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Pield Heath House School Spring Newsletter - April 2020

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Dear Friends of Pield Heath,

I hope you and your families are all doing well and are safe. Everyone would agree that we have been living through very unexpected times. So in an endeavour to maintain an element of normality I have compiled our usual End of Term Newsletter.

Looking back over the Spring Term, I can only say it can be viewed in two very distinct halves. In the first few weeks, we were pleased that students had the opportunity to participate in a range of events. Some of the highlights included World Book Day activities, WE Day, Sing Up Day, a visit to the Tate Exhibition and various Sports Activities which you will see as highlights in our newsletter.

The second half of the term however, has been unprecedented and very challenging. I suppose what makes it more difficult to comprehend is to see the effect it has had globally. We may be facing isolation but we should never feel isolated. As each day brings with it challenge and anxiety, we are acutely aware that we need to work together to manage the next steps as we are all in this together. As Pope Francis put it so beautifully, *"Our God is near and asks us to be near one another. Perhaps right now we cannot draw physically close to others, but we can reawaken in ourselves a habit of drawing near to others through prayer and mutual help."*

As we continue in these uncertain times we will include additional practical and wellbeing initiatives all aimed at keeping us connected and supported as a community. If you have found any information or useful tips, please let us know. Below is a reflection called L.O.C.K.D.O.W.N. that I came across which I would like to share with you.

A special thank you to our whole school community for going above and beyond at this time. Thank you also to all our families for your understanding. Please continue to follow all available advice to ensure the health and wellness of you and your family.

Wishing you all a happy and holy Easter.

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Lockdown is a time to:

L – isten to God's Voice and reflect. Let go & have faith.

O – bey His Word and His Teachings.

C – all on God's name and be calm.

K – now what is the purpose of all of this.

D – well in His presence.
Do not panic.

O – ffer a prayer for everyone's safety and well being.

W – ait and be patient.
This too, shall pass

N – uture our personal relationship with Him.



School News

Tutor Group: 2T

2T have represented the school at many sporting events. They have had a good term and enjoyed taking part in all the activities.

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Tutor Group: 3B

3B have been looking at different ways they can work together to recognise kindness in others. Students have enjoyed having their own responsibilities such as handing out equipment to class mates and working together to create a project. Here the students have created a large friendship chain.

The students enjoyed World Book Day and the events leading up to it such as decorating their own bookmarks.



Tutor Group: 3C

3C have been investigating the properties of sound this term. The class made a variety of devices to show that sound is made and transferred through vibrations in the air. The boys made balloon drums on which they placed grains of rice. They discovered that the drum picked up vibrations from other sound sources as the rice began to "jump" on top of the drum. The students were able to notice a correlation between the volume of the sound made and the movement of the rice. A "Slinky" was used to demonstrate the longitudinal structure of a sound wave and much fun was had sending energy pulses along the spring.

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Tutor Group: 3N

This term in 3N we have been learning how to be independent when shopping. We have learnt how to find products using a shopping list and have become more confident when paying independently.

All we are now waiting for is for the shops to re-open!



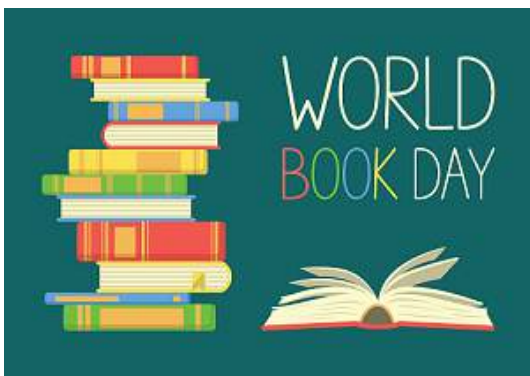
Tutor Group: 3D

This term 3D have enjoyed taking part in a variety of activities including trampolining, swimming and yoga.

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Tutor Group: 3S

3S enjoyed a visit to the Magic Table at Uxbridge Library. They participated and enjoyed all the activities to mark World Book Day in March.



Tutor Group: 3L

3L have been very busy once again this term creating a video for World Book Day. It was amazing, with each person taking part to act out or say something about their character wanting to eat the Gingerbread man! The students especially enjoyed watching themselves on the big screen in Assembly the following day.



Tutor Group: 3P

3P enjoyed listening to new songs this term and joined in Sing Up Day. They dressed up for World Book Day and they also shared lots of ways we thank God for his world following the Caritas Spring Theme - Creation.

Tutor Group: The Hub

This term, we have welcomed our new tutor Miss Temi. During our topic of growing, we used the story of the Hungry Caterpillar to think about our favourite foods. We engaged in sensory stories and watered several plants and vegetables in the

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floating them on the water. We learnt about Ash Wednesday, Lent promises and attended Mass. We have also been learning about what being a good friend means. We are learning that it means to make good choices, use kinds words and take turns to share toys with others.

