

Dear Friends of Pield Heath

Hope you and your families are keeping well. You will see from this newsletter, that this half term has been filled with some exciting activities.

Some of the highlights included an Art Exhibition of students work, our Annual May Mass, a trip to Lords Cricket Grounds and various festivities to mark Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee. You can read more details about these events, as well as other activities below.

As always, our staff continue to be amazing in the way they care, support and interact with our students. Sincere thanks also to all our Parents for your ongoing cooperation.

We look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday 7th June.

Enjoy the Queen's Jubilee Events and have a lovely half term holiday.

Thank you

*Eryl D'Souza*

Associate Principal – Community & External Partnerships



### **Tutor Group 2E**

2E have really made the most of the nice weather this half term; students enjoyed having a picnic lunch on the field in the sun and playing football afterwards. 2E participated in a 'bikeability' course over 3 mornings one week and all did fantastically, learning how to cycle safely. Students have also enjoyed taking part in Occupational Therapy exercises with tunnels, beanbags and outdoor gym equipment.



### **Tutor Group 3D**

This term, 3D has been enjoying going to The Well café and learning about money and how to order food.





### **Tutor Group 3E**

This half term, we have made the most of the improved weather and have been spending lots of time learning outdoors.



### **Tutor Group 3G**

So far this term, class 3G have enjoyed lots of nice activities. We particularly enjoyed celebrating our classmate Ben's birthday, singing 'Happy birthday' and helping him to eat his birthday cake!

We have had a lovely Music lesson where we all got to play different instruments, and as the weather has been so sunny and bright, we have also been spending some time outdoors. We have had lots of fun in our Horticulture lessons, where we have been planting new plants and watering them.



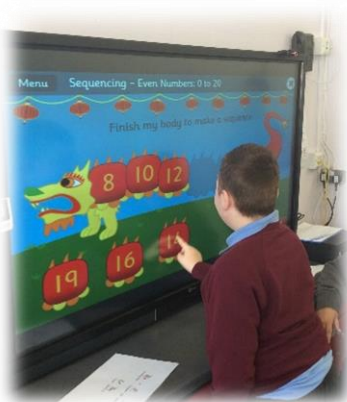
### Tutor Group 3L

This term 3L have taken part in lots of different activities focusing on food. We have been doing lots of different tasting sessions in Knowledge of the World as well as learning about different methods of food preparation. One of the students even managed to make a fruit face!



### Tutor Group 3W

The Students in 3W have been working on their understanding of timetables, focusing on the 2s, 5s and 10 timetables. Some of the students have then further developed their understanding by relating the times tables to the digital times on a clock. All of 3W have worked extremely hard!





### **Tutor Group PH+A**

PH+A have had a great start to the Summer term. Caitlin has been preparing to make her First Holy Communion, while Bilan and Imam have been enjoying having more social interaction and making friends. Pravin has been trying to do some work independently and Joseph has been requesting where he would like to visit in the school grounds, with his favourite places to visit being the chapel.



### **Tutor Group PH+B**

This half term, PH+B students have been learning about different foods starting with letter “T”, focusing on those “T” letter foods that contribute to a healthy and balanced diet. In Art lessons, the class has been learning about the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee; we have been signing the National Anthem and making different decorations to display in the classroom.



## Tutor Group PH+C

This term PH+C have been working very hard learning new life skills during Home Management. The students in PH+C have been practicing, hanging out wet washing and then folding away washing into the wardrobe.



