



Dear Friends of Pield Heath

Christmas gives us the opportunity to pause and reflect on the important things around us – a time when we can look back on the year that has passed and prepare for the year ahead. Some of the highlights this half term included, a Jazz concert in our chapel, an outdoor learning day, celebrating Children in Need and our Christmas Reflection entitled The Greatest Gift.



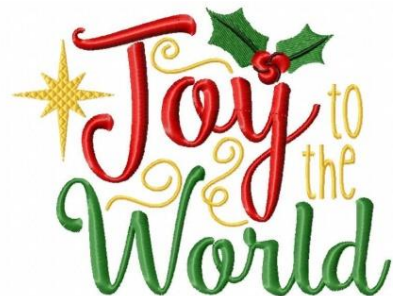
Our students participated fully and made us all very proud. Our staff have continued to work as a team and rise to every challenge. Thanks also to all our Parents for your cooperation during the year.

As we prepare for the Feast of Christmas, we journey with Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. In the city of King David they received the gift of God's beloved Son. In the chaos and difficulty of the first Christmas, Christ came and radiated peace and joy for the world. In our moments of challenge and difficulty this Christmas, may we too discover anew the Saviour of the world and welcome him with joy!

On behalf of everyone at Pield Heath, I would like to thank you for your support and wish you and your family a Happy Christmas and every blessing in the New Year.

We look forward to seeing our staff on 4th & 5th January for 2 training days and to welcoming back our students on Thursday 6th January 2022.

Eryl D'Souza
Associate Principal
Community & External Partnerships



RE Inspection

On 8th October we had our Section 48 RE Inspection, by Westminster Diocese.



For Section A - Classroom Religious Education we were graded **Good**

For Section B - The Catholic Life of the School we were graded **Outstanding**.

This was a tremendous achievement for us and a real demonstration of the excellent ethos of our school.

Some of the key points to highlight from the Report were:

- There is structured and highly organised religious education planning.
- Pupils attitudes to learning are consistently positive.
- Pupils enjoy their religious education lessons.
- The school is a welcoming, vibrant Catholic community, which provides its pupils with an outstanding experience of the richness of a Catholic way of living and believing.
- Worship and prayer are central to the life of the school.
- The school provides opportunities for pupils to develop and celebrate their gifts and talents both as individuals and as a community.

We hope you enjoy reading the full report which is on our school website. We are proud of the commitment, dedication and hard work of students, staff and Governors who made it possible. Thank you for your support and please continue to keep our school community in your prayers.

Christmas

Our Christmas Performance this year was entitled 'The Greatest Gift'.

It included a dance piece, Christmas readings, songs, traditional carols, a sketch and a student and staff solo. Every class presented various gifts and related posters such as Courage, Hope and Peace. During the reflection we asked ourselves the question 'What is the Greatest Gift?' to which we all agreed that the Greatest Gift is Love. There was so much talent to be admired and our wonderful choir helped to spread the joy.

This was a great team effort before and during the performance so thank you to everyone that we were able to have this magical moment which was captured by one of our students who said simply said – *'Thank you – If we didn't have a performance it wouldn't feel like Christmas'*.





Tutor Group 2E

This half term 2E have been busy with Christmas themed activities such as preparing for our Christmas performance, going Christmas shopping and making Christmas crafts. The students have had so much fun and are looking forward to Christmas.



Tutor Group 3D

This term 3D enjoyed working together as a group. In the Thrive lesson each student made their own hands and then they worked together to create a wreath out of them. They continued learning about group work during their horticulture lessons, where each student took turns carrying the wheelbarrow but received help from their peers whenever needed.



Tutor Group 3E

This term 3E have enjoyed learning about Greek myths, including the famous tale of Icarus flying too close to the sun. The class also enjoyed learning about COP26 and what we could do to help stop global warming. One of our students was so inspired that she made the decision to stop using plastic carrier bags and now takes a box to the dining room to put our lunches in, so that we don't use a bag every day.

At the end of term, we visited the natural history museum and enjoyed looking at the dinosaurs.



