

## Summer Half Term May 2021



#### 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 which have been glimpses of hope.

Some of the highlights included a Number Day on 7<sup>th</sup> May to raise money for the NSPCC organised by our Maths Coordinator Beth Wright. Not only did the day help to raise £240 but the students had a great day taking part in loads of numeracy related activities which were really fun.

Netta Hill our Inclusion Coordinator, organised a variety of activities for Mental Health Awareness Week which was from 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> May. Going forwards, as this is such an important area, it will continue to be given a high priority.

Other highlights this half term included our Mass to Mary in our chapel followed by a May Procession in our grounds. We also had a beautiful Pentecost Service which was prepared by Joanna Wasilewska / 4M Team. You can read more details about all these events and other activities below.

This half term we say farewell to two members of staff. Firstly, Joanne Stroud PA to the Senior Leadership Team, who has worked tirelessly in the background to support the management team as well as the whole school community with all our events over the last nine years. Secondly, Dean Daoud our Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) Coach & Mentor, who worked hard over the last six years to support and enable the students to access and enjoy the curriculum. We thank Joanne and Dean for sharing their skills and expertise and we wish them all the very best for the future.

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 Monday 7th June. Hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable half term.

Thank you

Eryl D'Souza

Associate Principal – Community & External Partnerships



# **Tutor Group 2B**

This half term 2B have been learning the cycle of plants in science so we planted some seeds and have been taking care of them. For mental health week we have had some scenic nature walks and in English we have been reading different stories, eg 'Little Bears Picnic,' and we wrote a list and went for a picnic.









## **Tutor Group 3D**

We have been working on habitat and recycling in the Spring term. We were looking at different environments and the plants and animals. We then found out about recycling. Putting the two topics together we made our own habitat with amazing animals and plants.



We enjoyed a great day looking at numbers. In the pictures we are heading off to count the number of laps we could walk around the track, looking at numbers around school and making a snail of pennies in the hall.







# **Tutor Group 3K**

This Term we have been learning about money and counting in maths. We also enjoyed doing our science lessons. In our art lessons, students made their own sculpture and they also enjoyed doing PE lessons.











## **Tutor Group 3W**

In Science with Ms Lucas 3W have been looking at plants. They have been working on being able to sequence the life of a plant as well as being able to label the different parts of a plant. The students also went into the Polytunnel to water the plants to help them grow! They also got to plant their own seeds and will have to look after the plants.









# **Tutor Group 3L**

It's the end of yet another term, 3L have been very busy in all their subjects this term. In Science we have been exploring plants and we had opportunities to go outside and work in the school garden we did some watering, weeding and some planting. The students loved being in the Poly tunnel and what an appropriate activity for Mental Health Week.







In RE we visited Mary's Grotto and many students brought in flowers to put beside the statue of Mary.





## **Tutor Group PH+A**

We had such an interesting and eventful half term. We practised putting on and taking off our shoes to work on gaining independence skills. We spent a lot of our time outside, enjoying the sun warming up our skin. We enjoyed our sensory activities, especially when we played with "snow", it was so much fun!





# **Tutor Group PH+B**

In Numeracy Caitlin is independently putting the shapes in the shape sorter. In Physical development Danyia is joining her peers on the mat for a Yoga session. During Literacy Sarah joined us where she waves hello to Fazal and Fazal waved back to her. During Home management Traian was learning to lay the table for himself and others.



# **Tutor Group PH+C**

In PH+C we have been having lots of fun engaging with many different activities such as Maths Day, art activities around our different topics, promoting independence by walking to The Well and choosing our own snacks and paying for them as well as practising home management tasks such as vacuuming. It is so good to be able to move around school again and engage in our favourite activities in and out of the classroom.



# **Tutor Group PH+D**

This term PH+D has been working very hard developing our life skills. We have been doing a range of different activities such as hoovering, mopping, washing up and self-care.













## **Tutor Group 4C**

This half-term, we were joined by some of their friends in VBC C to complete a four-day cycling course with the **Bikeability** team. All of the pupils who participated were able to make good progress from their relative starting points. A few of the boys were able to have their assessment out on some of the local roads which was an amazing experience and enjoyed by all.

One non-rider was up and running by the end of the course and we are very proud of Ashley J for taking his first unassisted ride. Go Ashley!

I would like to say a big thank you to Iwona and Kerri from our class team as well as to Jason, Justin and Patricia for leading the **Bikeabiltiy** course.

What a ride!





