



# Pinvin Matters

The newsletter of the Pinvin Federation  
April 2017

## Diary Dates:

### *Spring Term 2017*

#### April

5 <sup>th</sup> April	Federation Easter Service (pupils only)
6 <sup>th</sup> April	PFS Interhouse Games
7 <sup>th</sup> April	Term ends

### *Summer Term 2017*

24 <sup>th</sup> April	School closed for staff training
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer term begins

#### May

12 <sup>th</sup> May	Pinvin's Got Talent
25 <sup>th</sup> May	"Friends" disco at SNMS
29 <sup>th</sup> May - 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Half term holiday

#### June

5 <sup>th</sup> June	class photos at SNMS
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 district athletics
21 <sup>st</sup> June	new Y5 parents evening
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	cluster bell-boating Regatta
26 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Pershore High School new intake evenings

#### July

6 <sup>th</sup> July	SNMS art exhibition
21 <sup>st</sup> July	term ends

## Harry Potter Quiz



On February 16th 2017 there was a Harry Potter quiz in the library that was well advertised throughout the whole middle school 2 weeks before the event.

It had an amazing turn out of thirty five pupils attending and with twenty questions we had our final winners, Adam Nutbeem and Owen Barnett with a fantastic score of 20 out of 20. They won an amazing prize which was a Harry Potter colouring in book. And if you got 19/20 you could get a small, but amazing, prize!

It didn't matter how old you are or how well you knew the subject, everyone just gave it a go!

A few pupils gave their opinion on what they thought on the event:

- 'AWESOME!! Can't wait for future stuff like this,' Year 5 student
- 'Fun and amazing! Wish there are more of these later in the year.' Year 7 student.
- 'Very enjoyable, looking forward to the next event.' A Class Teacher

We were so pleased that the event went well and ran smoothly and are hoping that pupils of the middle school join us again soon for the next event...DAVID WALLIAMS! Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

By Lily Terry, Year 7 Librarian.

## World Book Day

The Pinvin Federation hosted another inspirational day in celebration of World Book Day on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

Children and staff alike enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book characters for the day.

There was an air of celebration throughout both schools as characters such as Oliver Twist, The Worst Witch, Dorothy, Little Red Riding Hood, Bellatrix Lestrange, Harry Potter, Obelix, Mary Poppins, James Bond, the Fantastic Mr Fox and a selection of Marvel Avengers graced the school corridors and classrooms.

Both schools selected winners from each year group for the most unique/impressive fancy dress, and these pupils each received a book token as their prize.

During the day there was also a DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) session. This was a 15min session signalled by an elongated bell. As soon as the bell rang, all classes stopped their lessons to take part. Teachers shared their own favourite childhood texts with their classes and children at the First School and Middle School were encouraged to share their books and read to each other.

Miss Smith said of the occasion, "It was a great opportunity to bring a love of books and reading across the curriculum for the whole day. Children and staff really embraced the occasion and made reading come alive. Children loved seeing the staff dress up and join in the event with them."



## Yr 5 Bake Sale

Many thanks to everyone in Year 5 who brought in such an appetising array of cakes for the cake sale to the rest of the school, just before half term.



A team of very professional sellers took in a fantastic £161.25, which will go to "Friends" to supplement their latest fundraising efforts. A special "thank you" to Mrs Kain too, who came into school especially during morning break and at lunchtime to help set up and run the sale.

## Yr 6 Bake Sale

What a bun fight! Children clamoured for cakes outside the Year 7 area on a lovely March morning. Mrs Kain and Mrs Kempson worked hard to keep up with demand throughout morning break, raising a fantastic £148.61 for "Friends" funds. Many thanks to all of the parents, carers and children who spend so much time making or buying such delicious cakes for us all to enjoy.



## Performing Arts Showcase

On Thursday 9th March, Drama Club, Dance Club and Choir all participated in the Pinvin Federation's Performing Arts Showcase, which had an excellent turnout of over 100 people supporting the talent across the Federation.

