

Dear Friends of Pield Heath

As we approach the end of term we reflect on some highlights which enabled our students to participate in a wide range of educational, cultural and social activities. These included trips out, Family Fun Day, Leavers Prom and various sports events.

This term, we say farewell to Ioannis Ananidis our Caretaker, as well as to some long-term agency staff. We thank them all for their valuable contribution and wish them well for the future. Thank you to all the staff for responding to the challenges of the year with creativity and energy. I hope you can all take a moment to reflect on the achievements of the last year.

Finally, I am sure you would agree that our students are our best ambassadors. Good Luck to the Year 14 students who are leaving this summer. It is great to see all the areas in which they have excelled. We are very proud of all their achievements and we look forward to hearing about their continued success.

On behalf of everyone at Pield Heath, I would like to say a very sincere thank you to our Parents, Friends and Volunteers for all your support throughout the year. In addition to this newsletter, we have also produced a summary of some of the memorable highlights of the whole school year which you can see by clicking [here](#).

Wishing you all a lovely and much deserved summer holiday!

*Eryl D'Souza*

Associate Principal

Community & External Partnerships



### **Tutor Group 3B**

3B went to Bubble Planet, Wembley. Special thanks to The Levenfiche Foundation for providing us with this wonderful trip. The students were given VIP access to a VR experience and sensory experiences. The students have made fantastic progress during their tutor times in reading and also, in making friendships and learning to support each other. The students came together as a group to mark The Year of Prayer. They also took part in the cultural diversity assembly. Our country was Scotland, they put together a presentation about the country with support and even learned some of the words of 'Flower of Scotland'. They also enjoyed trips to the park and getting out and about in the community on public transport.



### **Tutor Group 3C**

3C have been working hard on learning poetic techniques in English as well as writing a few poems of their own. In Maths, the students have been working on a range of skills including coordinates and plotting graphs. As part of their Science studies, 3C enjoyed a visit to the Science Museum where they were able to explore and try out some of the active exhibits.



### **Tutor Group 3L**

3L have enjoyed a range of activities this Summer term. A lot of fun in the sun and outdoor sports activities to keep them active. We've had fun in the drama studio this term playing games like hide and seek and dance battle. 3L delivered an assembly on World Music Day and headed the choir for choir practice showcasing their singing and signing!



### **Tutor Group 3P**

3P enjoyed watching The Trolls movie and representing the school. They engaged in an array of different activities within lessons be it worksheets, practical activities for example in PSHE learning to brush their hair or using toothbrushes to clean images of dirty teeth. They enjoyed Sports Day and Family Fun Day and took part in many of the events with great excitement. They developed their confidence, sense of curiosity and commutative play and it has been magical to watch.





### **Tutor Group 4B**

The year has been full of fun and laughter with lots of great learning too. Together we have been learning essential skills such as enjoying leisure time together in and around the community, practiced our shopping skills to where we can all select our own purchases and pay for them. We also collected food and delivered it to the local food bank. As a class we have enjoyed lessons such as textiles and mini enterprise as well as all the art and music.



### **Tutor Group 4H**

4H have been improving their money skills in preparation for adulthood. They have been using money to calculate and budget for items when taking part in their community skills lesson. In these photos, we have students who have been working hard to recognise different coins. The students have been enjoying spending time together visiting their local community. As part of their Thrive outcomes, they have been developing their friendship skills. Students have also had the opportunity to use a large swing in the local park to play with their classmates. Students have also been developing their friendship skills by sharing activities and working on their team building skills.



### **Tutor Group PH+A**

PH+A have enjoyed participating in various outdoor learning activities. They enjoyed having a group picnic, taking part in races for Sports Day and various Community trips out to local places including McDonalds. They have also really enjoyed learning how to play the Ukulele.



### **Tutor Group PH+B**

PH+B enjoyed playing with their parachute by flying it up and down and hiding behind it to demonstrate their excitement. They also liked dancing to songs played for them on the interactive white board (IWB). Students practiced their reading skills by tracing the alphabetical letters template. They experimented with various sensory reading books that were accompanied by visual clues and sensory input to foster a love of reading and storytelling.





### **Tutor Group PH+C**

The students enjoyed visiting a farm, interacting with animals and learned new signs. They also celebrated International Day, and Euro 24 football cup, by art and craft activities and exploring costumes and traditions of Australia and Belgium. PH+C enjoyed Sports Day, taking part in various outdoors activities, they also celebrated various birthdays. PH+C enjoyed Bucket Time and sensory stories.