## **Tutor Group 4M**

4M have started helping at The Well, they recently planted strawberry seedlings and were taking good care of them by feeding with lots of food and water to encourage them to flower and grow juicy fruit. 4M also took part in the Number Day where they thoroughly enjoyed interacting and socialising together whilst learning at the same time. Having the opportunity to spend the whole day outside in the lovely, sunny weather was very much enjoyable and appreciated by everyone. Class 4M were preparing for a very special Service at the Chapel. They practiced songs, dancing and taking part in the Service. On the 12th of May they joined the Service conducted by

Father Nicholas, which was streamlined live to all classrooms. 4M also took part in a procession and brought flowers to St Mary's Grotto. To support mental health week, 4M students wore green clothes to mark the day, enjoyed a cup of tea and a chat as a class to express anything they wanted.



## **Tutor Group 4T**

"We've had a great start to the Summer Term".

We have enjoyed working together as a class, building positive relationships. We have thrived from the activities that have taken place outside our classroom; working on our social interaction skills. We took part in group activities such as yoga and school events as a team. We have worked very hard on our transitions, exploring our school environment.







# **Tutor Group VBC A+**

This term the students of VBC A+ have been working hard and enjoying themselves. They have been practicing their social skills and working on their motor skills through different activities.









The students have also been improving their independence skills. This has involved completing tasks within The Well Cafe, such as serving customers, emptying the dishwasher, refilling sugar pots and restocking the fridges.

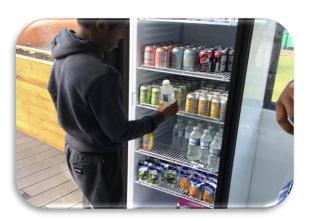












## **Tutor Group VBC B**

VBC B were really excited this month to help re-open our Community Café, The Well.

The student staff members really enjoyed getting back to work and treated all students and staff to a slice of cake to celebrate.





# **Tutor Group VBC C**

We have all been learning new skills.

Some VBC C students have been studying hard for their Maths Exam. In Literacy they have begun their Newsletter. All Students have been working to complete their NOCN Accreditation, Casey and Cam'Ron completed their Bikeability Course.





Abdi and Ethan have been working in The Well Cafe





Casey and Cam'Ron preparing to go on the road



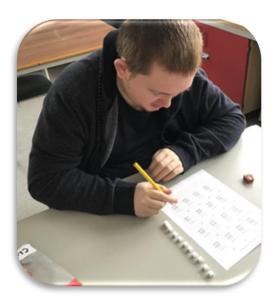
Jason working independently



Thomas finished his revision and stopped to help Casey



Casey is teaching us chess



Clarke doing Numeracy and Literacy

#### **VBC Newsletter**

VBC C are doing a newsletter about nature being in danger because of plastic. It is called Nature in Danger. We are doing this because we care about the environment and the well-being of animals and the earth. We hope the newsletter will warm people's hearts and encourage them to help the environment.



## **NSPCC Number Day**

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of May, students from across the School took part in Number Day. Number Day is a nationally recognised day where schools up and down the country take part to raise money for the NSPCC. Our students took part in a range of activities such as a Number and Shape Hunt in the field, Penny Drive in the Sports Hall, guess the weight of the cake, guess how many sweets are in the jar and giant number games. They also had sports activities such as scoring goals and hoops as well as a numicon circuit and walking laps around the Bike Track. The students and staff all had a great day and raised an amazing £240 for the NSPCC. Thank you to all the Staff who supported with this event.

Beth Wright

Maths Co-ordinator



Mental Health Awareness weeks theme this year was Nature, we at Pield Heath School know we are extremely lucky to have a fabulous outdoor space, it's there for when we want to play games with our friends, explore, a place to celebrate our faiths, birthdays, meditate and reflect, a place to keep us fit and healthy, a place to learn and a place to help us regulate when we need space just to be ourselves.

















We don't just use our outdoor space and nature to support each other, we recognise that sometimes we can be over whelmed by big emotions, and having friends to help us is vital, just having that special friend to talk to, or those amazing friends who bake biscuits and cakes to show just how much they care, and having those amazing people in your life that allow you to celebrate being you.











4M wearing green to support Mental Health Awareness Week 2021

It's good to have each other

## **SaLT**



Ali enjoyed a sensory activity using foam he used his hands to feel the different textures and enjoyed making a range of marks.



Ali made an exchange using PECS symbol to request the light up spinner. Ali was really engaged and maintained attention to the toy.



Sayana showed engagement in a foam sensory activity, Sayana held the foam in her hands and then began using her hands to explore the foam



Arjen engaged in 1:1 speech and language session, Arjen was working on creating sentences using Colourful Semantics.



Arjen work really well during his 1:1 speech and language session. Arjen is working on developing his speech intelligibility.

