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Summer Newsletter

July 2020



Dear Friends of Pield Heath

As we approach the end of this school year, everyone will no doubt have their own memories as we have journeyed together through this very unprecedented time. The values that we aspire to have been very evident and have particularly come to the forefront. Resilience when coping with changes; caring for each other and showing love and support towards all members of our community.

This term, we say farewell to Stephanie Collins a Tutor in the VBC, Anthony O'Shea our 6th Form Coordinator who also delivered Construction on the curriculum. We thank them both for their valuable contribution and wish them well for the future.

A special thank you to all the members of our staff, who have worked so hard to cope with all the challenges over the last few months to look after the wellbeing of our students.

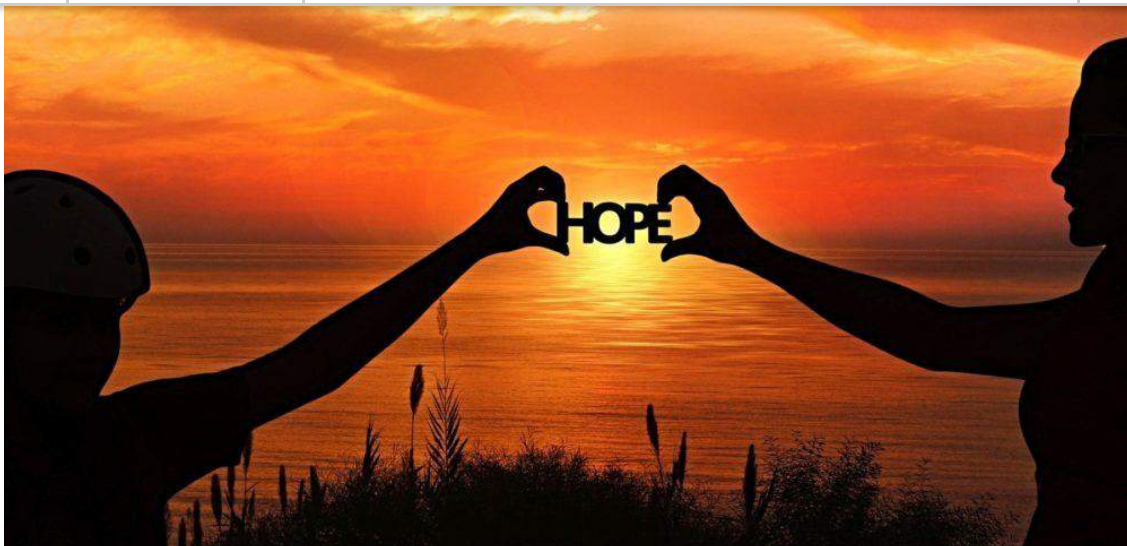
On behalf of everyone at Pield Heath, a very sincere thank you to our Parents, Friends and Volunteers for all your support throughout the year.

Finally, Good Luck to the students who are leaving this summer. It is great to see all the areas in which you have excelled. We are very proud of all your achievements and we look forward to hearing about your continued success.

A quote which I would like to share is "Hope is important because it can make the present moment less difficult to bear. If we believe that tomorrow will be better, we can bear a hardship today." T. Hanh

Wishing you a restful holiday.

Eryl D'Souza
Associate Principal
Community & External Partnerships

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Class and Subject News



Tutor Group - 2T

This term 2T has been enjoying our class Zoom calls discussing the importance of hand washing regularly.

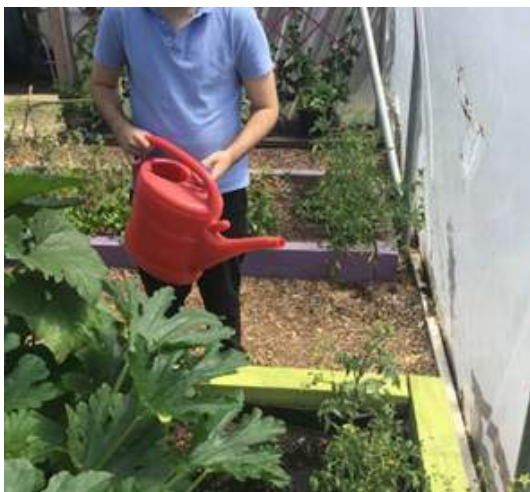
We have also been enjoying on site activities such as the small playground, bike track and taking part in sport day activities; such as running races.

The Tuck Shop has also been open and we have enjoyed going there each day to buy snacks!

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Tutor Group - 3B

This term we have continued our work at home. It has been an interesting time for the students as they learnt new skills from home. The parents have done well helping their children from home. It is a shame we cannot be together to end the year but we look forward to seeing everyone return in September.



