



Pinvin Matters

The newsletter of the Pinvin Federation
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Diary Dates:

Spring Term 2017

February

Thurs 16 th Feb	SNMS "Friends" disco, 7-9pm
Fri 17 th	Y5 Bake Sale
20 th to 24 th Feb	Half term holiday

March

2 nd March	World Book Day
3 rd March	Year 4 Gold Assembly
9 th March	Travelling Book fair
9 th March	Y7 district athletics
9 th March	Performing Arts Showcase, Y3-Y7
10 th March	Year R Gold Assembly
13 th -17 th March	Year 7 French Trip
17 th March	Year 3 Gold Assembly
17 th March	Non-uniform at PFS
23 rd March	PFS Chocolate Bingo
24 th March	Year 1 Gold Assembly
31 st March	Year 2 Gold Assembly

April

4 th April	SNMS Interhouse Games
5 th April	Federation Easter Service (pupils only)
6 th April	PFS Interhouse Games
7 th April	Term ends

Summer Term 2017

24 th April	School closed for staff training
25 th April	Summer term begins
29 th May - 2 nd June	Half term holiday
21 st July	term ends

Year 1 trip to Malvern Ice Rink

On Wednesday 11th January, Class One had a very exciting visit to Ice Quest in Malvern. The children had a fabulous time zooming on the ice, using their ice aids to balance. They then wrote about it through a recount, which gave their writing depth and real understanding.



Poetry Slam!



A vibrant poetry master class was enjoyed by all of the year 7 pupils in January.

During an exciting day with the Birmingham Poet Laureate for 2006/7, Giovanni Esposito ("Spoz"), pupils learned some of the best poetry slamming techniques, rapping their way through a day-long workshop.

The children worked in teams to write their own poems on the theme of "Our Generation". At the end of the day, there was a competition to find the best slam poem to represent the school at the Worcestershire Middle Schools Poetry Slam finals, a competition which is to take place in May at the Palace Theatre, Redditch.

Miss Smith said of the competition, "The standard was stunning, it gets better every year. Our winning team "Spag-etti" (poets Lucy Keeping, Senna Robinson, Freya Clarke, Freya Shardlow & Hen Wood) really shone as they showcased skills learnt during the day with Spoz. We look forward to them building on our previous successes at the finals!"

Spelling Bee - A Hive of Activity!



Year 7 and 6 pupils from St Nicholas CE Middle School, were buzzing with excitement after taking first and second places respectively at the Spelling Bee Competition just before Christmas.

The event took place at St Barnabas CE First and Middle School in Drakes Broughton and included a number of other local schools.

Mrs Chatterton said the children had worked very hard in Literacy and SPAG (Spelling, punctuation and grammar) and this contributed to a wonderful result which was well deserved. Well done to all those who were involved!

Skills Show

Well done to all of the children involved in the Skills Show on 30th January, at both the First School and the Middle School. They very enthusiastically and energetically guided parents and carers through some of the new key content of the Maths and English curriculum, enabling parents and carers to provide better support at home.



First School Pottery Workshop

Honeybourne Pottery Studio visited recently. A representative from the family-run studio spent the morning modelling with the children from Year 3 on Monday 30th January. They were able to develop their Design Technology skills by experiencing modelling from scratch. They enjoyed a taster session at the potter's wheel, learning the basics of throwing clay. They loved the pottery workshop experience and being in the DT room at the Middle School, although it was trickier than they initially thought!!



Sports Reports

Early Sports Success! The Middle School PE Department are delighted with some early sporting success in 2017. After a 13 year wait, the Year 7 swimming team won the overall Swimming Gala Award! Well done to all the pupils who attended the Gala and represented the school so well.



School lunches

The new system for on-line ordering and paying for school lunches, ParentPay, is now fully operational. Access it from the Federation website home page.



Fundraising for our Misufini B School Link

Our events so far have raised £1,358 - an amazing total.

The Matchbox Challenge brought a fantastic response with over 60 entries and many interesting items including pet hair, tiny electronic components and pine needles. The overall winner Arran Budd, who managed to fit 225 items into his match box! Prizes were awarded for numbers of items and best decorated box in each school. We hope the winners enjoy their prizes.



Many thanks for all your donations and support of the discos, carol singing and Christmas Fayre stall.

We have spent £339 on resources that we took out for the children at Misufini B and also for the visa application for our visitor.

We are now in the process of planning events for Mrs Tarimo's week at our schools and are hoping that the balance will cover flights and living expenses for Mrs Tarimo during her stay. Any further donations can be sent into the school office.

Once again, thank you so much for supporting our school link.



The Bloodhound Competition



Our school has entered a nationwide competition and we want everybody involved!

Ashton, Will and Harry have together made a website regarding the Bloodhound Competition: www.st-nicholas-pin.co.uk



The BLOODHOUND Project is using a 1,000mph world land speed record attempt to inspire the next generation to enjoy, explore and get involved in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Foam model rocket car kits have been made available for 10,000 teams nationally. Rocket car kits can be modified by school teams to run faster. This is a great opportunity to get students excited about science, work as a team and get hands on experience of programming and aerodynamics in one of the most fun ways possible.

Check out our website, and good luck!

Ashton Price, Will Shaw & Harry Smith

Yr 5 Planetarium Visit

On Thursday 26th January the Planetarium came to the Middle School. We went in the huge Planetarium dome to enjoy the experience in darkness! We saw lots of things to do with space. This included looking at the stars and the constellations that the Greeks invented. We learnt lots about each planet and took a journey around the Solar System. We asked lots of interesting questions to help us understand better - why does Saturn have rings and why does Uranus lie on its side? We really enjoyed the experience!

Isabelle Tanner and Harriet Brazier



We look forward to welcoming children back into school on Monday 27th Februaury.

Have a lovely half term!