# St Joseph's House

Ashley drying his hair after his shower



Ashley hoovering his room



Louie helping to clean the hallway upstairs



#### **Parent Carer Zone**

## Parents Meetings 17th- 27th 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.



## **Community**

## **St Georges Day**

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April everyone got into the mood of the day by wearing something red. The Assembly was led by Sue Donaldson and 3D Class Team. As a group they did a beautiful drama in the school grounds telling the story and the traditions associated with the Feast of St George - Patron Saint of England. The students were dressed in costume and everyone played their special role, together they managed to do an amazing job – Well Done everyone! Add photo



## Year of St Joseph

1<sup>st</sup> May Feast of St Joseph The Worker Aware that Pope Francis has declared a special Year of St Joseph. With the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart) which runs from 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 - 8<sup>th</sup> December we marked another of his Feasts. Thank you to Nicky Chance who prepared a Service to mark the Feast on 1<sup>st</sup> May of St Joseph the Worker. After the year we have just experienced it gave us the ideal opportunity to thank all those who work to look after us as well as to pray for those who have struggled and have not been able to enjoy the dignity of having work.



## **Month of May**

Fr Nicholas Schofield Parish Priest at Our Lady of Lourdes and St Michael, Uxbridge said a special Mass for us in our chapel. 4M attended all other classes as well as staff and Governors followed via Zoom The theme was to mark May as the Month of Mary.

After Mass we had a May procession to Mary's Grotto. Fr Nicholas said a prayer for our whole community and we sang the Circle Song. After that we were joined by the whole community who were invited to bring their flowers and pray at the Grotto. Many thanks to everyone who kindly sent in flowers for this special 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 ground





## **Feast of Victor Braun**

We marked the Feast of Victor Braun, the Founder of the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary on 18th May. This day always give us a chance to our greetings the Sisters in the Congregation as well as to our Communities all over the World.



#### Laudato Si'

The 10-day Laudato Si' Week 2021 from 16<sup>th</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup> May marked the 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical. The theme this year was "for we know that things can change." We shared a video by Pope Francis with everyone where he invites the whole world to take part in the joyful celebration and to undergo an ecological conversion.



Nicky Grieve our Outdoor Leaning Manager works with our Students Gardening Team and they show us how we can develop our grounds so we all can enjoy them. This half term they created a mini maze and have planted some cherry tree saplings.

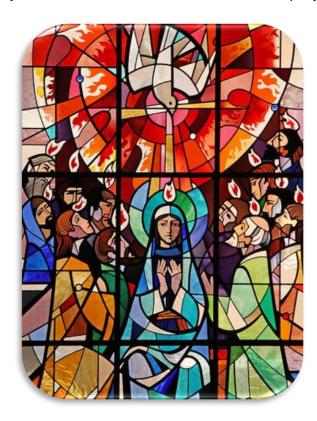






#### **Pentecost**

Joanna Wasilwska and 4M Class Team led a Service to mark the Feast of Pentecost. They enacted the story where the disciples experienced the wind and the flames as they received the power of the Holy Spirit. They also showed how they were given special gifts and were able to communicate God's message with everyone in different languages. Thank you to all involved for this beautiful and prayerful service



## The God who Speaks

As we continue to journey through this special year this half term we have been look at some of the Women of the Old Testament. So far, we have looked at the stories of Miriam, Deborah, Jehosheba, Ruth, Esther and Anna.





#### The Well

A special thank you to all the Staff and Students who helped and launched the reopening of The Well – our Community Café. We can't wait to welcome you all once it is safe to do so.



#### **Caritas**

Community and Participation This Half-Term in the Caritas Love in Action programme, we have focused on the theme 'Community and Participation'



We marked Stephen Lawrence Day on 22<sup>nd</sup> April as well as the Anniversary of George Floyd on 25<sup>th</sup> May. As a Community we continue to raise awareness of issues and work to promote the dignity and respect of every individual.





### **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.



## Thank a Teacher Day - 20th May

As you know 20th 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 so that they can enjoy their school experience.



## SAVE THE DATE! - Family Fun Day, Thursday 24th June

If everything continues to go in the right direction we are planning to have this annual

event on Thursday 24th June from 11.00am – 2.30pm Stalls will include a tombola and Grand Prize Draw.

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'.



## **Prayer Circle**

If there is anyone in particular you would like us to pray for please email their names and any information to <a href="mailto:admin@pieldheathschool.org.uk">admin@pieldheathschool.org.uk</a> and we can add them to our list of petitions.



#### **Good News Slot**

Congratulations to our Twins Andre and Louie who celebrated their 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 11<sup>th</sup> May. Thanks also to their family who very generously treated the twins tutor groups to a lovely cake and delicious party treats.

It's always lovely to share some Good News so if you too have anything that you are happy to share please let us know.





#### Important Dates for your diary:

#### **Term Dates Summer 2021**

Half Term: Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June

Summer 2 Term: Monday 7th June - Wednesday 21st July

School term dates can be found on our website.

