

Dear Friends of Pield Heath

It was good to see so many of you at the recent Parents Consultations. You will see from this newsletter, that it has been filled with lots of exciting activities. Some of the highlights included, a Pilgrimage to Lourdes in France, celebrating King Charles III Coronation, a staff charity fundraising climb up Mount Snowdon, as well as various sports activities, including a day out at Lord's Cricket Ground.

This half term we say a fond farewell to Michelle Davis, Admin Manager In the time she has been with us, Michelle has worked tirelessly in the background, to support the Leadership and Admin Teams, as well as the whole school community with various events. We thank Michelle for sharing her skills and expertise and we wish her all the best for the future.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 5th June.

Hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable half term.

Thank you

Eryl D'Souza

Associate Principal Community & External Partnerships



King Charles III Coronation



5th May 2023

It was wonderful as a school community to mark the King's Coronation. On Friday 5th May we had a special service in the chapel. Thank you to Agnes Komasiak and 3C for sharing the drama sketch about the religious significance of the Coronation Ceremony. It was great to see the fantastic art work on the theme of the Coronation. Well done to all the students who took part in the Royally Big Portrait competition and to Jessica Harvey our Art Teacher for

coordinating this activity. This was followed by having a banquet where everyone was able to get into the festive mood. Students enjoyed traditional fish and chips for lunch. The school was decked with red, white and blue bunting and Union Jacks. The day ended with a fantastic disco. Special thanks to Jody and to the staff who supported with making this a really memorable day. Highlights of the day will be included in a Gallery on our School Website.



Tutor Group 3G

3G have had a great half term. They participated well in all activities, they enjoyed learning lots of new skills. Here is a picture of them participating in the May Mass.



Tutor Group 3N

3N have enjoyed a trip into Uxbridge on the U5 bus. The students tapped in with their oyster card and had a quick shopping trip in Pound Land to purchase a treat to take home and learning to use the self-service tills. Then it was off to the library to see what was on offer passing a few soldiers on the way. Once at the library a short rest under a tree was needed. The students are looking forward to their next adventure.



Tutor Group 3P

3P have enjoyed some fantastic trips this term and have enjoyed bonding in the park play areas. They also welcomed a new addition to the class. Children have enjoyed the snacks that they bought sitting outdoors and have gone on walks altogether round the park looking at different plants and flowers. We have spent a lot of timer this term playing together as a class, taking it in turns on the zip wire or climbing alongside one another on the climbing frame. 3P had huge amounts of fun during these special moments.



Tutor Group 3W

This term 3W visited the local Tesco to buy their favourite snacks and drinks and they sat in the café to socialise in the community.



Tutor Group 3C

3C have been working on averages in Maths this term and some have been able to calculate the average age within the class. In English, we have been studying Greek myths and letter writing and the students enjoyed the story of Theseus and the Minotaur in particular.

3C were also chosen to take a trip on the **Fun-bus** where they visited **The Hellfire Caves** in High Wycombe. The children were fascinated to learn that the caves were tunnelled in the sixteenth century to hide and store grain. The caves also featured in the TV show **Britain's Most Haunted** so we were all relieved to see that the ghosts had gone elsewhere for that day! Special thanks to the Levenfiche Foundation for their generosity in providing us with this wonderful trip.



Tutor Group PH+A

This term our class has been trying very hard to get out into the community and so far we have had several successful visits to the local supermarket where the students have been able to follow visual shopping lists. Sometimes they are shopping for snacks but they have followed a longer shopping list for birthday party supplies.



Tutor Group PH+B

The PH+B students have learnt about "kindness" and how to be kind to each other. The students have reflected on this theme by participating in the school assembly and reflected on all the kind work they did this year to support charities in this country and around the world. They also began to make the most of the warm Spring weather, taking opportunities to learn outside the classroom. PH+B have really enjoyed their community skills sessions this term and have visited different places offsite.