## Tutor Group 4C

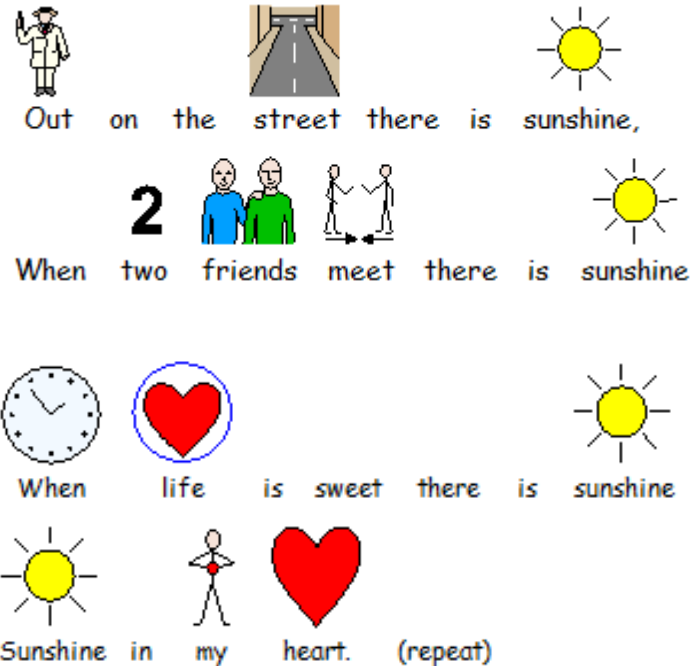
Some of the students in 4C have been completing their entry level exams in Maths and English this half-term. We are all very proud of the hard work that they put into completing some incredibly challenging papers. Well done 4C!

In May, the class were invited to attend a special day at Lords Cricket ground. The class participated in several sporting activities as well as watching Middlesex play a game. The boys' ball-throwing accuracy increased very quickly as the event went on.



### Tutor Group 4T

4T led a lovely assembly all about the joys of Summer. The class shared their ideas about what we do, what we wear and all the other various ways that we enjoy the summertime while remembering to stay safe in the sun.



### Tutor Group 4W

This term class 4W practised acts of kindness and offered help to others. In Maths and Community Skills we practised calculating money and often went to the 'Well Café' and the school Tuck Shop to buy our snacks and drinks. We also went for our first trips to Tesco to make purchases. Our class was asked to participate and perform during the Mass. We practised the liturgical dance with scarves and sang in the choir.





### **Tutor Group VBC A+**

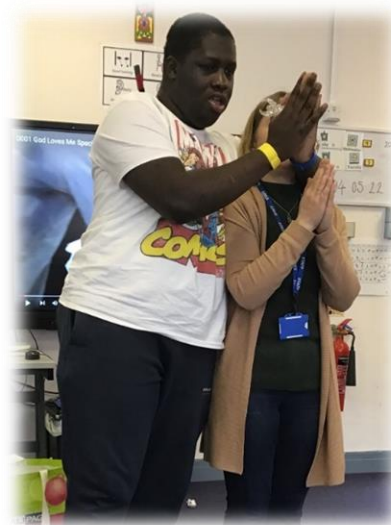
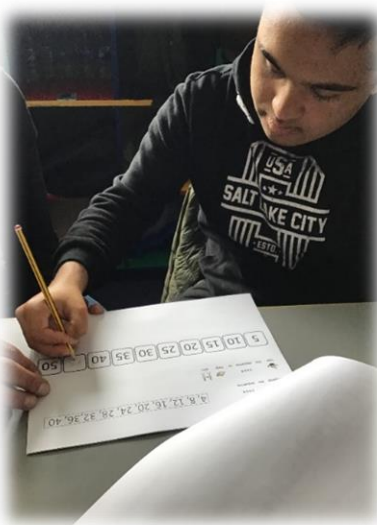
VBC A+ have had a very busy and fun first summer term. They celebrated each other's birthdays, making cards, sending good wishes and having parties.

The class have also enjoyed reading, cooking and gardening and have worked hard towards their individual functional literacy and numeracy targets.



### **Tutor Group VBC B**

VBC B have had a great term. They have been working hard in all their lessons. In maths they have been working on counting in 5s. In RE our students enjoy leading the prayers at the start of the lesson. In Team Enterprise they have been exploring different patterns through painting.





### Tutor Group VBC C

VBC C have 6 students due to leave for college this July - Ethan, Hajira, Thomas, Jason, Louie and Casey. This term we have been preparing them for their next steps after Pield Heath. We have been out and about travel training and practising interview techniques. Some of us attended “real life” interviews for the new student staff positions at The Well.

Congratulations to Louie, Hajira, Ethan and Imaan for securing a placement for the Summer term.