### **Tutor Group PH+D**

PH+D have had great fun this term taking advantage of the hot weather by using the paddling pool and finding a sheltered spot to read a story in the school garden. The students have been amazing and have matured a lot this year. They enjoyed Family Fun Day and Sports Day where all the students participated well. They had visits out to the Urban Farm and local parks including a well-earned trip to McDonald's.



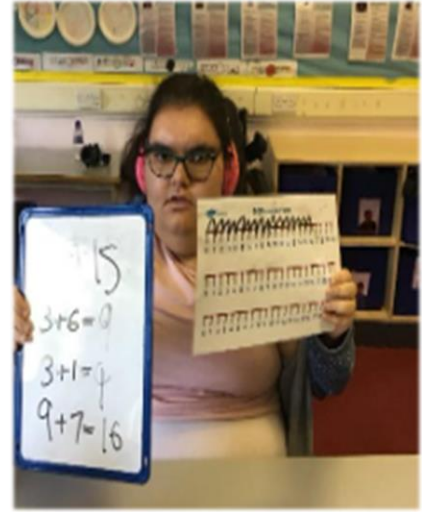
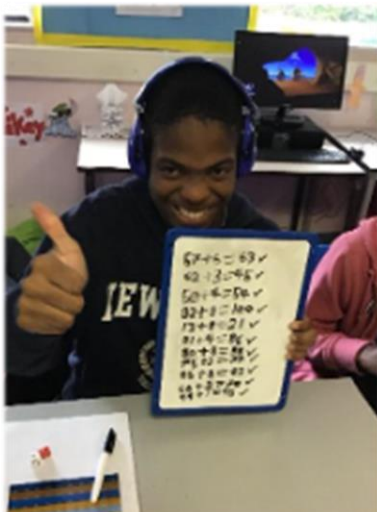
### Tutor Group VBC A

This term VBC A has been accessing the wider community. We have been visiting local shops, parks and restaurants within the local community. Students have engaged well within this and have made super progress travel training!



### Tutor Group VBC B

Students have enjoyed listening to music, learning how to use a number square to add and subtract numbers up to 100. Dressing up, doing Brain-gym activities and participating in PBS Day.





### Tutor Group VBC C

VBC C have had a very active term. They enjoyed going on trips to local parks and lidos together. At school they enjoyed taking part in the summer activities organised by school. Sports Day was a particular class favourite where they enjoyed participating with the range of sports offered.



### Tutor Group VBC D

Our assembly was about International Nurses Day. The class dressed as Florence Nightingale, soldiers in the Crimean War and a modern-day nurse. We gave flowers and a card to our school nurse Sarah to say thank you for everything she does to look after us. In PSHE lessons, the class have been learning about food this term. They looked at different foods from different countries and tasted fruits from around the world. The class have enjoyed some fun in the sun and have used the paddling pools.





## Tutor Group VBC E

VBC E have had a fantastic year, getting to really know each other. They recognise that everyone is different and that is what makes us all so interesting. They like different things and we have a lot of fun finding out about each other's hobbies. They have enjoyed cricket and football visits, swimming, and visits to Nathan's farm. They looked for Pokémon at Black park and watched stunts at a skate park. They shopped for bargains in charity shops and went shopping to look at trainers. They experienced things they would not have explored without their peers introducing them to their personal hobbies.



## Music

This term some classes have been working on music in movies and musicals, taking the opportunity to dress up and perform. Other classes have been painting instruments that are no longer able to play so that they can be displayed.

We had an 'iCanDance!' Workshop for a range of classes in the school, working on their sensory dance, movement and overall confidence.



## Sign-Along Choir

Our sign-a-long choir led by Pinks (Music Teacher) and Juli (Sign-a-Long Tutor) involves a talented group of students who love to sing and sign! Students across the school have the opportunity to take part in the choir termly and in an open choir where anyone can come along! The choir sing at whole school assemblies as well as services and masses.

