



Pinvin Matters

The newsletter of the Pinvin Federation
October 2016

Diary Dates:

October

Mon 17th Federation photos
Tues 18th Middle School Open Evening, 6.45-8.30pm
Thurs 20th & Fri 21st School closed for staff training
24th - 28th October half term holiday
Mon 31st school re-opens

November

Tues 1st PFS parents evening 5-7pm
Wed 2nd Y6 Dudley Canal trip
Wed 2nd PFS parents evening, 3.30-5.30pm
Fri 4th YR gold assembly
Wed 9th - Fri 11th Y5 residential trip to the Pioneer Centre
Fri 11th Federation Remembrance Service
Mon 14th SNMS parents evening 3.45-5.30
Tues 15th SNMS parents evening 5-8pm
Wed 16th SNMS parents evening 3.45-5.30pm
Thurs 17th Y7 skills show
Fri 18th Y2 gold assembly
Thurs 24th Federation parent session - Children's University, 7pm
Fri 25th Y3 gold assembly
Tues 29th SATs meeting for Y6 parents, 7pm

December

Fri 2nd Y4 gold assembly
Tues 6th SNMS Carol Service, Pershore Abbey 1.30 & 7pm
Wed 7th PFS nativity, Pershore Abbey, 6pm
Fri 9th Y1 gold assembly
Mon 12th "Friends" Y5 break time Bake Sale
Tues 13th Federation Christmas Lunch
Wed 14th Father Christmas at PFS
PFS Pantomime at the Swan Theatre
Tues 15th SNMS "Friends" disco, 7-9pm
Fri 16th December term ends

Spring Term 2017

3rd January Spring term begins
20th to 24th Feb half term holiday
7th April term ends

Summer Term 2017

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

Macmillan Coffee Morning



Very many congratulations to all those involved in hosting the Coffee and Cake sale in support of The World's Biggest Coffee Morning, to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support, on Friday 30th September.

Parents, carers and friends queued before the doors opened at 9am to join in this charitable event.

As part of their Character Education, year 4 and 5 are developing a deeper understanding of the virtue of caring and therefore helped run the event. They worked on a rota basis, some welcoming visitors, some taking orders, some acting as drinks waiters and some serving cakes.

The hall buzzed with activity as visitors appreciated the chance for a chat whilst enjoying Halloween and Pokemon themed cakes, chocolate cookies, fairy cakes and muffins, to name but a few.

This fundraising event coincided with the Federation in Action morning, during which visitors were able to pop into children's classes and join in with the learning taking place. Year 5 pupils guided visitors to the classrooms in the First and Middle School.



Well done to all the children who helped out at the event - or supported it by buying cakes! You helped to raise £420.63!

Pinvin Food Competition



Well, the "Great British Bake Off" has gone to Channel 4 but we can do better - much better - than that!

Our event will take place in school at lunchtime on Thursday, 3rd November.

There will be up to 320 competitors and 320 judges!

"How does this work?" I hear you say.....

First of all, talk to the adults at home so they know what is happening and agree to you entering. Then you need to sign up on the DT room door.

Rules

- All cooking is done at home and should be supervised by a responsible adult
- It can be a sweet or savoury dish
- It must contain at least 50% local and/or Fairtrade ingredients and/or organic ingredients. (For instance, a cake made with eggs from local chickens, jam from local fruit or Fairtrade sugar. Or a savoury dish made with vegetables grown locally or organic meat.)
- It does not have to be an original dish - it can be a recipe from a book or a family favourite
- You can enter on your own or as a group
- Entry is open to parents, teachers, governors, dinner ladies, and anyone else who is part of our school.

You can practice your cooking over half term and then bring the entry to school on Thursday, 3rd November.

The judging will take place at lunchtime with lots of lovely prizes and certificates to follow.

Go on, have a go!

Organised and run by The Green Team.

Year 5 trip to Charlton Brook

Recently, the children of year 5 visited Charlton Brook to carry out fieldwork investigations. They collected data about the speed and flow of the river as well as analysing key river features such as meanders, deposition and erosion.

Thank you to all of our parent helpers who assisted the children's experiments; taking learning outside the classroom is always so beneficial.



Harvest

This year the Pinvin Federation are donating goods in packets and tins to Pershore Food Bank to help those less fortunate than ourselves. During Collective Worship, on Wednesday 5th October, CREW (Collective Worship wrapped around RE) presented a special play to demonstrate the meaning of Harvest, involving them acting as little mice in a church!



Ambulance visit to PFS

Reception have been learning about People Who Help Us and were lucky enough to receive a visit from an ambulance and paramedics. The children got to explore the ambulance and ask lots of questions about how Paramedics and ambulances help look after people.



Roald Dahl Day

Pupils across the Federation marked this special day by coming into school dressed as a character from a Roald Dahl story. Classes across the Federation all took the teacher's favourite book and their lessons that day focused on the story or characters.



The children have a fantastic opportunity coming their way in the form of Children's University.

The Children's University (CU) Trust is a charitable trust that provides 7 to 14 year olds (and 5 to 6 year olds with their families) with exciting and innovative learning activities and experiences outside normal school hours.

They celebrate achievement and reward participation through certificates. Certificates are awarded for hourly participation in clubs and extra-curricular participation. When a milestone of hours is achieved, the children can graduate at the University of Worcester.

A Passport To Learning has been created, in which 7 to 14 year old children - and 5 and 6 year olds with grown-ups - collect 'stamps' and hours of accredited learning. This contributes to the award of the certificate, encouraging them to access Children's University provision and a wide range of other worthwhile out-of-school-hours learning opportunities.

After School Clubs

Can we remind parents and carers about picking pupils up promptly at the end of after school clubs.

If children continue to be collected late, we will have to consider whether or not they can participate in after school clubs.

Sports Reports



Year 3 and 4 Football Success

Year 3 and 4 took part in a cluster football tournament on Wednesday 5th October at Inkberrow Village Hall. It was a well-run and well-attended tournament, with 6 cluster first school involved.

The day saw some fantastic football from all schools, with competition high. It was pleasing to see so many children, both boys and girls, taking part.

Pinvin First did very well, winning four games and drawing one, meaning that they won the overall tournament. Notable performances were that of Stanley Clarkson, Henry Guy, Noah Edwards and Jake Cox, all with numerous goals. Everyone in the team played superbly and I was really pleased to see everyone putting in 100%.

Year 7 Football and Netball

Both the year 7 Football and Netball teams have had strong starts this year, with wins. The boys footballers are through to the quarter finals of the county cup as well as winning two out of their three league games. The girls Netball matches have been close and very competitive with one win and two loses to date.

It is really pleasing to see so many children taking part in Football and Netball club with the aim to represent the school. We have over forty Year 7s representing the school in teams this year.

Overall club participation this year has been pleasing. We believe that over 75% of our children have taken part in extra curricular activities so far this academic year. Keep it up!