



# Pinvin Matters

## The newsletter of the Pinvin Federation

March 2018

### Diary Dates:

#### April 2018:

Monday 16<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

#### May 2018:

w/c 7<sup>th</sup> - w/e 25<sup>th</sup>

w/c 14<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>

Friday 18<sup>th</sup>

w/c 21<sup>st</sup>

#### 28<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June Half Term

Monday 4<sup>th</sup>

w/c 11<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>

Friday 29<sup>th</sup>

#### July

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>

Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

Monday 16<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

School reopens

Young Shakespeare visit  
Year 7

Non-uniform day at  
middle school only for  
Chocolate Bingo prizes

"Friends" Chocolate Bingo

5pm Relax Kids Stress  
Buster presentation

POPS Stars talent show

Key Stage 1 Y2 SATs

Key Stage 2 Y6 SATs

Year 1 & Year 2 Phonics

Parents meeting 3.30pm

Bags2Schools collection

Pinvins Got Talent

GL Assessments

Back to school

Y1 Phonics Screening

POPs Family Quiz

Transition day 1

Transition day 2

POPs end of year party

Y7 production at No 8

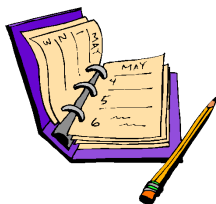
Federation Sports day

Y7 Lasting Legacy Service

PFS Leavers Event 5-7pm

"Friends" Leavers Disco  
and school disco

Y4 Leavers Service 2pm



### Safety

Can parents who collect their children at the end of the school day by car, be super aware that a lot of children walk home, and take great care to drive carefully, keeping to the speed limit when they go through the village.

### Sports Kit

We aim to have high standards in PE and Games at the Federation. We pride ourselves to get everyone involved in some kind of physical activity or sport regularly through the year. However, this can only happen if the children have the correct kit. We have noticed that an increasing number of children are arriving at lessons with missing pieces of kit and sometimes no kit at all.

Please can you ensure that your child has the full games kit required for the rest of the school year so that they can participate fully and actively in all lessons. Middle school kit can be purchased from the office and navy polo shirts and shorts can be found at local supermarkets or sports shops. We appreciate your support with this one!



## The Drama Showcase 2018

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March the whole of Drama Club performed and produced amazing plays including: 'The Quest of the Gemstone', 'A School Day Goes Wrong', 'The Spy Catastrophe', 'Lost in Time' and 'The Legend Behind the Shell'.



In each play there were children from year groups 3 to 7 and all of the years worked well together despite the short amount of

time to practise the plays. Each 10 minute-long play entertained the audience consisting of parents, carers and siblings and put a smile on each and every face.

Natalie & Mertzy 7A

## Juliff Homes help us get active

We have been very lucky as a federation to be supported by a local housing construction company. Juliff Homes Ltd, a family run business based in Evesham, have recently donated £1000 for the purchase of barriers to mark out our playground football area. This will support our school and make our playground a safer place for all of our children across the federation. The donation will also support our aims to continually develop our playground provision and ensure that we promote active living. This huge donation is warmly welcomed and we would like to extend our thanks to this company, who are helping us drive physical activity and healthy lifestyles - in line with government policy. Juliff Homes Ltd, who are dedicated to providing quality craftsmanship, are currently developing next door to our federation. With their support, we will get our children active. If you would like any more information about the work Juliff Homes Ltd are completing, then please contact them on 01386 764706 or go to their website [www.juliffhomes.co.uk](http://www.juliffhomes.co.uk).

## 'The Jungle Book' Malvern Theatres

Our trip began when we left school at 5:45pm. We then boarded a deluxe coach and arrived at the theatre at 6:25pm. After, we managed to find our seats in the auditorium. A few songs later, and a lot of talking, the show began...

The trip was very enjoyable. My favourite part (Beth) was when Mowgli, being a human, said that there was rain coming down his face like a waterfall (as he was crying). My favourite part (Ronnie) was when Sheer Khan and Mowgli had a battle to Sheer Khan's death. The best part for me (Erin) was when Baloo was supposed to be teaching Mowgli about the master words, but he actually tricked Mowgli into getting him some honey. I (Gabi) enjoyed the song, when Mowgli sang "Awoooooo". We all enjoyed the part when the Funkeys told Mowgli that he needed a better punchline, so one of the Funkeys punched another one in the face. Thank you Mrs Hooper for the amazing trip ☺

By Beth Ronnie, Erin and Gabi (7A)

## Year 3/4 Tag Rugby Tournament

On Thursday 8th March Pinvin First held a cluster tag Rugby tournament. It was a hot contest with many excellent teams in contention for the annual title of 'Avonbrook Champions'. With six schools competing and with fierce competition, we saw some fabulous rugby being played by all. Crowley were the eventual winners of the tournament with an unbeaten record throughout. Flyford sadly missed out on glory however they played very well and have a lot to be proud of. Our very own representatives in Pinvin First were brilliant as they finished in a well respectable third place. Mr Modley would like to say a massive well done to everyone who took part and all the staff who made the day possible. A huge thanks goes to Mrs Suckling for her expert refereeing- without her we couldn't have played so much rugby. Overall a super day and we look forward to seeing every school again next year.