Tutor Group - 3N

Many students in 3N have been in school this half term and we have done lots of interesting things. Students took part in art and craft activities, gardening as well as using the bike track and the outside gym. We have had lots of fun in the sun.

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Tutor Group - 3C

After a long time of working from home, five students in 3C returned to school. They have been working to catch up on Maths, English and Science lessons as well as participating in a range of physical activities. Mason and Yash (pictured) entered the London Youth Games competition where they have been part of the Hillingdon team that must complete weekly regular sporting activities. The first challenge was to record the largest number of kick-ups. Mums, Dads and Carers will recall that it used to be called **Keepie Uppie**, back in the day. Both boys gave their very best and the data was sent on to the organisers. Well done Mason and Yash.

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Tutor Group - 3L

3L have been busy working from home this term. We are very grateful to parents and carers who have worked really hard to teach and entertain their children during lockdown. A big thanks also to the students who sent me their homework.

It has been wonderful being in school over the last couple of weeks spending quality time with students who have come in.

I look forward to seeing everyone in September and I especially look forward to hearing about all the work that students have been doing to help at home.

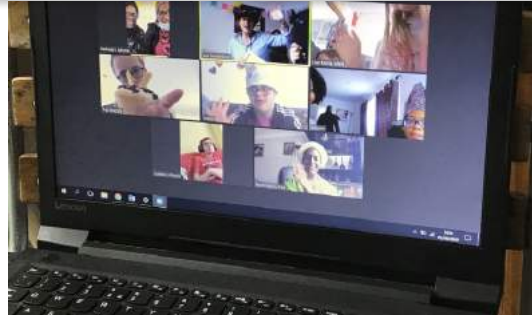
Enjoy your summer



Tutor Group - 3D

3D have had some wonderful chances to get together on Zoom. We have been able to sing and catch up on things we have been doing. Great cake Andrew!

Students who have managed to come to school have enjoyed some lovely activities.

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Tutor Group - 3P

This summer term as lockdown continues, we have welcomed back a few students on site who have enjoyed the sensory circuits, nature walks, sensory play and a range of music and art activities.

Students who have been learning at home have been engaged in a whole host of activities; practising walking, singing in the choir, helping to make a simple snack, matching weather pictures and pictures of their friends and practising fine motor skills. Some students have been following a task schedule to help out in the house and engaged in personal care activities, e.g., washing hands, washing the dishes, brushing teeth and watching online church services, celebrating birthdays and observing Eid celebrations.

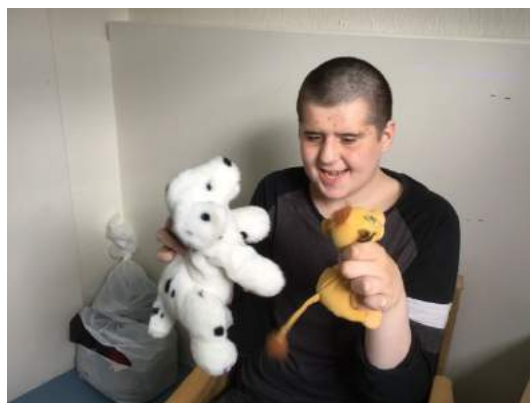
During the second half of the term, the theme was based around 'Under The Sea'. Some students have been engaging in sensory play activities and developed their listening skills by listening to rhymes and stories e.g. The Snail the Whale stories. Well done to all parents and carers who have kept learning possible.

3P class



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The students in the Hub have been working hard on their learning activities both indoors and outdoors. Our children at home have also been engaging in fun learning activities. We wish everyone a safe and happy summer holiday and all hope to be back in our classrooms with our friends and teachers in September.



Tutor Group - 3S

It has been a very strange summer indeed with all students spending most or all of their time at home learning. Parents have done a superb job of carrying out the activities with their children which were sent home. Many of us have had to learn new skills whilst at home. We have tried hard to keep in touch and some students even managed to attend a story session via Zoom. Some students have really enjoyed spending so much time in their gardens communing with nature when relaxing after a hard day of work. Dylan enjoys a foot spa to relax at the end of the day. The students who returned to school have adapted well to the new normal we are all now facing but enjoyed seeing their friends and adults again.

I cannot wait to see you all again next year and hope you have a safe and peaceful summer.

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Tutor Group - 4W

On site Salmaan has enjoyed taking part in looking after the school's plants by watering them. Salmaan then created a piece of art work of the plants that he watered. Also in school Imaan celebrated her 15th Birthday with a small birthday party. Imaan has also enjoyed playing basketball in the court! Ryan has enjoyed a selection of 100 piece puzzles! At home Kade has made a banana cake he really has enjoyed cooking and knows all of the ingredients! Sophia has been doing lots of painting and has made some brownies! Over the lockdown period 4W have taken part in some online quizzes and enjoyed some fun too!