The show - which lasted an hour and a half - included a fake birth, rapping, magical spells and beautiful singing and dancing.

Everyone loved the evening and here are some quotes:

- "It was a time for students to express creativity." - James Massingham
- "It was really good and I enjoyed it very much." - Annabelle Collins
- "It was an eclectic mix of performances. Hopefully there was something for everyone!" - Mrs. Hooper

*Hen Wood & Sammy Pyne*

## CREW Update March 2017

From January this year, CREW have joined together as a federation to bond and bring the next generation of 'CREWies' to the school. So far, we have really enjoyed coming together as a federation and it has allowed us to come up with new ideas that will involve pupils and make CW a bit more interesting.

In CREW we have been making a lot of items that will help us link to the Christian calendar and understand more about the goings on in the Bible.

A couple of weeks ago, Reverend Orion helped us make story sticks to tell the Bible story of 'The Two Houses' which we have already performed in Collective Worship.

Written by Maisie Fox (Y7), Rosie Edwards (Y7) and James Fryer (Y3).

## Reception Tractor Visit

Reception class recently enjoyed a visit from a couple of tractors to support their new topic "On the Farm." The tractor visit was Mr Lewis, one of the Year 1 parents and granddad, who kindly came back again this year with their 50 year old tractor and their 4 year old tractor. The children were able to ask questions about the jobs that the tractor can do and got to sit on both. Most of them liked the newer one the best as it was higher up and they could see all around!



## Reception Farm Visit



## 'Joseph' Trip

We thoroughly enjoyed the Joseph trip for it was an amazing experience which was both exciting and entertaining. Full of unexpected plot, twists and a wide variety of songs; this was a trip to remember!



The songs were very catchy and they are still stuck in our heads now! It was very joyful most of the time and when the characters got in a bad situation there was always a very creative way to get out of it, which we didn't expect. One of our favourite parts was when the head of the Pharaoh came down from the top; that added a fun effect to the whole scene. We were also amazed by the man playing Joseph's singing abilities as he'd won the **X-Factor!**

To summarise, we would certainly give this performance a 5/5 star rating and definitely recommend this production to anyone! It is also very family friendly.

By Holly, Meg, Sarah, Ava and Travis. Class 7A

The farm trip was to the sheep farm at Orchard Farm in Pinvin, ran by Mr and Mrs Brookes, who invite us every year. We were able to see lambs that were a few hours old to 6 week old lambs out in the field. The children learnt that Mr Brookes puts the same number on the mum and her lambs so that he can keep an eye on them all and that usually they have twins but sometimes they have triplets and then they have to be fed from a bottle as mummy can't feed three! They were able to stroke a few lambs but unfortunately didn't see any being born this year!



## Yr 7 French trip

On the 13<sup>th</sup> March year 7 boarded the coach at 5 am bright eyed and bushy tailed ready for the long journey to France. During one of our stops, we visited Honfleur where we took a stroll around before ordering some delicious food in French. It was surprising how easy ordering food was - considering the fact that we were in another country. We found it interesting how different but similar it was! Eventually we arrived in Tailleville where we would be staying for the adventurous week.



After briefly unpacking our things (once we had found our dorms) we entered the centre for our evening meal.

The following day, we woke up early in the morning - 7:00am - and proceeded to eat breakfast. Afterwards, we headed towards the goat farm. This was one of the best moments of the French trip. We were given the opportunity to hold baby goats, ride larger goats, brush them and drink their milk. It was amazing! Unfortunately, that time came to an end as we boarded the coach, after having a brief visit from the owner's dog! The journey went by quickly and before we knew it, we were at the landing beaches (Pointe du Hoc). It was interesting to be in the exact place where a large stepping stone was completed in the war. We then headed back for our evening meal. To bring the day to an end we went bowling and bought mocktails. What a day!