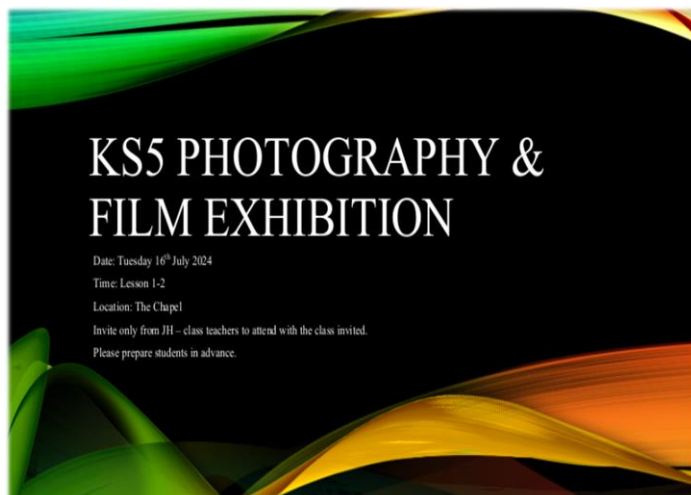
The choir performed at our Annual Family Fun Day and we finished off the year with a lovely party! Thank you again to the choir for all their hard work this year!





## KS5 Photography & Film Exhibition

Thanks to Jessica Harvey our Art & DT Subject Lead for coordinating this event.



## Horticulture

This term, the Pield Heath Student Gardeners have been very busy. The new “Secret Garden” project has made some real progress and the KS3 students are looking forward to the new swinging chair having pride of place in their garden. The growing of the vegetables in the polytunnel and allotment space have also been really successful. We are now harvesting and sharing our fresh produce with the cookery students. We look forward to what they make for us!



## **Summer of Sport**

Students have been learning about tennis this term. They have practiced ball skills, holding a racket and playing games. Classes enjoyed coaching from Middlesex CCC, culminating with VBC E attending an event at Lords Cricket Ground. Pield Heath hosted a Secondary New Age Kurling Tournament where 5 schools taking participated. After a closely fought 1<sup>st</sup> round three teams battled it out for 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Our team did really well and ended in 4<sup>th</sup> place.



## **Tennis Festival**

It was a pleasure to watch our students engage with other students and behave impeccably throughout this sporting event.





## Special Events

### Cultural Awareness

This term every tutor group was given a country to celebrate. Students and staff dressed up in traditional costumes and the day culminated in a special assembly where everyone had the chance to share something about their chosen country.

Photos of this event will be uploaded on our gallery.



## Community

The Summer Term began with a whole school Staff Service. The theme was to share a message from Pope Francis who said 'I would greatly desire that we devote 2024, the year preceding the Jubilee event, to a great 'symphony of prayer and praise'. Every member of staff was given a prayer card produced by CAFOD.



### Sacramental Preparation

Under the supervision of Agnes Komasiak our RE Coordinator and with the support of staff, 6 students participated in a Sacramental Preparation Programme. The students received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on 19th June by Fr Nicholas Schofield.



### Confirmation

Congratulations to James and Farren who both made their Confirmation at their home parishes.





### Lourdes Pilgrimage

Three RE Ambassadors had the opportunity to go on a Pilgrimage and visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in France. During their visit they also took time out to take a trip to The Pyrenees Mountains and to participate in various group building activities. On their return they helped to prepare and lead a Mass where they shared a presentation about their trip. Sincere thanks to Dr Jack Gorard and HCPT Group 12 for this amazing opportunity which brought blessings to our whole community.



### Interfaith Celebration

Staff attended a special ceremony hosted by St Margaret's Church, Uxbridge, where a Charter of Peace was signed by all local faith leaders. The event was hosted by the former Mayor of Hillingdon Cllr Shehryar Ahmad-Wallana.

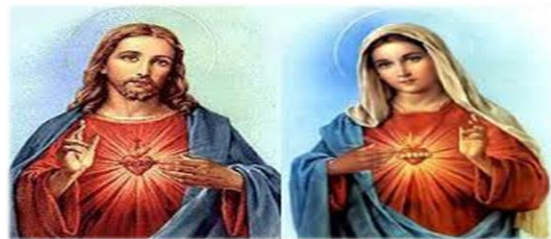


### Masses & Special Feast Days

On 8th May Fr Nicholas Schofield celebrated a Mass to mark May as the Month of Mary. After Mass students and staff laid flowers at the statue of Mary and Fr Nicholas gave us all a special blessing. Many thanks to everyone who kindly sent in flowers for this 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 grounds.



18th May was the Feast of Victor Braun, the Founder of the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.



