

Pield Heath House School Autumn Newsletter - December 2018

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Dear Friends of Pield Heath

With Christmas just around the corner, I am sure that you are looking forward to a well-earned festive break.

As we reflect on the term there were many activities which you can read about in this newsletter. Among the highlights were our seasonal performances 'Christmas Around the World' and 'Bethlehem'. Both the upper and lower school performances were creative and inspiring. In a simple but powerful way, the students expressed the real meaning of Christmas, by sharing their unique gifts and talents.

On behalf of everyone at Pield Heath, thank you for your support. As the year draws to a close - may you have the gladness of Christmas which is hope; the spirit of Christmas which is peace; the heart of Christmas which is love.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 8th January 2019.

Eryl D'Souza

Associate Principal - Community & External Partnerships

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Remembrance Day

On 7th November a Mass was held in Chapel for Remembrance Day.

As well as remembering those who gave their lives during the war we also prayed for our own

to mark Remembrance Day and raise funds for The Royal British Legion.

Winefride Tyrrell Award for Leadership

On 20th November 2016 we celebrated the 100 year Anniversary of the death of Sr Winefride Tyrrell who was responsible for opening Pield Heath House School in 1901 and was also the co-founder of the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

In memory of Sr Winefride we set up a Leadership Award. This years winner is Samuel Abbott who was presented with the cup by The Mayor following the Christmas Performance.



Staff Recognition Award

We have a Staff Recognition Award to reward a member of staff who has been nominated by colleagues for doing something outstanding. The award is made every term.

This term the winner is Lisa Goreham.

WE Day Assembly

Melissa Agnew & Katy Taylor led a WE Day assembly to introduce the charities that we will be supporting during the year.



Parents Forum

We had a good response to the Parents Forum which was led by Lynne Laverty and Therese Glynn.

CHRISTMAS

The Mexican Posada Tradition

As part of our Advent celebrations we were pleased to participate in the Mexican Tradition of Posada (a Spanish word meaning 'Inn'). Posada celebrations began in Mexico where two young people were chosen to dress up as Mary and Joseph and travel from house to house in their

room to figures of Mary and Joseph for a day before Christmas. This helps us to make room for Jesus in our lives, in our hearts and in our school community. More info [here](#).



Christmas Performances

We welcomed all the Friends of Pield Heath to our Christmas performances. They were a celebration of drama, dance, music and song entitled 'Christmas Around the World' and 'Bethlehem'.

Thanks to Beth Wright, Antony Colagrossi, Petra Voniatz and all the staff and students for the dedication in preparing the performance. It was a wonderful opportunity to share the blessings of Christmas.



Christmas Fayre

We had our Christmas Fayre on Thursday 13th December which was opened by The Mayor of Hillingdon Cllr John Morgan. We had a large selection of stalls and festive entertainment. We also had the draw for our Grand Christmas Raffle. Thank you to all those who so kindly donated prizes for our raffle.

Special thanks to John & Ann Cook, Sandra Parsons, the group of volunteers from Brunel University, Metro Bank as well as to all the other volunteers who willingly gave their time to help on the day.

Thanks to your generosity the total amount raised was £1,144.46. Well done everyone. Your time and support is greatly appreciated.

Christmas Activities

Students enjoyed a Christmas meal and disco to celebrate Christmas and the end of term.

everyone had a lot of fun with everyone wearing their very best festive knitwear.



FUNDRAISING



Children In Need 2018

This year students raised money for Children in Need. As well as raising £100 for this worthwhile charity students and staff both had a fun day enjoying the activities.



CAFOD World Gifts Campaign

Following the recent visit by Hilda McCafferty from CAFOD who spoke to us about Harvest Fast Day, we have continued to raise awareness of the work of CAFOD all over the world. This term we took part in their World Gifts Campaign - Help a Refugee Child and donated £50. The money will be used to give children living through conflict an education, emotional support and a chance to make friends.



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

Pield Heath 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 is 35% of the membership fee taken that month, the remaining 65% goes to school to fund equipment and resources.

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

Winning numbers in the draw on 20th December were:

1st Prize: 39 2nd Prize: 29 3rd Prize: 27

Winners cheques will be sent in January 2019.

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

Spring Term 2019 Dates

Spring 1 Term: Tuesday 8th January - Friday 15th February, school finishes at 2.30pm

Half Term: Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February

Spring 2 Term: Monday 25th February - Friday 5th April, school finishes at 2.30pm



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