



# The Pinvin Fed-Express

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## Well Done Students

A huge well done to all our students, especially those in Year 2 and 6 who have taken part in tests over the last few weeks. SATs are the way in which the government of the day can assess the standards that pupils reach in school, they are also one measure of school performance. We also undertake GL assessments annually. We do appreciate the work and effort that our students put into these, especially in Year 6. Staff have also worked tirelessly to give them the best opportunity to show what they can do. We are now in a little bit of a waiting game in Year 6. The tests get sent off to be externally marked and we will receive the results in the first week of July. Once we are in a position to share results with parents and pupils we will do so.

## Changes to the Outdoors

The Middle School will undergo some changes shortly after half-term that will see us continue to focus on the development of outdoor opportunities for our students. We will be investing just under £5000 of Friends money in two brand new wooden solid structured goals that will be placed on the edge of the playground. In addition we are investing in two additional table tennis tables. This follows the phenomenal success of the one we purchased last summer. Finally we are having a solid metal basketball hoop as an addition to the one that is currently there. As a Federation we are passionate about getting the children active at lunchtimes and see the investment as an opportunity for boys and girls alike to get more involved. We would like to thank the Friends for the money they have raised and to parents for supporting the Friends events. The items we have purchased are of very high durability and should see us through many years of provision. We also thank Mr Modley who liaised with a number of companies, getting a range of quotes to ensure we got the best deal.

## Year 1 Estate Agents

If you have your house on the market, look no further than year 1 who could probably offer you a low commission deal as an estate agency! They were visited last week by a local estate agent who shared with them information about different types of houses. They are doing a local area study at the moment and have been very keen to talk about our own village of Pinvin and the surrounding area.

## POPS Summer Fayre

It was another great after school event for POPS as they hosted the Summer Fayre at PFS. We were treated to a bouncy castle, seasonal food, lots of stalls and an opportunity to soak numerous staff including the Headteacher with a sponge. The weather was lovely and POPS made £350 from the event. They will now be working towards POPSTARS in the second half of the Summer Term. Watch this space...

## Pinvin's Got Talent

Yes it has! And in abundance! The 10 acts were possibly the best ever this year, as the evening of Friday 12th May witnessed a display of music, comedy, dance and drama. The judges had some tough decisions to name the final winning acts, with guest judge DJ Ken being involved in the decisions. The winning acts were all, a 'hair standing on end' moment for Mr Best who was extremely proud of all the students.

**3rd Place: Felicity Year 5**

**2nd Place: Yaiza Year 7**

**1st Place: Leila and Hannah Y7**





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## Visitor from Morogoro (Tanzania)

We welcomed as a Federation Mrs Anna Tarimo on Thursday 18th May. Mrs Tarimo is the Headteacher of Misufini B school in Morogoro. It has been wonderful having her and we have had some special events already in recognition of her visit. On arrival we held two separate Collective Worships in both schools. At the Middle School Anna was treated to an eclectic mix of dance, music and performance poetry alongside the singing of some traditional hymns. At the First School all the classes presented Anna with a home made gift from the school and then we had a collection of music, songs and dance. The highlight for me was Mrs Bennett's group of country dancers who were superb. Mrs Tarimo was then shown round the two schools by our Head Boy, Head Girl, Junior Head Boy and Junior Head Girl before spending some time in Year 4. On the Friday Anna joined a Maths lesson with Mr Best, a sewing lesson with Miss McSwinney, PE with Mr Modley and then a music lesson with Mrs Hooper. She then joined in the PFS Gold Book Collective Worship and was able to present certificates and awards to the students. Mrs Tarimo will be with us for the next week, before flying back to Tanzania on Friday. We will be taking her to some of our feeder schools this week and she will also be visiting Clive Corbett and his team at Pershore High School. It has been fascinating talking to Anna and learning about the similarities and differences between the education our pupils experience with us, compared to what it looks like in Tanzania. As with every visit, there is always food for thought. We were very interested to know that the pupils, as part of their domestic science curriculum, have lessons on laundry. Although, I am not suggesting that we do this, it did make us think about the drive for pupils to be more independent and the importance of basic life skills. I would like to thank Mrs Dobell and Ms Edwards who have both been instrumental in making Mrs Tarimo's visit a huge success.

## E-Safety

We have seen an increase in the number of incidents that have been reported by pupils whereby they have had unkind messages or comments through social media. As a Federation we cannot police what the children are writing on their own accounts over weekends as this is the responsibility of the child and parent, but we do urge you to check what your children are accessing and using outside of school. As a school we tackle e-safety through our own platforms. We have a very robust system in place to protect our children when using school accounts outside of school and technology within school. These are never an issue. The biggest problem we have at the moment is social media platforms and these fall outside our remit, so we urge parents to check and make sure your child is e-safe.

## Cards and Spinners and Stuff from Home

We have the following rules in place on these items. Anything that your child chooses to bring into school from home is their responsibility. We will not as a staff follow up any incidents involving cards or toys as this wastes unnecessary staff time. The children have been told very clearly that if they bring anything into school, it is at their own risk. There have been a few incidents where cards/toys have either gone missing or have been lost and we will not be taking any time as a staff in following this up. In terms of spinners, these are not allowed in school unless there is a specific agreement with the class teacher and through the Inclusion team that a child needs one in school to support their needs. I am sure parents will agree that we want our teachers teaching, not following up missing cards or toys.



## General Election 2017

I am sure that it will not have escaped your minds that we have a general election on 8th June. Democracy is a core part of our British Values and we do encourage the children to deepen their understanding of how the country works. There are some pupil friendly websites out there that explain the election process.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/32113419>

We have two active Pupil Parliaments in school who actively promote participation in decision making and is a little bit of our own democracy in action.