

Pield Heath House School - Autumn Half Term Update, October 2018

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Autumn Half Term Update 19th October 2018



Dear Friends of Pield Heath

This term we were delighted to welcome new students who we are pleased are settling well. There have been a number of other exciting events already this term, which included a performance by Face Front Theatre group, a concert by Music for Autism and various Sports activities. You can read the full account of all the events in this newsletter.

In addition to our intake of students, we were also pleased to welcome new members of staff. This term, we say farewell to Chris Pigott our Data Coordinator. We thank him for his commitment and for all that he has contributed to our school community by sharing his expertise. We wish him continued success and every blessing for the future.

Hope you all have an enjoyable half term holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 29th October.

Thank you

Eryl D'Souza
Associate Principal
Community & External Partnerships



Masses / Services

The RE Ambassadors attended a special Service with St Marys, Primary School at Uxbridge Parish to mark the National Eucharistic Congress that took place in Liverpool.

Fr Kennedy celebrated Mass for us on 12th September. In October, Fr Boothman said Mass for us. The theme for this Mass was to celebrate the canonisation of Oscar Romero on 14th October.

Deanery Mass - 9th October

Staff and Governors attended the Annual Hillingdon Deanery Mass celebrated by Bishop John Wilson on 26th September at St Gregory The Great Catholic Church, South Ruislip.



Pope Francis Visit to Ireland

Some staff and members of the Community attended the World Meeting of Families which Pope Francis led from 22nd - 26th August in Dublin, Ireland.

Sports Update

This half-term students have taken part in many sports events, including the Hillingdon Primary Panathlon on 10th October.

For a full sports update click [here](#).

Residential Update

This Half-Term in St Joseph's we worked hard on our life skills. Here we are in the kitchen making breakfast!

For more information about our residential care please contact our Care Manager jennifer.isaac@pieldheathschool.org.uk.

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).

This Half Term we have been looking at the Principle of Dignity.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Assembly



We were delighted to welcome Hilda McCafferty from CAFOD on Wednesday 26th September. Hilda led an assembly for school to raise awareness about their various campaigns including Harvest Fast Day which took place on Friday 5th October.

Talk Like a Pirate Day!

We celebrated International Talk Like a Pirate Day on 19th September. Staff and students dressed up and enjoyed looking for treasure as they entered the swashbuckling world of real and fictional pirates. The day was enjoyed by all and provided students with inspiration and ideas to

Face Front Inclusive Theatre Group

Students enjoyed a visit by the excellent Face Front Inclusive Theatre group who performed their interactive show 'It's my Move' in school. Face Front creates theatre that pioneers social change for an inclusive world.



Travel STARS

We were delighted to have been awarded the Travel STARS Bronze Award from TFL. Thank you to Finnula Treacy for leading this initiative. Well done to the team of newly appointed Junior Road Safety Officers.



Music for Autism

This half-term on 16th October we welcomed the musicians from Music for Autism, who put together an inspiring performance in our chapel. We were very inspired by Derek Paravicini, a wonderful pianist.

Thank you to Petra Voniatis for co-ordinating this event.

More information on Music For Autism can be found [here](#).

School House Teams

All Students and Staff have now been allocated to a House Team. The teams are named after countries where The Congregation of The Sisters of The Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary have schools and communities around the world:

Red – Uganda Blue – El Salvador
Green – Ireland Yellow – The Philippines

During the year there will be activities to celebrate a variety of customs and traditions associated with these countries.



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 Nicky Chance.



Parent and Carer Zone



ParentPay

As a school we are switching over to ParentPay, an e-payment system for dinner money. All parents will have received a letter with login details. ParentPay holds an electronic record of all payments, and allows parents to make e-payments through the website.

Those parents wishing to pay cash should contact the school office to request the option of paying via PayPoint.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you need assistance.



Parents Evening

It was good to see so many of you at our Parents Evenings.

We hope that you found it a useful opportunity to meet our staff, as well as to find out about the extra-curricular activities that are available throughout the year.



Parents Forum - 21st November

Our next Parents Forum will take place on Wednesday 21st November from 10.30am - 12.00pm. The theme will be Managing Behaviour and will be led by Lynne Laverty and Therese Glynn.

All parents and carers are welcome.

FUNDRAISING

Christmas Fayre - Thursday 13th December, please save the date!

There will be gift stalls, activities and a Grand Raffle.

As always we rely on your help to make this event a success. If you are able to help in any way please let us know. Raffle tickets will be available for sale after half term. Your support for this fundraising event would be really appreciated.

Pield Heath **100 Club**

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

An 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 19th October were:

1st Prize: 69,
2nd Prize: 26,
3rd Prize: 13.

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 please call school or contact eryl.dsouza@pieldheathschool.org.uk



Pield Heath House School **100 Club**

Join our exclusive club, raise funds & WIN!

Membership limited to **100** people
£12 per Academic Year (£2 per half term)

Prize Draw at end of every half-term*

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

*When there are 100 members total pot every half term = £200
1st Prize = £40, 2nd Prize = £20, 3rd Prize = £10

Important Dates for your diary:

Term Dates

Half Term Monday 22nd October - Friday 26th October

Autumn 2 Term Monday 29th October - Friday 21st December

A copy of Term Dates for 2018 - 2019 can be downloaded [here](#).

Other Events:

Wednesday 21st November	Parents Forum 10.30am - 12.30pm, Theme - Managing Behaviour
Tuesday 4th December	Christmas Performance KS4 & VBC (Upper School) at 7.00pm
Wednesday 5th December	Christmas Performance KS2 & KS3 (Lower School) at 1.00pm
Thursday 13th December	Christmas Fayre 11.00am - 3.00pm



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