## Year 7 Production 2018

Recently, the Year 7 pupils have been told about the play for this year's production. It is called 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies: A tale of tights, fights and footlights!'

Please support the Year 7 children as they perform the production on Friday 13th July 2018 at Number 8, Pershore. Tickets will be available from the School Office nearer the date.  
Merty & Natalie 7A



## The Book Fair

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> until Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018 there was a book fair where you could buy books and stationery. We raised over £150 from across the Federation! It was a great success. Most of the books were sold with many reservations on some popular books.

The Book Fair was flooding with people. It was beautiful to see so many people buying so many books; the profit was unimaginably amazing! Now we will be able to have many more books for the Federation to share and love.

Many people were upset to see the Book Fair leave for another year and they can't wait until next year. Georgia Lee 7A

## Year 7 District Netball

On Thursday 8th March, our very own year 7 netball team represented St Nicholas at Bredon Hill Academy in the annual district competition. We went into the tournament after a third place finish in the league and had high hopes for the girls. We started well with a fantastic string of wins until we met the eventual winners, Bredon Hill, in a tough game. We pulled it back with 2 games to go culminating in a total of 4 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss. This put us in second overall. We are extremely pleased with this result as it marks

the end of the season. We would like to wish the girls good luck in their netball careers when they go up to high school.

## News from POPs

Looking now to the Summer Term we have some more exciting events coming up and another Family Challenge:

**POPStars** - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April

**Family Quiz Night** - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June

**End of Year Party** - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July

You can now purchase tickets for the POPStars event. If you haven't received a form please look on the school website for more details

<http://www.tpfos.co.uk/letters-to-parents/first-school>

Have a lovely break and Happy Easter from POPS.

## News from the "Friends"

At the middle school we have some enjoyable events happening next term too. The ever popular **Family Chocolate Bingo** on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April as well as **Pinvin's Got Talent** on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May. These are always lovely family events and we hope many of you will be able to attend. Thank you to Y5 parents who sent in yummy donations for the Bake sale and thank you to Y6 and Y7 pupils for buying the goodies!

So far this year the "Friends" have purchased loads of equipment and furniture for our new Library facility.

## Gardening Club Challenge update

Our pupils and staff at the Pinvin Federation are delighted that local builders Merchants, Travis Perkins have generously donated timber supplies for our first ever school garden challenge. More recently, Wadborough based, Teal Turf offered to support us by donating turf for the competition. The Little Garden Company have donated a garden bundle including bird food, nest box, and tools that we

will use in our own school garden and MPH Precision Engineering have donated sheets of Perspex for our central feature.

Everyone has been so generous, parents have played an important role too with Paul & Tina Barratt of Rainbow Trugs kindly donating trugs and much needed gardening gloves for the pupils. Another kind donation was received from Mrs McDonald - this has allowed us to purchase some lovely heathers to put into the show garden. Thank you to everyone for sending in jars, bottles, tins, tarpaulin, screws and much needed materials, we can't do it without you!

Our Middle School gardening club along with Pinvin and Himbleton First Schools have entered the RHS Spring Show School Garden Design Competition. The event takes place over a long weekend at Malvern Show Ground, 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> May and attracts thousands of visitors from far and wide. We hope you will come along and support us.

This year's theme is "Great Britain" and with carefully selected recycled materials the team hope to create a sustainable garden for visitors to the Spring Show to enjoy. We are now asking for help and support from the wider school community, we are looking for volunteer help with various phases of the show garden competition. We will be sending a letter home detailing the various tasks we are organizing. Please look out for it!

If you are able to help in any way or have any questions please contact me for SNMS and PFS Linda Perkins [lp320@st-nicholas.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:lp320@st-nicholas.worcs.sch.uk) or Cathy Thomas for Himbleton First School [codenamecathy@gmasil.com](mailto:codenamecathy@gmasil.com).

On a final note, here at the Middle school we will be running an after school garden club following the Easter break - this will be on a Monday from 15.30 - 16.45. Linda Perkins

## Rocket Car Competition

At the start of this term Year 7 pupils were given the opportunity to design and build a rocket powered car. They did this in teams of 4/5. They were given a foam block and from it had to come up with a shape that would be aerodynamic. Over the next couple of weeks during DT lessons designs were modified and improved. Some fantastic shapes and sizes of cars were produced all hoping to be the eventual winner of the school competition.

Finally wheels were added and the competition really started to hot up! All pupils discussed forces and friction in science. They looked at time distance graphs in maths ready to test out their fantastic designs.

In the final week all cars were prepared for the big event and everything checked to make sure they ran well in the final competition. Race Day Arrived.....

Mark Robinson from The Learning Partnership came to school to help us run our race day.

Mark talked to the whole school and helped pupils to understand that the car's performance could be improved if it had less mass, was more aerodynamic and if the wheels and axles created less friction.

The eventual winner was **Shark Attack**. The winning team will now be travelling to RAF Brize Norton on May 4<sup>th</sup> to represent the school at the regional finals. They will be competing against schools from all over the Midlands. Let hope they can continue their success.....