## St Joseph's House

This term, the students have continued to build upon their indepenet living and social interaction skills through a series of fun outings and practicing everyday skills. We have celebrated birthdays together, practiced cooking and food prep skills and enjoyed group outdoor activities, such as the Parachute game and outings to Ruislip Lido.





## Music



This half term, the Music Department has been really productive, and has had the opportunity to experience lots of different music making classes which the students have really enjoyed. We are currently focusing on Folk Music, and we were very happy to welcome Naomi Wright from Collective 31 back for another music workshop, which really helped to bring this topic to life. Naomi led small group sessions where the students were given opportunities to compose music, play games and listen to some violin folk songs. The student's interaction with Folk Music was really enhanced by Collective 31's input, and they demonstrated a real keenness to work and create collaboratively.

As well as this, we are really pleased to see continued and growing enthusiasm for our choir, which continues to welcome lots of new members. The choir is currently learning new songs and getting ready for the celebration of First **Holy Communion** and the **Sing up Day** which has selected the theme of **"Love as our guide"**. We are also looking forward to upcoming musical events this summer with the *Music for Autism Workshop* and the *I am at festival* both taking place later this term. We continue to be very proud of all our music students, as they participate with such enjoyment, enthusiasm and hard work in lessons.



## Sport

This term, classes have been learning about cricket in their P.E. lessons. We have particularly enjoyed practising how to bat, bowl and field. Some of our students also had the chance to participate in a football pentathlon tournament at Goals Wembley. Our students participated in 5 games - one of which they won – and they showed great resilience playing against much higher ability teams throughout. Well done boys, we're all proud of your achievements!





## Horticulture

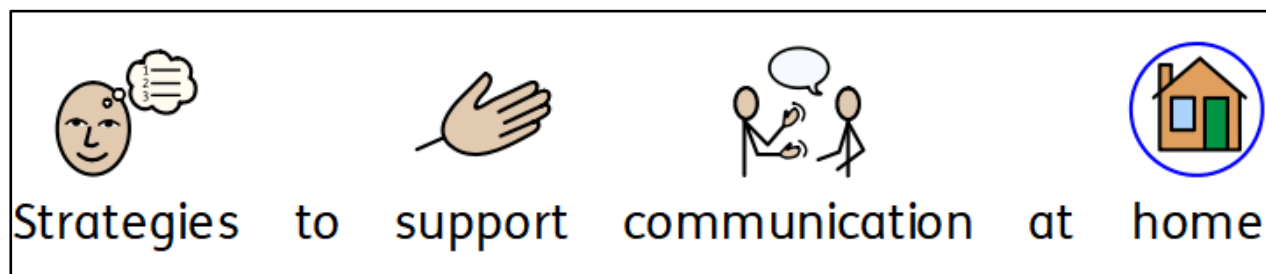
In horticulture this term, the students that work at Nathan's farm every Friday have very much enjoyed looking after all the Spring babies. There have been ducklings and piglets to look after and Ethan even had the honour of naming a new born calf – he named it "Ethan" 😊

*Animals cannot "talk" to us, but they can communicate with us and commune with us in a language that does not require words.*



## Speech and Language Therapy

*We begin our Speech and Language entry with a fond farewell to our Speech and Language Therapy Lead, Sara Ali. We thank Sara for her unwavering energy and enthusiasm and for all that she contributed to Pield Heath while with us. We wish her all the best for her new venture.*



Signalong is part of our daily practice in School. Juli our Signalong Lead delivers a 'Sign of The Week'.

Below are just some of the signs we use on a daily basis and for you to use at home.



Listen



Working cupped hand  
(palm forward, pointing  
up) behind ear



More



Working flat hand (palm  
up, pointing forward)  
moves and turns over  
onto supporting full "C"  
hand (palm in, pointing  
forward)



Kind









Working thumb hand (palm  
back, pointing in) touches  
supporting side of upper  
chest and moves forwards  
while twisting to palm  
back/up so that thumb  
points slightly forwards





























## Occupational Therapy



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  Ideas
 to
  Help
  Your
  Young Person
 with
  Maintaining

 Emotional
  Well-Being
  During
 the
  Summer
  Half-Term
  Holiday

 1. To
  help
  your
  young person
 to
  to
  feel
 **ready**
 for
  their
  morning

 routine,
  you
  can do
  full
  body
  stretches
  together.