Tutor Group PH+C

This term PH+C have been having lots of fun learning in different ways. We have been making the most of our sunshine to practice crossing our roads safely. We have been enjoying our Thrive sessions where we can choose an activity we want to help calm us. Some of our class enjoy have a pamper session. We have also been enjoying making fruit salads to represent the Fruits of the Holy Spirit in RE. Well done PH+C.



Tutor Group PH+D

PH+D have had a lovely half term together building upon their relationships, practicing their independence skills and being helpful to each other. We celebrated the King's Coronation and we have been learning about people who help us.



Tutor Group 4H

This term, the students of 4H have been practicing using public transport as part of their community skills lessons. They have been taking public transport to and from our local town to visit the shops. They have all be carrying and using their oyster cards and pressing the bell at the correct stop. In Wider World Asdan 4H have been learning various French words, from greetings to types of food and have even been experiencing different types of French foods.



Tutor Group 4N

After a restful Easter, everyone came back happy and full of good memories. In addition, a new student in 4N, Kamsi, joined our class. This term, we are learning about 'People who help us'. So far, we have learnt about people who help us at school and this has really helped us to build awareness of different aspects of school life. Students also enjoyed lessons on how the police help to keep us safe. We had many fun activities across the curriculum while celebrating the Coronation, including assemblies and the culmination day on Friday with party food and a disco.



Tutor Group VBC A+

This term VBC A have worked really well during Home Management. Students focused on loading and unloading the dishwasher and learning how to place plates appropriately onto the drying rack.



Tutor Group VBC B

This term VBC B have been working hard on their independence when transitioning around the school; preparing breakfast, doing jobs for staff (collecting paper from reception) collecting own and peer's lunch, school trips. With the weather changing we as a class have been enjoying peer interaction outdoors.



Tutor Group VBC C

Members of VBCC have had a good half term. They took part in several outdoor activities and enjoyed celebrating the King's Coronation. After the Coronation lunch we had a flag waving ceremony.



Tutor Group VBC D

This term VBC D enjoyed a taster day at Green Corridor College. They learnt about the courses that they provide and what each of the teachers specialise in. During the day, VBC D students experienced sessions in both gardening and cooking. The VBC D students are now considering their options once they leave the 6th form at Pield Heath.



Horticulture



This term the Pield Heath Student Gardeners have been very busy in the school gardens.

Here are just a few of our gardeners preparing Mary's Grotto for the May Mass on Wednesday 10th May. Mass was followed by a May procession to the Statue of Our Lady to present her with flowers.



Music

This term we have been looking at soundscapes. Classes have participated in sound frequencies, sound art and sound colour. 3C have been learning to tune their guitars to match sound frequencies. Elsewhere we've had students enjoy a freestyle or two on various instruments!



Sport

Now that Summer is here it has been wonderful to see our students taking part in a range of sports activities both on and off site. Here you can see photographs of students who took part in the Tiger feet (QPR Inclusive Football) event in April at a QPR football Match.



Sam participated in the Middlesex Cricket Disability tournament, at Westway Sports Club, Kensington.






VBC Group D enjoyed their day out at Lord's Cricket on Friday 19th May.



Well Done to all the students and thanks to the staff and families for sharing these lovely photos.




Occupational Therapy

 Occupational Therapy  Bright  Ideas to  help  your  young person

 to learn  how to  make a  sandwich and a  drink.






 Step for making a  drink

1.  Pour  half cup of  Juice into a  cup

2.  Mix the  juice with  water

 Bring the  drink and the  sandwich to the  dining table.  Sit down

 and  enjoy the  meal together with  family and  friends

 Well done  with  making  your  meal

Special Events

Festival of Eid

We kept all the staff and families in our community who were marking Ramadan in our thoughts. We extended our good wishes to them for the festival of Eid Mubarak.



International Nurses Day

On Friday 12th May, we had an assembly to mark International Nurses Day. This provided an ideal opportunity to thank our own school nurse Sarah Whelan for all that she does for our school community.



Thank a Teacher Day - 20th May

As you know 20th May was “**Thank a Teacher Day**”. On behalf of all the SLT and Governors we extend our appreciation and sincere thanks for all you do throughout the year. Thank you also to our SSAs and to every member of staff in all the various departments, who by their efforts support the care and education of all our students so that they can enjoy their school experience.