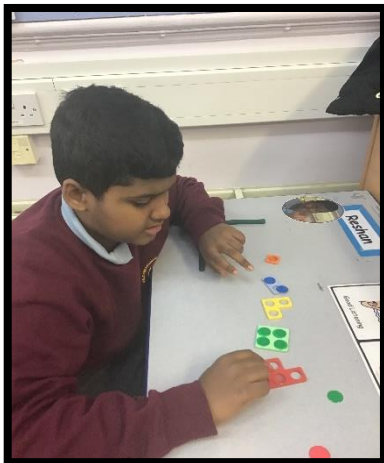
Tutor Group 3G

This Autumn Term 2 have enjoyed doing maths and working on numbers and money

The class really enjoyed Baptism experience during RE lessons.

This term they enjoyed doing DT lessons describing their emotions using playdough.

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Tutor Group 3L

3L have had a very busy Autumn term. Apart from our Children in Need Assembly we have been busy learning about money and going to The Well to pay for items that we want.

In RE we have been looking at preparing for Christmas and have started our run up to Christmas by making our advent wreaths.



Tutor Group 3W

3W have been very busy making Decorations and Christmas cards. We also went Christmas Shopping with 3D and enjoyed lunch at McDonalds. 3W have had a great start to the academic year.



Tutor Group PH+A

We are ending the term in PH+A as more than a class because we have formed new friendship groups and are enjoying spending more time with each other on activities, games and accessing the school community. We will be focussing on using our preferred communication methods in our new friendship group in the new year.



Tutor Group PH+B

PH+B have been working towards developing their independence through home management tasks such as hanging clothes on the clothes airer and tidying the garden with a rake. The class have also been working to improve their maths and comprehension skills through number puzzles, reading and copying.



Tutor Group PH+C

PH+C have been using money to enhance their maths skills. The students have been working on identifying 1p and 2p coins.



Tutor Group 4C

4C have had a busy half-term. A lot of time was spent preparing our contribution towards the Christmas reflection. We were all very proud of the professional way that our students helped to devise and perform the piece.



Tutor Group 4T

This term we have been practicing different skills to help prepare us for being out in the community. We have enjoyed practicing our money skills and buying things at school. We have also started to make Christmas crafts in preparation for our Advent countdown.



Tutor Group 4W

This term 4W have had the chance to engage with so much learning across the curriculum. They have covered topics as diverse as recipes for healthy eating, how to prep our gardens for spring, the value of money and the Jewish festival of Hanukkah. We have also been celebrating each other as many of our classmates have had special birthdays this term and other milestones that we have felt very fortunate to be able to celebrate together!



Tutor Group VBC A +

This term VBCA + have worked hard on their individual numeracy and literacy targets. During personal care sessions, they practised how to brush their teeth and wash their hands independently; during Community Skills sessions, they learned how to stay safe when using a pedestrian crossing as well as how to exchange money in the shop.



Tutor Group VBC B

VBC B, had fun decorating their classroom for Christmas. The class decorated two Christmas trees with baubles, tinsel and other homemade decorations, loads of gingerbread men with icing, they made bunting to go on the trees and around and also wrapped up presents that they will take over to the Chapel when it gets closer to Christmas Day.

VBC B have also been taking part in work experience lessons this year. In these lessons they have tried a range of different jobs, including; Feeding and Looking after farm animals at Nathans Farm, working in the Well Café in school where they serve students and staff and complete small jobs in the Café, they have also been making smoothies for staff and classmates and they have been shredding important documents for the school and recycling the paper and lastly they have been laminating work that will be put on displays around the school.

VBC B went to the Well Café to take part in raising money for Children In Need. VBC B spent money with their friends and classmates buying cakes and sweets, taking part in the raffle and guessing the amount of sweets in the Jar. VBC B had a lot of fun together and the day went really well and we raised lots of money.



Tutor Group VBC C

This term VBC C had an amazing time organising and staffing the Hotdog sale for Children in Need.

We created beautiful posters advertising the event and displayed them around the school. We raised an amazing £55.00 just for this sales event.