 2. To
  help
  your
  young person
 to
  focus
  their
  attention
  you can

 create
  a
  shopping list,
  include
  items
  they
  will
  like
  to
  buy
  and

 walk
  to the
  shops
  together
  to
  buy
  the
  items.



3. When you and your young person have lots of energy you can do



pushing and pulling activities at home like hoovering and mopping.



You will feel so **proud** when you have finished.



4. You can walk with your young person around the garden or a



nearby park and enjoy smelling the flowers, this will help you



both to feel **calm** and **ok**.



5. You can take turns with your young person to listen to your



favourite music together, this will help you both to feel **happy**.





6. When you need to **relax** your bodies, you can **take a break** by



sitting on the sofa, watching your favourite video together and



licking ice cream.



7. When you and your young person need to **relax** your mind

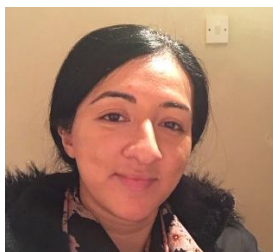


you can do deep breathing exercises by breathing in a flower and



slowly blowing away a feather.

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## Special Events

### The Month of May

On 11<sup>th</sup> May Fr Martin Plunkett 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 Martin 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.





### The Easter Candle



On the Training day at the start of the Summer Term, we started with a service looking at 'The Meaning of the Easter Candle' and a short reflection by Fr Stephen Wang.

### St Georges Day

Thanks to Sarah Ball / PH+A for their lovely assembly where they shared the story about St George and how he came to be the Patron Saint of England.



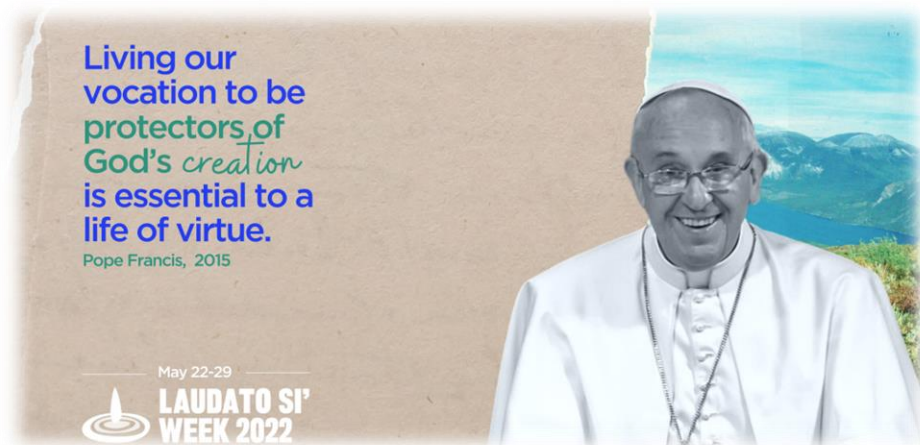
### Festival of Eid

To mark the Islamic festival of Eid, we had a lovely assembly which was led by Nicola Chance and the PH+C Team. 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.



## Laudato Si

22<sup>nd</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> May marks the seventh anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on the care for creation called Laudato Si.



## Sisters of The Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (SSHJM) and the Feast of Victor Braun

It was lovely to be joined by Sisters of the Congregation from around the world when they attended a Conference that was hosted at Pield Heath. Caitlin was delighted to see Sr Clara who she knows very well and who visited her class to say hello to her and her friends. Some of the Sisters had a brief tour and met with other students and staff.

On 18<sup>th</sup> May we marked the Feast of Victor Braun, the Founder of the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. We had a special assembly led by Maria Dabrowska / VBC A+.





### Sacrament of Baptism & Reconciliation

This year we have 7 candidates who are in the process of taking part in a Sacramental Programme. In April they received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Special thanks to Fr Nicholas Schofield and Angela Atkins from Our Lady of Lourdes & St Michael Parish, Uxbridge and also to Agnes Komasiak who has been training the students with the support of the staff.