On 8th & 9th June we marked the Congregations Feast Day as we wished The Community of The Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

25th – 26th May we marked the 1st World Children's Day launched by Pope Francis. The theme for this was 'See, I am doing a new thing.'





### Laudato Si

21st – 28th May marked the 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on the care for creation called Laudato Si. The theme that was chosen this year was 'Seeds of Hope'.



### Eco-Committee

This term, the Eco Committee pledged to help tackle food waste. Along with Sarah-Jane's cookery students, students have been learning how every little action makes a difference.

We have two weekly collections of the classroom food waste and hope to roll this out into the dining room and VBC Common room from September.

*"The Creator does not abandon us; he never forsakes his loving plan or repents of having created us. Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home."* Pope Francis



Special thanks to Sarah-Jane Beavis and Nicola Grieve for all their efforts in coordinating this initiative.



## Community Skills

Students have enjoyed being out and about exploring the local and wider community.



## Summer / End of Term Events

### Bookworm Library

Students have enjoyed visiting The Bookworm Library, thank you to all those who have kindly donated books this year.





### Leavers Prom

The Prom was an amazing celebration filled with joy, laughter, a few tears and a lot of dancing. It featured great food, speeches and a disco, as well as activities tailored to ensure everyone could participate fully, e.g. a pop-up sensory room and a bouncy castle. Students arrived in their finest attire, greeted by enthusiastic staff who made each student and guest feel special. The night was alive with music, dancing, and laughter, creating an atmosphere of pure delight. It was a memorable night that highlighted the beauty of diversity and the power of community. Special thanks to Karolina Pelikan Head of Sixth Form and everyone who contributed to making this event a success.



### Leavers Mass and Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were nominated by staff for Special Awards. Firstly, Kade for winning The Bernie Walsh Service Award. Secondly, Yash for winning the Morag Anderson Student of the Year Award 2024.



## Wellbeing

We marked the Mental Health Awareness week which this year was from 13th – 19th May. The theme was 'Movement: Moving more for our mental health'. The Staff Wellbeing Team organised an event which included a walk and a chance to try out some of the bikes. There was a stall with wellbeing resources and the afternoon finished with home-made healthy drinks and snacks. Special thanks to the Hillingdon Cycle Track instructors for supporting us with this wellbeing event.



## Thank a Teacher Day

19th June was "Thank a Teacher Day". On behalf of all the SLT and Governors we extended our appreciation and sincere thanks to all staff, who by their efforts support the care and education of all our students so that they can enjoy their school experience.



## Wellbeing Goodie Bag

The Winners of the Wellbeing Goodie Bag this term were Amittai Lumumba and Lisa Ready.





### Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) Day

On Friday 12th July the whole school took part in lots of activities organised and led by members of the PBS team. It was an opportunity for interaction between different classes and a great way to display what PBS. The day was filled with lots of fun activities such as Rounders, dance off's, smoothie making and arts and crafts.



### PBS Winners

PBS winner- Sajin Jacob



### Parents & Carers – Parent Consultations

It was good to see so many of you at our Parents meetings. We hope that you found it a useful opportunity to meet our staff, review the past year as well as find out about the extra-curricular activities throughout the year.



### Fundraising

Autism Awareness Day – We marked this day by wearing blue. We also took the time to think about how we need to be more conscious of people who have autism and how their world looks.



## Family Fun Day

We hosted our Family Fun Day on 27th June. We invited the Mayor Cllr Colleen Sullivan to open the event. We also extended invitations to the Met Community Police Officers as well as a Team of Brunel Volunteers.



We are grateful to the following companies who kindly donated the 3 top prizes which included:

BMW

1st Prize - Family Photography Experience value £315 -

R. Dimayuga

BMW

2nd Prize - Family Photography Experience value £245 -

M. Hatton

Coopers Estate Agents

3rd Prize - £100 Marks & Spencer Voucher -

J. Leddy

The total amount raised was **£1,379.44.**



## Parents and Carers

### ParentPay

We operate a cashless system in school whereby all payments are made online using the ParentPay system. You should have a log on and password specifically for your child's account. If for any reason you have not got these details please contact the finance office who will be able to provide you with all the information.



## Dates for Your Diary

### **Autumn Term**

Training Days (*Staff Only*); Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Autumn 1; Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Half Term; Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024

Autumn 2; Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

For the academic dates for 2024-2025 please click [here](#).

