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Pield Heath House School - Spring Half Term Update, February 2020

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Spring Half Term Update 14th February 2020



Dear Friends of Pield Heath

I hope that our first update of 2020 will give you an idea of the highlights from this half term. It includes a range of events, such as a visit from Music for Autism, a trip to the Royal Academy of Arts and the opportunity to watch the pantomime 'Cinderella'.

This half term we say goodbye to 2 of our SSAs Charles Akinbanjo and Iwona Zabinska. We thank them for the care and support they have given to our students and we wish them all the best for the future.

Wishing you all an enjoyable half term holiday.



Thank you

Eryl D'Souza
Associate Principal
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NEWS

Epiphany Mass

We had a Mass to celebrate The Feast of the Epiphany in January and to welcome back all students and staff.

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Levenfiche Foundation

3L were fortunate to have a trip to the Thames Valley Adventure Playground. where we were able to play both in and outdoors. Climbing the castle as well as the zip wire were the most challenging everyone embraced the challenge whole heartedly. It was a lovely day out and we would like to say a big thank you to the Levenfiche Foundation for providing this special treat.



Music for Autism

Music for Autism visited and bought us a lot of joy. Students were engaged with listening to the classical music which helped them to relax and enjoy the whole experience. They practiced lots of skills including conducting and turn taking.

Thank you to Music for Autism for providing us with this wonderful musical experience.



Royal Festival Hall

On 5th February a group of students travelled by minibus to London to visit the Royal Festival Hall. It was an enriching and enjoyable experience. The sounds from Gamelan instruments took the children all the way to Java (Indonesia) and they enjoyed a sensory creation by artist Di. Mainstone. *Soundpit* also performed a play for all students. Everyone enjoyed participating and cherished every moment of the workshops.

Thank you to Southbank Centre and A New Direction for giving us the opportunity to participate in something so magical.

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Cinderella

On 29th January M&M Theatre Productions visited the school. Students had the opportunity to watch the pantomime, Cinderella.

The show was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



School Council

Elections for the School Council took place on 6th February. Well done to the students who have been selected on to this committee.



Bank of England

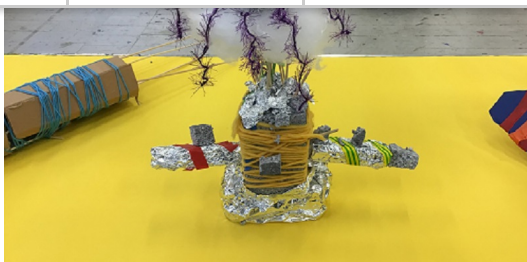
A representative of the Bank of England came to visit the VBC students.

The students learnt about what the Bank of England does, they had the opportunity to ask a variety of questions as well as finding out how the Bank is able to spot any fake notes.

It was a very interesting visit. Thank you to the Bank of England.

The Royal Academy of Arts

This term a group of students visited The Royal Academy of Arts to observe a current art exhibition, 'Eco Visionaries'. The students discussed with the teachers

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'creature from the future' inspired from the exhibition. They used recycled materials and 3D modelling skills to create their weird and wonderful creatures. All students excelled at the challenge and created excellent models making Pield Heath School very proud. If you wish to know more about the exhibition please see the link, it was a truly immersive and sensory experience for the students.
<https://www.royalacademy.org.uk/exhibition/architecture-environment-eco-visionaries>



Show Someone You Care

Leading into this last week of the half term we had the theme "Show Someone you Care" where students took part in various activities including making cards, singing and making heart cookies. It was great to bring all this together to mark Valentine's Day. Everyone was invited to wear something red. The money raised will be sent to the British Heart Foundation. To end the day students had a disco and a special assembly and all students and staff enjoyed a selection of delicious cakes. Thank you to Petra Voniatis for organising this event.



St Josephs House

Students have had a very busy half term in St Josephs House. They have enjoyed making pizza, made their own sensory lamps and celebrated Ashley's 17th birthday.



Staff Recognition Award

This half term the winner is **Giles Harper** - congratulations!

SPORTS NEWS

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During the Autumn Term 3D had Table Cricket coaching from Middlesex CCC.

This term the team have participated in two tournaments. The first at Meadow High School on January 17th competing against local Hillingdon schools where they used their new skills. Shamil was awarded a medal for best Pield Heath player. The second tournament took place at West Thames College on January 28th hosted by Middlesex CCC. Teams included college students some who used to go to Pield Heath. They all played well and finished in 3rd place.



Panathlon

3C represented the school at the West London heats of Panathlon. This is a multi-sports event of boccia, new age kurling, table cricket, indoor athletics and paddle bat.

Well done to the team who joined with other schools to represent Hillingdon. The team will be heading to the West London finals in March.



Wheelchair Basketball

The school was asked to send players to be part of the Hillingdon team in the London Youth Games on 31st January. Teams are made up of running players and players in wheelchairs, ambulant and non-ambulant.

The team had a great time trying out a new sport.

COMMUNITY



Circus Starr

Our students and their families had the opportunity to enjoy an evening at the circus courtesy of complimentary tickets from Circus Starr.

Parents Forum

We had a good response to this half terms Parents Forum which was led by Lynne Lavery and Therese Glynn. The theme for this meeting was 'The Importance of Self Care'.

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Caritas 'Love in Action' Programme

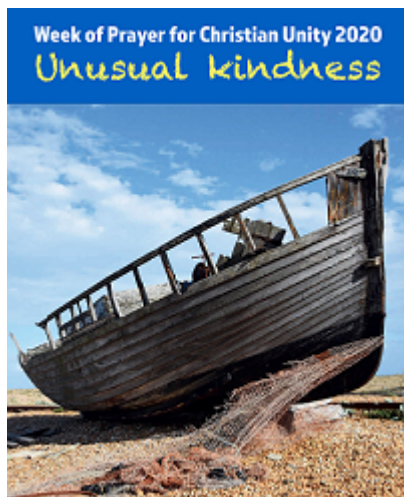
Love in Action is an engagement programme designed by Caritas, Westminster to introduce Parishes and Schools to the principles of [Catholic Social Teaching \(CST\)](#).

There are 6 Principles that we will be looking at over the programme.

- Dignity
- Solidarity and Peace
- Option for the Poor
- Creation
- Community and Participation
- Dignity of Workers

In Spring Term 1 we have been looking at ways in which we can highlight the principle of Option for the Poor.

We had a Mass in February to celebrate The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Our next Mass will be at 9.30am Wednesday 11th March to which all families are welcome to attend.



Christian Unity Week

We had a service to mark the Octave of Christian Unity Week on 18th - 25th January.

The theme for this year was 'Unusual Kindness'.



The Year of the Word – The God who Speaks

Sunday 26th January was designated 'Sunday of the Word of God'. At Masses there was a blessing of Bibles.

In our local Parish, Our Lady of Lourdes and St Michael there was an opportunity for people to have their Bibles blessed at Mass.

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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 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 14th February were:

1st Prize: 33 2nd Prize: 14 3rd Prize: 66

Winners cheques will be sent in March 2020

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:

Spring Term 2020

Half Term – 17th February 2020 – 21st February 2020

Spring 2 – 24th February 2020 – 3rd April 2020 * School finishes at 2.30pm *

Summer Term 2020

Summer 1 – 20th April 2020 – 22nd May 2020 * School finishes at 2.30pm *

Half Term – 25th May 2020 – 29th May 2020

Summer 2 – 1st June 2020 – 17th July 2020 * School finishes at 2.30pm *



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