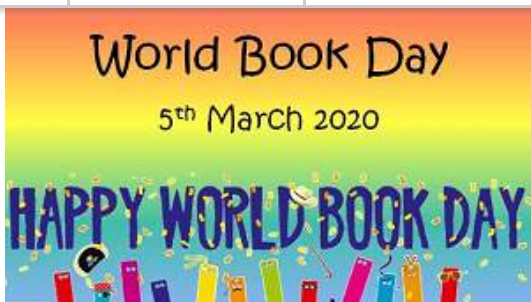


Tutor Group: 4W

In Horticulture with Nicky 4W have loved visiting different walks around the community visiting Black Park and a walk by the River Pinn. The students highly enjoyed visiting the different places and getting a little bit Muddy in their wellies!



Tutor Group: VBC A

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Tutor Group: VBC B

This term VBC B has been learning about people gathering to celebrate Mass in RE. They really enjoyed their lessons in the chapel. They fully participated in the role-play with some students playing the role of the priest and others bringing up the offertory gifts. Taking part in the role-play helped the students to learn the structure of the Mass and what happens throughout the celebration of the Eucharist. They learnt the importance of listening and finding out about the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist at Mass.



Tutor Group: VBC C

VBC C enjoyed taking part in Sing Up Day and a variety of other activities both on and off site.



Tutor Group: VBC D

VBC D very much enjoyed World Book Day this year. Here we have Willy Wonka, 2 robots and 2 Wallies.

Tutor Group: VBC E

Students from VBC E visited the Getting Ready for Work Event and talked to stall holders, gaining valuable information about possible career options and training in the future.

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supported internship opportunities and the various programmes that are currently available, or are being set up, in the Hillingdon area for young people with SEND.

Sports News



South Hillingdon School Sports Network New Age Kurling Tournament

2T represented the school at this Primary SEN event for Hillingdon Schools which we hosted. Nine schools participated and the winners are going on to play in the London Youth Games.



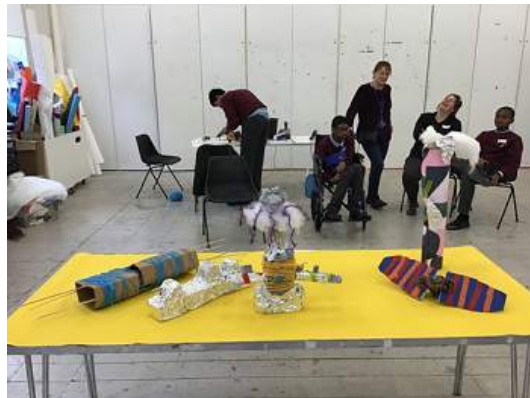
London Youth Games - Primary Boccia

Having taken part in the Hillingdon Primary Boccia event 2T represented the Borough at the London Youth Games/School Games Inclusive Boccia tournament at the Westway Sports Centre.

Art News

Royal Academy - 'Eco Visionaries' Workshop

This term the students took part in a personalised workshop at the Royal Academy of Arts. They visited the current exhibition, 'Eco Visionaries' where they experienced some interactive works. They were then set a brief from the exhibition to create a 'monster from the future'. They had a range of different materials which they could use creatively.

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Tate Britain - Alexander McQueen Exhibition

This term the students visited Tate Britain to view the Alexander McQueen exhibition. They were invited to a private viewing of the photograph taken as part of the Alexander McQueen exhibition and to view their photograph inside the gallery space. They were also able to explore the other exhibitions at Tate Britain and complete some observational drawings.



Music News

Sing Up Day 2020

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around the world by singing and signing this year's Sing up song "There's a Power in the Music". Everyone joined in singing this uplifting song after our monthly mass in the chapel. Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Sing Up Day. If you want to listen to this fantastic song at home here is the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ohN28IOzMl>



Whole School News

Residential Update

Students have enjoyed many different activities in St Joseph's Residential House this term. They made their own sensory lamps and enjoyed many activities at Youth Club.



Collective 31 Workshop

Students enjoyed participating in the Collective 31 workshop with Naomi and Catherine as a follow up to SnowWhite Reimagined.



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Book Day on Thursday 5th March. As we are continuing the special Year of The God who Speaks – The Year of the Word this was also an ideal opportunity to relate it to The Bible and to share some Bible Stories.

Everyone was invited to dress in their favourite character costume. There were many literary as well as craft and fun activities planned which the students enjoyed. The day started with a general introduction and the whole school came together at the end of the week for a special assembly to watch some of the videos they had made and to celebrate the gift of books and all the wonderful work.



R.E.

Students enjoyed pancakes on Shrove Tuesday this was followed by a whole school service on Ash Wednesday which was led by Sr Julie where

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Wellbeing Day

Students enjoyed participating in various Wellbeing activities which included football, basketball and horticulture.