THANK YOU
TEACHERS & STAFF!

Mount Snowdon Charity Climb

Five of our SSAs Megan, Rowena, Juli, Kiran and Susan took part in a fundraising event on Saturday 13th May for the Khalsa Fostering Charity. Their challenge was to climb Mount Snowden. What an amazing achievement we are all very proud of you. Well Done!



Charity Car wash

Well done to VBCC for organising a charity car wash for the Dogs Trust.



Community

Service for Staff

The Summer Term began with a Service about the life of St Anthony and to prepare for his Feast Day. A talk was shared and staff who work in St Anthony's House supported by reading prayers and reflections.



First Holy Communion

Congratulations to Alayna who made her First Holy Communion at Our Lady of Lourdes & St Michael Parish in April.



Lourdes Pilgrimage, France

2 of our students had the opportunity to go on a Pilgrimage and visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in France. During their visit they also took time out to take a trip to The Pyrenees Mountains and to participate in various group building activities. Sincere thanks to Dr Jack Gorard and HCPT Group 12 for this amazing opportunity which brought blessings to our whole community.



May Mass

On 10th May Fr Nicholas Schofield celebrated a Mass to mark May as the Month of Mary. After Mass students and staff laid flowers at the statue of Mary and Fr Nicholas gave us all a special blessing. Many thanks to everyone who kindly sent in flowers for this annual Mass. Thanks also to Nicky Grieve our Outdoor Learning Development Manager and her team of Gardeners who help to maintain the Grotto all year round so that we can pray and worship in our beautiful school grounds.



Feast of Victor Braun

18th May was the Feast of Victor Braun, the Founder of the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.



Fruits of the Holy Spirit Caritas

This Half-Term we have focused on the theme 'Kindness'. We launched it with a special service that was prepared and delivered by Sundus Zaidan PH+B Team.



Laudato Si

21st – 28th May marks the 8th anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on the care for creation called Laudato Si. The theme that has been chosen this year is – Hope for the Earth, Hope for humanity. To help us celebrate this, VBCD led the whole school in an assembly to introduce the work of our new Eco Committee and their various roles and responsibilities. The Eco Community have also launched the first issue of their own newsletter – [click here](#) to read it.



LAUDATO SI' WEEK 2023



Wellbeing Goodie Bag Winner

Congratulations to this terms staff goody bag winner Vanessa McGregor.



Parents and Carers

Parents Consultations 18th and 25th May

It was good to see so many of you at our Parents meetings. We hope that you found it a useful opportunity to meet our staff, review the past year as well as find out about the extra-curricular activities throughout the year.

Family Fun Day & Grand Summer Draw



Family Fun Day

We look forward to welcoming you all to our annual Family Fun Day. All proceeds from the event will go towards supporting the needs of our students and school community. For now, please save the date **Thursday 29th June** and we will be sharing more information after half term.

Stalls will include a tombola and a Grand Prize Draw where participants can win;

1st prize – Family Photography Experience value £550

2nd Prize – Family Photography Experience, value £315

3rd Prize – £100 Marks & Spencer voucher

4th Prize – 4 tickets to Hobbledown Heath Adventure Park

There will also be have-a-go activities and various types of entertainment.

Thank you to all those of you who have already bought your tickets. If you would like additional raffle ticket booklets please ring or email the school at admin@pieldheathschool.org.uk. As always we are grateful for your support to make this event a success; if you have any gifts for tombola prizes we would be most grateful, please send to school marked 'Family Fun Day'.



ParentPay

We operate a cashless system in school whereby all payments are made online using the ParentPay system. You should have a log on and password specifically for your child's account. If for any reason you have not got these details please contact the finance office who will be able to provide you with all the information.

Dates for Your Diary

Summer Term 2

Half Term – Monday 29th May 2023 – Friday 2nd June 2023

Summer 2 – Monday 5th June 2023 – Friday 21st July 2023*

** School finishes at 2.30pm*

Please click [here](#) for our full school calendar



