

Pield Heath House School - Autumn Half Term Update, October 2019

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Autumn Half Term Update 18th October 2019



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 this term. One of the highlights was receiving the Hillingdon in Bloom Award. Other activities included an autumn themed music concert, an upper school retreat 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 half term we say farewell to Louise Mahon our Catering and Health & Safety Manager who is leaving us after 20 years of devoted service. During this time she has helped with lots of aspects of our school life both on and off site enabling our students to live life to the full. We wish Louise good luck and every blessing as she starts her new role working for the Diocese of Westminster.

We also say farewell to Catherine Corio who worked with us for 3 years as a Special Support Assistant. We appreciate their valuable contribution and thank them for all they have done to support and enrich our community.

Hope you all have an enjoyable half term holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 28th October.

Thank you

Eryl D'Souza
Associate Principal
Community & External Partnerships



A New School Year

Sr Julie welcomed staff and students back to school after the Summer break. To mark the start of the new academic year each class was presented with a candle.



The Pield Heath Student Gardeners worked extremely hard throughout last year. In the summer the poly-tunnel and allotment were full of fresh vegetables all grown from seed. The cookery classes enjoyed going in to the garden and picking their ingredients.

The Hillingdon in Bloom judges visited the garden and the students explained what they had been doing. They were all rewarded this August and the Pield Heath Gardeners won Gold for the category 'Best School Display'.

A huge well done to Nicki Grieves our Outdoor Learning Development Manager and all the Pield Heath Student Gardeners!



RHS Wisley

The Pield Heath Student Gardeners came back this term ready for the next competition. On 26th September both students and staff enjoyed a visit to RHS Wisley for the start of the Green Plan It Competition. Ten schools attended, we were the only SEN school. The students did a great job at explaining their ideas and joining in with all the activities, a great start to our Eco-School project with our gardeners.

Over the next ten weeks we will work together to research and design a new section of our garden working with the whole school to bring recycling into each classroom.

We have been invited back to RHS Wisley on 4th December for the finals. Fingers crossed!

Autumn Music Concert



and all classes were invited to come and take part.

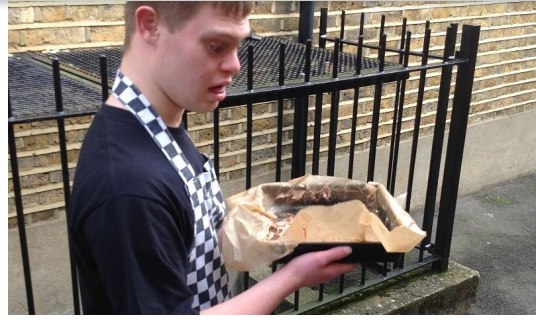
It was a very enjoyable afternoon for all. Well Done to Petra Vionatis for organising this event.



National Baking Week

To celebrate National Baking Week our students made some lovely cakes which they sold to students and staff.

There are lots of great reasons why baking is good it stimulates the senses, is creative and above all makes people happy so in the half term Get Baking!



Masses / Services

Fr Kennedy celebrated Mass for us on 11th September. He also said Mass for us in October. The theme for this Mass was to celebrate the canonisation of John Henry Newman on 13th October.

All families are welcome to attend our Acts of Worship. Our next Mass will be at 9.30am 6th November 2019.



Deanery Mass - 1st October

Staff and Governors attended the Annual Hillingdon Deanery Mass celebrated by Fr Nicholas Schofield the Dean at Our Lady of Lourdes and St Michael Parish, Uxbridge. The Mass was jointly prepared by Pield Heath and St Mary's School, Uxbridge. The theme for the Mass was 'I have a Mission'.

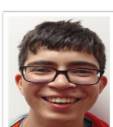
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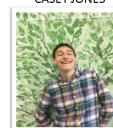
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RE Ambassadors

We are delighted to have our new RE Ambassadors who come from both the lower and upper school. This year the team includes Yash, Mason, Khushi, Aisling, Casey and Jamie. They meet regularly and are playing an active role in supporting the ethos of our school.



Upper School Retreat

All students in Key Stage 4 and 5 were invited to participate in a special retreat on 9th October. The theme for the retreat was called 'We are Called'.

The day started with Mass after which there were activities which focused on the importance of our name and how we each have a special gift. The retreat ended with a sharing service in the Chapel.



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.



Staff Prayer Circle

A Staff Prayer Circle was held in September on the theme of 'Follow Me'. This was led by Mark Silva one of our Support Assistants. Thank you Mark.



CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Assembly

We were delighted to welcome Hilda McCafferty from CAFOD on Wednesday 16th October. Hilda led an assembly for school to raise awareness about their various campaigns including Harvest Fast Day which took place on Friday 4th October.

On Wednesday we had a special assembly to launch the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD) as our Autumn Term Charity. The theme for their campaign this year is on helping everyone in the world to have enough food to eat and clean drinking water. The campaign this year is called 'Brighten Up.'

On Friday 18th October there will be a non uniform day. Everyone is asked to contribute £1 towards the charity by wearing something colourful to brighten up our world.



ICT Mentors

This term our ICT Mentors have started work with the younger students in the school. They promote E-Safety awareness and will lead an assembly during the school year to remind everyone of the importance of E-Safety.



2T represented the school in a multi-sports activity event against other local schools. They completed a range of activities winning a number of their events.

The team came 4th out of 11 schools, Well Done!



Boccia Panathlon

Five students represented the school in a Boccia Panathlon event which took place in Ealing. Sports Leaders from the VBC also went and helped run the tournament.

Well Done to all involved!



West London Football

Class 3C and Calvin represented the school at the West London heats of the football at Gillette Corner Goals. They joined with Meadows School to make a team and played against a variety of SEN schools from different boroughs.

Everyone joined in well and enjoyed taking part making new friends and showing great skills and teamwork.



Residential Update

Students have had a great start to the new term. They have visited Sparks Youth Club and enjoyed a dance class before starting school.

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



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
Green – Ireland

Blue – El Salvador
Yellow – The Philippines

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



National Teaching Assistants Day

National Teaching Assistants Day was on 16th September. This provided us with a great way to have a celebration that week for all our Assistants and Staff to show our appreciation for the wonderful work they do throughout the year.



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 Brenda Oxenham.

Parent and Carer Zone

ParentPay

As a school we use 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



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 - 13th November

It was good to see many of our new families at the Coffee Mornings that we held in September.

Our next Parents Forum will take place on Wednesday 13th November from 10.30am - 12.00pm. The theme will be ASD and Managing Behaviour and will be led by Lynne Lavery and Therese Glynn.

All parents and carers are welcome.

FUNDRAISING

Christmas Fayre - Thursday 12th December, please save the date!

This year's Christmas Fayre will take place on **Thursday 12th December** from 11am - 3.00pm - please tell all your family and friends! 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.

Field 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



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

fee taken that month, the remaining 65% will go to school to fund equipment and resources.

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Winning numbers in the draw on 18th October were:

1st Prize: 19

2nd Prize: 25

3rd Prize: 42

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

Important Dates for your diary:

Term Dates

Half Term Monday 21st October - Friday 25th October

Autumn 2 Term Monday 28th October - Friday 19th December

A copy of Term Dates for 2019 - 2020 can be found on our school website.



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