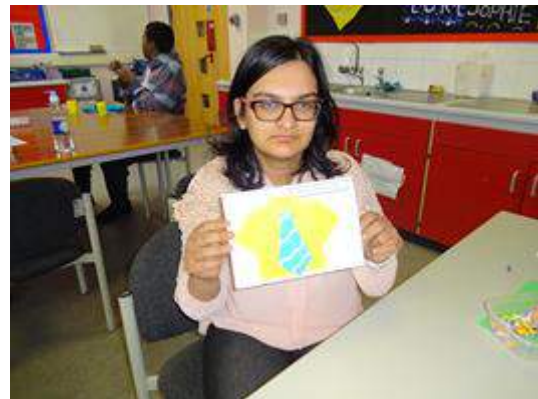
Tutor Group - VBC A

VBC A have used the time to develop some life skills. They have also enjoyed doing some fun activities outdoors.



Tutor Group - VBC B

VBC (B) continues to stay at home. They have been spending quality time with their family members. Their parents have been helping with teaching skills and helping their children to complete school work. The students have been learning new skills from flying kites to gardening and baking. At the end of this term Phoebe, Inas and Jesse are due to leave school. We will all miss them and wish them lots of luck and happiness in the future. We all look forward to the return of Ethan and Alex.



Tutor Group - VBC C

This term students of VBC C have been meeting regularly via Zoom. Toby Celebrated his 19th Birthday and was joined by his friends. The students enjoyed celebrating Toby's 19th Birthday which involved singing

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creating artwork and gardening. A massive Happy Birthday Toby! One year older and another year wiser!

This summer term, Fahad has been working hard at home with his parents, enjoying all the different activities throughout the day. Fahad has been spending time practicing riding his bike, and now he is an expert rider! Fahad has been having a good time at home learning with his parents. Keep up the good work Fahad!

This Summer term, Charlotte has been working hard at home with her parents, enjoying all the different activities throughout the day. She has been spending some time practicing, writing and sending letters to her friends. She has also been taking part in life skills activities and helping her mother sort the washing.

Charlotte loves to read and has been reading one of her favourite books, Hamlet! This term we say goodbye to Khushi, Harleen and Toby. Good luck to you all!



Tutor Group - VBC D

VBC D have been very busy during lockdown holding the VBC D Bake Off.

We celebrated 4 birthdays by getting together via Zoom, baking amazing cakes, blowing out candles and singing.

After some serious judging by the Pield Heath Staff - The Queen of Cakes was crowned ... Aisling O' Gallachoir. Congratulations!

Tutor Group - VBC E

VBC E Students have been designing and producing a Rainbow Plaque, which when finished will go outside the VBC Sixth Form Centre.

Special thanks to Sandra Parsons for her creative skills.

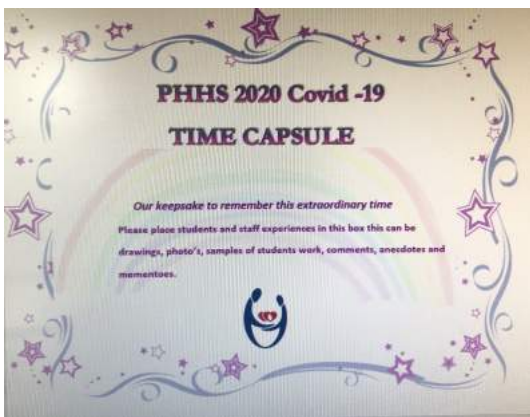
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Activities



Therapy Department

The SaLT Team have enjoyed supporting students and families remotely through delivering therapy sessions online, writing and modelling programmes and telephone calls. It has been good to see everyone developing various skills



Time Capsule

As this has been a unique moment in history we decided to create a Covid 19 Time Capsule. The purpose was to capture the experiences of students, at school or at home, and of all staff across the community as a keepsake of this extraordinary time.

Life in Lockdown

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appreciated



Horticulture

The Pield Heath Student Gardeners have been extremely busy the last few weeks creating "The Garden Shop". Previously an unloved, spider covered shed (yuk). It has now been lovingly redecorated to create a warm and welcoming student run shop. We will keep you posted on it's progress. Well done Guys!

Laudato Si' Week

Following on from Laudato Si' Week in May which honoured the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' Encyclical on care for Our Common Home where the theme for the week was "Everything is Connected." we have continued to mark various other events such as World Environment Day on 5th June and National Growing Week – 1st – 7th June 2020.