They practised different skills and above all had a lot of fun while keeping fit and healthy.



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Staff Recognition Award

Our Staff Recognition Award rewards a member of staff who has been nominated by colleagues for doing something outstanding.

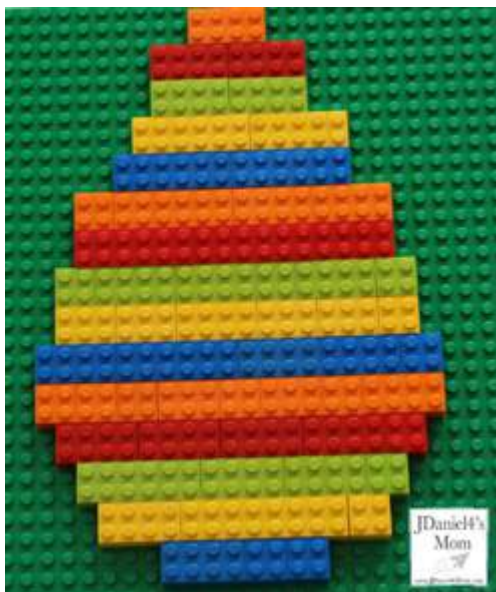
This half term the winner is **Sarah Whelan**.



Easter Lego Challenge

All students and their families are invited to join our Easter Lego Challenge!

We all love to build with LEGO brick. Together with your siblings or parents build a Cross or some Easter Eggs– using just the basic bricks, so the whole family can have some fun together. Send us your design by email to admin@pieldheathschool.org.uk with a photo of your creation and we will share it with other families. The Challenge ends on 17th April 2020. Everyone who takes part will get a special certificate.



Community

Cafod Family Fast Day

We marked CAFOD Family Fast Day on the 6th March.



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On Wednesday 4th March students were delighted to join in the celebrations at WE Day at Wembley Arena. WE Day is a special event that empowers students to create a change in the world. The students enjoyed talks and entertainment from a range of guests which included Jamie Oliver, Lewis Hamilton and Leona Lewis. One of the central themes was reminding us of how we can make a big difference in the World around us by looking after our world. The students enjoyed the day and came back feeling very inspired and motivated.



Easter Craft Sale

On Thursday 19th March students held an Easter Craft Sale selling some of the lovely work that they created.

Well done to all.



Mothers Day

The Pield Heath Student Gardeners worked extremely hard to create a beautiful Mother's Day present for every child to take home to their Mum.



St Joseph

We had a whole school Mass to mark the Feast of St Joseph in March which is also a special day for all our youngsters and staff in St Joseph's House.



[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)**Francis Thomas**

Thank you to Francis Thomas, a seminarian at Sacred Heart Parish, Ruislip for leading our staff community in a Lent Service and also for doing a presentation on the structure and significance of the Mass for all our staff.

**Thanks to Sr Rosemary**

A very sincere thank you to Sr Rosemary Clerkin who has provided us with weekly reflections on the theme of Tips for the Road Ahead. Not only have these been helpful and inspiring, but they have also provided real comfort for the wellbeing of our whole community, as we have been journeying together at this time.

**Caritas 'Love in Action' Programme**

Love in Action is an engagement programme designed by Caritas, Westminster to introduce Parishes and Schools to the principles of Catholic Social Teaching (CST).

There are 6 Principles that we will be looking at over the programme.

- Dignity
- Solidarity and Peace
- Option for the Poor
- Creation
- Community and Participation
- Dignity of Workers

In Spring Term 2 we have been looking at 'Creation'.

**SiLENT for a Change**

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reason for taking part in the Silence was to benefit from the advantages of being silent. The campaign asks us to make silence a part of our life today.

Starting from Thursday 27th February the whole school were invited to try and be silent for 2 minutes everyday from 9.15am – 9.17am.



Fundraising

Charity of the Term

Our Charity for Spring Term was the Catholic Children's Society Westminster (CCS/W) .

As a school, we participated in their Lenten Appeal 'Light Your Lenten Path'.

Thank you to everyone for your generosity and support.



Fairtrade Fortnight

We marked Fairtrade Fortnight which this year was from 24th February – 6th March by doing various activities. We had a special assembly and the RE Ambassadors also ran a stall encouraging staff and students to buy fresh fruit as well as biscuits and cakes made from Fairtrade ingredients. The total amount raised during the Fortnight was £60 which has been sent to support the work of the charity.



Show Someone You Care

Following the 'Show Someone you Care' Activities as well as having some fun we also managed to raise £70 which we sent to the British Heart Foundation.

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Pield Heath 100 Club

Winning numbers in the draw on 3rd April were:

1st Prize: 52 **2nd Prize:** 4 **3rd Prize:** 69

Winners cheques will be sent as soon as possible.



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