## Queen's Jubilee

It was wonderful as a school community to mark the Queen's Jubilee. On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May we had a special service of thanksgiving in the chapel. This was followed on the Thursday 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 Jack Flags. Highlights of the day will be included in a Gallery on our School Website.

We also extend a special thank you to the Catering Department and the Staff at The Well for your enthusiasm and hard work which enabled all staff to enjoy a delicious Cream Tea at The Well to mark the Queen's Jubilee and celebrate the end of the half term as a community.







## **Community**

### **The Well**

A special thank you to Kerri Copley and the Staff and Students who helped and launched the reopening of The Well – our Community Café.



### **VBC Art Exhibition**

A big thank you to Jessica Harvey and the VBC students for the wonderful art exhibition that was displayed in the common room for our staff and students to enjoy.





### 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 Jessica Harvey VBC / B Team. Following the news of one of our Agency support staff who unexpectedly very sadly passed away, staff put their faith into action and organised a Cake Sale which raised over £400 which was sent to the family. A special thank you to PH+C Class Team for organising and running this event to show our love and support.

### **The Kindness Wave™**



**Start a ripple... Create a wave.  
It begins with YOU!**

### Staff Wellbeing



9th -15th May was Mental Health Awareness Week. The theme this year was about Loneliness and how it can impact our mental health.

### Staff Wellbeing Winner

The Winner of this term's staff wellbeing hamper is Nicola Leonard, our Transition and Preparation for Adulthood specialist. Congratulations Nicola!



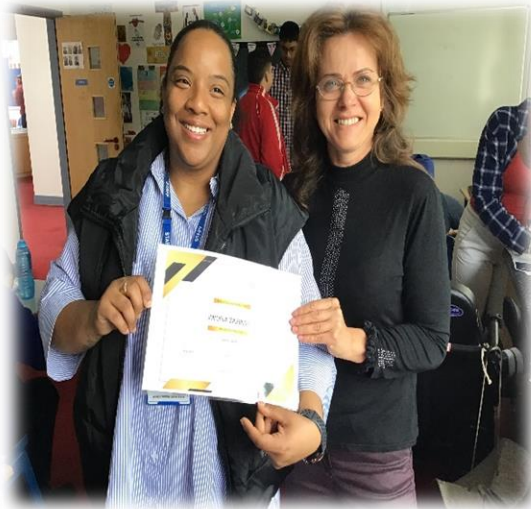
### Good News

We were delighted to hear that we were the First Prize winners of the TLTP Education raffle.

### PBS Award

This half term, we congratulate 4 of our staff members on achieving the PBS award; Rowen Wijnen of PH+C class, Neil Taylor and Dwayne Aldridge from VBC+A class, and Iwona Zabinska from class 4C. These staff members have been consistent with applying PBS principals within their roles, modelling positive behaviours, working in partnership with their class teams and initiating positive engagement with the students.

Thank you all for your hard work!





## Fundraising

### Walk for Autism

Congratulations to Sarah Noel for her efforts to raise money by Walking for Autism.

Thanks to her perseverance and the generosity of all those who sponsored her she raised an amazing £ 1,052.28. Very Well-Done Sarah – we are all proud of you!



## Family Fun Day & Grand Summer Draw



This annual event will take place on Thursday 30th June from 11.00am – 3.00pm. It will start with Sports Day and we will also have our Summer Fayre. Stalls will include a tombola and a Grand Prize Draw where participants can win;

**1<sup>st</sup> prize – HP Laptop**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – £100 M&S Voucher**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Huawei GT2 Smart Watch**

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](mailto: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'.

## Thank a Teacher Day - 26th May



Thursday 26th May is “**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, enabling them to reach their full potential.



## **Parents and Carers**

### **Parents Consultations 16th- 26th May**

It was good that thanks to technology Tutors were able to have online meetings. We hope that you found it a useful opportunity to discuss and review the what has been a challenging year for everyone as well as to look ahead and identify any specific action required for next year.

### **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 2022**

Half Term – Monday 30th May 2022 – Friday 3rd June 2022

Summer 2 – Tuesday 7th June 2022 – Friday 22nd July 2022\*

*\* School finishes at 2.30pm*

### **Staff Training Days**

6th June 2022

