic in
Bantock Park

Class AO
on their way to
Wildside Activity
Centre

Leavers' Assembly 2021

Include Me TOO

Inclusion · Diversity · Equality · Adventures

...invites you to have TIMEOUT!

Make new friends, learn new things and have FUN!

Come and join us for Time Out activities for disabled children and young people aged 3 - 19 years old

They will be taking place on various dates during Summer Term.

Tuesday 27th July 2021
Animal Man
(Venue: Newhampton Arts Centre)
10am to 1pm

Wednesday 28th July 2021
National Adventure Forest Farm
Group Outing (transport is provided)
10am to 4pm

Thursday 29th July 2021
Circus Skills FUN
(Venue: Newhampton Arts Centre)
10am to 1pm

Friday 30th July 2021
Horse Riding and Horse Therapy
Group Outing (transport is provided)
10am to 1pm

Sunday 1st August 2021 &
Sunday 5th September 2021
Disability Friendly Cinema Showing
10am to 1pm

Monday 2nd August 2021
Bowling
Group Outing
(Venue: Hollywood Bowl Bentley Bridge)
10am to 1pm

Wednesday 4th August 2021
African Drumming/ Bollywood/Arts & Crafts
(Venue: Newhampton Arts Centre)
10am to 1pm

Monday 9th August 2021
Sailability
Group Outing (transport is provided)
10pm to 1pm

Friday 13th August 2021
Dinosaur Adventure Golf
Group Outing
10am to 1pm

Monday 16th August 2021
Zip Wiring, Abseiling, Canoeing lots of fun activities for all abilities
Group Outing (transport is provided)
10am to 4pm

Wednesday 18th August 2021
Safari Park
Group Outing (transport is provided)
10am to 4pm

SOCIAL GROUP FOR DISABLED YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 13 YEAR TO 19 YEARS.

This group enjoys regular activities and trips with their friends and making new friends. Please get in touch for further information.
'THINGS THEY LIKE TO DO AND PLACES THEY WOULD LIKE TO GO'

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Please complete and return to Include Me TOO, Newhampton Arts Centre, Dunkley Street, Wolverhampton, West Midlands WV1 4AN. You can also email im2@includemetoo.org.uk or contact us on 07940 367753 to book a place by Wednesday 21st July 2021. We are also running sessions for our TIMEOUT Youth Social Group (aged 13 – 18 years) for further details contact our team on 07940 367753.
(Please note places are limited so please book with us as soon as possible). THANK YOU

Holiday Activities

Key Stage One, Two and Three pupils will be bringing home a kit so they can take part in the Summer 'Beat the Street' active game in Wolverhampton. Beat the Street is a fun, free initiative that will see the city of Wolverhampton transformed into a giant game! See how far you can walk, cycle or roll in just 4 weeks. There are great challenges to enjoy and prizes up for grabs. Play the game from Tuesday 20 July - Tuesday 17 August 2021

All the information you need will be in you packs but to find out more go to www.beaththestreet.me/wolverhampton

Wolverhampton's new Yo! Summer Festival has officially started, offering over 300 activities and events for the city's children and young people and their families during the long school holidays.

The activities, many of which are free, include sports, clubs, fun days, arts and crafts and more, and begin next week.

Highlights include free swimming lessons from WV Active, sensory sessions with animals at HugglePets in the Community, sculpting, painting and drawing classes from Real Arts Workshops.
Full details are available at www.yowolves.co.uk

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SCHOOL TERM AND DATES
2021/2022
Autumn Term 2021
Thursday 2 September 2021 to Friday 22 October 2021
(Half term: Monday 25 October 2021 to Friday 29 October 2021)
Monday 1 November 2021 to Friday 17 December 2021
Spring Term 2022
Tuesday 4 January 2022 to Friday 18 February 2022
(Half term: Monday 21 February 2022 to Friday 25 February 2022)
Monday 28 February 2022 to Friday 8 April 2022
Summer Term 2022
Monday 25 April 2022 to Friday 27 May 202
(Half term: Monday 30 May 2022 to Friday 3 June 2022)
Monday 6 June 2022 to Friday 22 July 2022

INSET DAYS
Thursday 2nd September 2021
Friday 3rd September 2021
Monday 18th October 2021
Monday 28th February 2022
Monday 13th June 2022

- The charge for a **School Meal** from 1st September 2021 is **£2.70** per day, making the total for the week of **£13.50.**
- **Discounted** meals will remain at **£1.00** per meal.
- Provision of a Free School Meal for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue, this does **NOT** apply to Nursery children.

If your child is absent from school please telephone the School Office on 01902 558355 by 9.15am.
If your child is unwell and you arrange for them to have a PCR test please inform the School Office and contact the office again once you have received the result.

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IMPORTANT - PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU INFORM THE SCHOOL OFFICE OF ANY CHANGES TO YOUR CONTACT DETAILS