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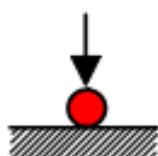
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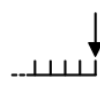


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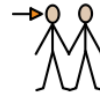
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





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






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






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Music

This term, we received a visit from the musicians from Music for Autism, a charity which focuses on introducing young autistic people to the wonders of classical music. John Lubbock, the founder of the Orchestra of St John, gave us the chance to listen to woodwind sounds and encouraged us to conduct, move, sing, listen or just watch and relax with the sweet sound of the music. We're very grateful that we were able to enjoy this lovely experience in our very own chapel.



Horticulture

The Pield Heath Student Gardeners have been very busy this term starting on our new project The Labyrinth.

There is a piece of unloved land that that has been ignored for many years which is being transformed into an amazing Labyrinth. For more details on what a Labyrinth symbolises [click here](#).





Sport

On 5th November we hosted the Hillingdon Schools Primary Boccia tournament where 2E represented the school.

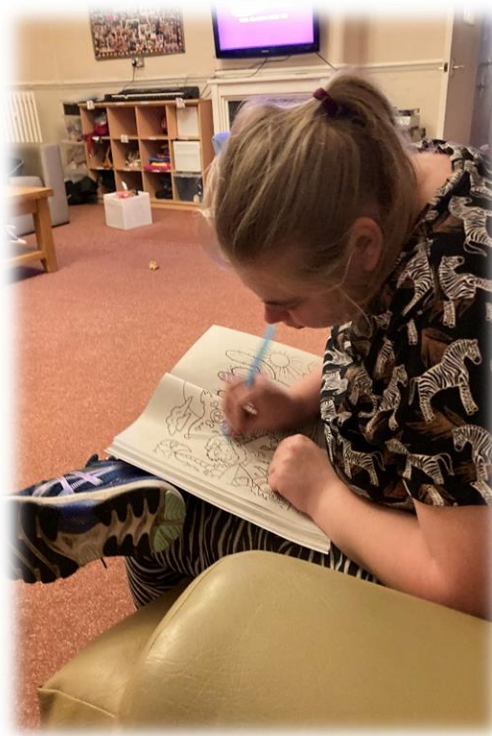


On 29th November some of the students took part in a football skills day pentathlon. They also played a mini tournament during which they played really well and went on to win – well done!



St Joseph's House

This term, our students at St. Joseph's House have been focusing on improving their life skills; this has included practicing activities such as making breakfast, self-care and even going out to eat.



Community

Outdoor Learning Day

Following on from the work we did to prepare for the world coming together for the COP 26 event in Glasgow, which we advertised with our posters "The Eyes of the World are on Us", this term we had an Outdoor Learning Day. Students and Staff took part in lots of activities to celebrate the importance of the outdoors and serve as a reminder of how important it is to look after our planet.



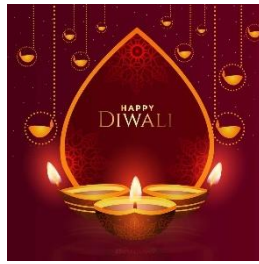


Taking a Stand

On 26th November Isaac Ng in 3G, and his family showed their support for the Second reading of the Down's Syndrome Bill at Parliament Square. He attended this event with his family and the other members of Isaac's football club "Brentford penguins". Thank you Isaac and his family for representing our community at this historic event.



Diwali



On 4th November, VBC C led an assembly to mark Diwali, the Festival of Lights. In the Assembly we heard the story of Rama and Sita and looked at the theme of Light over Darkness and how good overcame evil.

In November We Remember

We had a special Mass which was celebrated by Fr Nicholas Schofield to remember our loved ones.



Winefride Tyrrell Award for Leadership 2021

Sr Winefride Tyrrell was responsible for opening Pield Heath House School in 1901 and was also the co-founder of the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

In memory of Sr Winefride we have set up a Leadership Award. This year's winner was Yash Nekkanti, who was presented with the cup by Sr Rosemary Clerkin.