On Wednesday, the large group split up into two, with one examining the remains of the harbour used to deport ammunition from afar and the other visiting the biscuit factory where we learned the recipe and tasted the biscuits. They were delicious! Afterwards, we visited the 360 degree cinema before observing the original Pegasus Bridge. Then we ate our packed lunch provided by volunteers at the centre. We then headed back for an evening meal.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> we went shopping and bought lots of souvenirs, including football shirts, jewellery and food for our relatives and ourselves. We even found some live animals for sale at only 8€, but unfortunately we weren't allowed to buy any! We experienced tasting delicious French food at a brilliant restaurant, with some of us trying les escargots (snails)!

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> - We woke up around 6 'o'clock to a busy morning full of hectic packing, showers and croissants and ahead of us was a long bus journey. Whilst some of us were sleeping we were woken up to Mr Modley's Big Fat French quiz- which challenged our brains to the max. After our long journey back we met our awaiting parents and went home.

Hen, Lucy, Sammy & Senna.

## Parking

Please could we remind all parents and carers dropping children off for school in the morning and picking them up in the evening about the need to be considerate of our neighbours?



Unfortunately there have been some incidents recently, particularly involving parking in School Row, in which cars have been parked across drives and on double yellow lines. We have been advised that these incidents have led to Wychavon being alerted. They will be sending traffic wardens to monitor activity.

Please could parents and carers also avoid parking across the junction of Church Lane and too close to the junction in Church Lane as both cause safety issues?

Many thanks in advance for your consideration.

## Year 5 Tag Rugby

Year 5 took part in a tag rugby festival run by Worcester Warriors on Thursday 30th March. It was a fun and productive morning where the children put into practice the skills that they have been learning in the school tag rugby club.



The two teams played exceptionally well with one team winning all of their games and the other winning 3 and losing 2! A special mention to Lucy Hurst and Ronnie Clarkson who were nominated as two players who stood out because of excellent effort and sportsmanship.

Overall, a fab morning down at Pershore Rugby Club. If there is anyone interested in playing rugby outside of school please contact Mr Modley, who can put you in contact with Pershore Rugby Club.

## Cross Country Running

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Mr Modley took a team of 5 pupils to the Worcestershire County Cross Country division.



In the year 6 boy's competition, Ben Pons produced a solid performance to earn him 28<sup>th</sup> place out of 40 competitors.

St Nicholas had 2 girls compete for the year 6s. With Rosie Barker coming in 16<sup>th</sup> and Jess Jarvis, who unfortunately had to pull out after the start. Both the girls ran very well in a tough category.

In the year 7s age group, Katherine Burgess ran a strong race to finish 16<sup>th</sup> out of a very tough 50 competitors. Also, Lydia Cooper, who ran spectacularly, came 7<sup>th</sup> and secured herself a place to go to the Nationals in Leicestershire!

Congratulations to everyone who ran!

STOP PRESS....Lydia came a respectable 133<sup>rd</sup> out of 171 runners at the finals!

## Y7 Rugby Festival

15 Pupils from Year 6 & 7 represented the school in the Worcester Warriors rugby festival held at Pershore RFC on Thursday 30th March. In the glorious sunny weather, the children practiced key skills in individual workshops and then took part in the festival where they played against teams from other schools. The enjoyment, teamwork and determination was evident right from the start and this was reflected in the successes the two school teams had. One team won 2 matches and drew one. The other team won two matches and lost one.

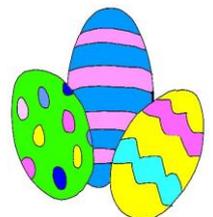


In recognition of all of the hard work, some pupils were selected for awards: Adam Nutbeam, Jake Ramsden, Jake & Thomas Mochan were selected due to their effort and sportsmanship throughout the festival. It was a brilliant afternoon and hopefully some of the players will take up the opportunity to go along and play at Pershore in the future.

If any of the players are interested please see Mr Modley who can put you in contact with Coaches at Pershore RFC.

## And finally...

A very "Happy Easter" to all our pupils, parents and carers. We look forward to welcoming children back to school on **Tuesday 25th April 2017.**



A summer diary of important dates will be issued when we return.