World Environment Day 2020



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National Picnic Day / Week

This year was a special time to enjoy the weather outside and have a picnic



VBC D – Bake off

Over the last 4 weeks all staff were invited to judge a variety of wonderful bakes there were over 120 responses! Well done to all of VBC D and guests for all of the amazing bakes. It was great to see them in action and watch The Whistling Chef! All the cakes looked fantastic and everyone did very well. The overall winner voted by the judges was Aisling O'Gallochoir Well Done! Thank you to Nicky Grieve for organising this exciting event.



Pentecost

We started the Summer half term by marking The Feast of Pentecost – The Birthday of the Church. We prayed to receive both The Gifts and The Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Catholic Church

We were delighted to hear the news on 15th June about the reopening of churches for Private Prayer.

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Cardinal Vincent Nichols celebrated a special Mass in Westminster Cathedral for Schools

We are pleased that since 4th July Churches are now open for Services and Masses.



Feast of The Sacred Heart

On 19th June we marked the Feast Day of The Sacred Heart of Jesus which is The Congregation's Feast Day. Everybody in our school community enjoyed the day



Being Black and Catholic

Cardinal Vincent Nichols shared a presentation of the lives of 4 Black Catholics in England where as he says they share tears and joy, through their sadness but inspiring stories.

Rev Pascal Uche (Deacon Brentwood Diocese)
 Kamara Katama (6th Form Lay Chaplain)
 Caroline King (Executive Headteacher Hackney)
 Fr Joseph Okoro (Priest Westminster Diocese)

Along with the Church, Charities and lots of other organisations we marked the Black Lives Matter campaign to show our support against racism. We shared a special assembly with our students and their families to raise awareness and show our solidarity

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Music has been one way for us all to stay united. Students have enjoyed participating in our virtual choir on Zoom. In addition to the student choir, we also had a staff choir. Thank you to Petra Voniatis for organising these sessions



Virtual Sports Week

We ended the term with some whole school sports activities. We had a virtual Sports Day which could be done at home or at school in the group bubbles. Everyone at home and at school joined in and made it as fun as possible with class champions, medals, prizes for great performances and results. Well Done everyone!



I will give you rest

Every Tutor group was invited to share some memories and photographs of their journey this year in a mini presentation.

Small Things - Big Difference!

All staff were invited to share 3 Top Tips that have helped them to cope during these challenging times for example

- * Baking Bread
- * Practicing Meditation
- * Listening to Classical Music

This initiative was called 'Small Things – Big Difference!'. Thank you to all the staff who

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useful to support your wellbeing and are happy to share them please let us know via the admin email at admin@pieldheathschool.org.uk and we can circulate them with our community.



Weekly Reflections

Weekly reflections have been sent to all Staff to support their spiritual and emotional wellbeing. The theme for these were the lines from St John's Gospel where Jesus says 'I have come that you may have life and have life to the full. John 10:10. These have included thoughts, prayers and images to try and keep everyone feeling positive during this challenging time.



Prayer Circle

If there is anyone in particular you would like us to pray for please email their names and any information to admin@pieldheathschool.org.uk and we can add them to our list of petitions.



Thinking of You

We remember very specially in our thoughts and prayers all those in our community who are grieving having suffered any kind of loss at this prolonged and difficult time.

Year 14 Leavers

On 15th July we had an event to look back and celebrate the students in the Victor Braun who are leaving this summer. There was a presentation and this was followed by a party

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Award Winners - Summer Term 2020

Congratulations to students for winning the following awards:

The Bernie Walsh Service Award - Aisling O'Gallachoir

The Morag Anderson Award, Student of the Year 2020 - Khushi Joshi



Good News Slot

At times like this it is important to share some Good News so if you too have anything that you are happy to share please let us know.

FUNDRAISING



Pield Heath 100 Club

A reminder about our 100 Club, a great way to support the school whilst having a bit of a flutter!

The annual fee of £12 (£2 per half term) buys you one membership number which enters you into a prize draw that takes place on the last day of each half term – 6 draws per Academic Year. If you win, you will be notified and a cheque will be posted to your home address.

The prize money will be 35% of the membership fee taken that month, the remaining 65% will go to school to fund equipment and resources.

1st Prize 20% 2nd Prize 10% 3rd Prize 5%

Winning numbers in the draw on 20th July were:

1st Prize: 44
2nd Prize: 31
3rd Prize: 25

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Remember, there can only be a maximum number of **100** members so this is an *exclusive* club with good odds of winning! For more information or to renew your membership please either call school or contact eryl.dsouza@pieldheathschool.org.uk

USEFUL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Important Dates for your diary:

Term Dates - Autumn 2021

Autumn 1 Term:	Thursday 3rd September - Friday 23rd October
Half Term:	Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October
Autumn 2 Term:	Monday 2nd November - Thursday 17th December

Full details of the term dates can be found on the school website.

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