Yash was nominated his active participation for a variety of events. Well Done Yash for showing leadership and for your valuable contribution to our school community.

PBS STAFF AWARD

Congratulations to Lewis and Amittai for receiving the PBS practitioner awards for this half term.



Wellbeing

Staff Wellbeing

The Winner of the Staff Wellbeing Goodie Bag this half term was Joanna Wasilewska.



Parents Forum

Our next Parents Forum will be on 20th January on the theme of Parent / Carer Wellbeing, it will be led by Lynne Laverty and Therese Glynn, further details to follow

Fundraising

Children In Need 2021

This year we had a great variety of events. There were hot dogs on sale all week, home-made spring rolls and delicious cakes. Everyone was encouraged to wear yellow / coloured spots to get into the mood.

On the day we had a lovely assembly – you can see some of the highlights on our Website in the Gallery Section called – Children in Need 2021. A very special thank you to the staff, students and families for your energy, enthusiasm and generosity in making this event bigger and better every year. At the end of the day, we also had enough to donate to a local charity that supports the homeless.



Reverse Advent Calendar

For the 5th Consecutive year we have done this and have requested items. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to donate a wide range of gifts as well as festive food for Afghan refugees and asylum seekers. Thank you to Sarah Ball for co-ordinating this project and for enabling us to spread some joy and happiness at this special time of year.





Last month our RE Ambassadors took part in a Poetry Competition on the theme of St Joseph the poem and illustration that Mason & Yash sent was included in the final selection.

CAFOD World Gifts Campaign

Following the events we had to mark Harvest Fast Day, we have continued to raise awareness of the work of CAFOD all over the world.

This term we took part in their World Gifts Campaign and donated £50. The money was used to buy CAFOD World Gifts. We bought Water for a Family, Teach Someone to read and Trees for Life.



Christmas Events

Students enjoyed a Christmas dinner and class parties to celebrate the end of term.

On 10th December students and staff took part in the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. As well as raising funds for this worthwhile Charity everyone had a lot of fun wearing their festive knitwear.



We had a Christmas Mass which we were all able to follow in our classes. The Mass was celebrated by Fr Nicholas Schofield, Parish Priest at Our Lady of Lourdes and St Michael, Uxbridge.





Christmas at Pield Heath

Just an Elf with his reindeer!



Special Thanks...

We would like to extend an especially heartfelt thank you to Gurinder Baines and the whole catering team, who have worked so hard to provide delicious meals for our students and staff.



Grand Christmas Draw

This year our Christmas draw took place on 14th December. We would like to say a very special thank you to those who so generously donated this year's top 3 prizes;

- 32" Sharp TV (Xerox)
- Amazon Fire Tablet (Everything for Schools)
- £100 Marks and Spencer Voucher (Coopers Estate Agents). The proud winners of the draw were:



1. 32" Sharp Television - Steven Rose
2. Amazon Fire Tablet - Kobi Jobsz
3. £100 Marks & Spencer Voucher - Mrs Khaldoun
4. Christmas Hamper - Nicola Brown
5. Wine & Chocolates - Denise Laverty

Thanks to your generosity the total amount raised was **£770.00**

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Our students have enjoyed their class shopping trips into the local town centre to buy gifts for family and friends. Some students opted to get their retail therapy online!



New Year

Our Team Enterprise Company Gold Stars have produced another beautiful Calendar for 2022, with a selection of beautiful artwork produced by the students. Thank you to Sandra Parsons, our Business Adviser John Cook, for all his support and to all the staff and students in Gold Stars – Well Done everyone!

Parents and Carers

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

Spring Term 2022

Spring 1 – Thursday 6th January 2022 – Friday 11th February 2022*

Half Term – Monday 14th February 2022 – Friday 18th February 2022

Spring 2 – Monday 21st February 2022 – Friday 1st April 2022*

Summer Term 2022

Summer 1 – Wednesday 20th April 2022 – Friday 27th May 2022*

Bank Holiday – Monday 2nd May 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

1st September 2021

4th January 2022

5th January 2022

19th April 2022

6th June 2022

