



# Pinvin Matters

## The newsletter of the Pinvin Federation

October 2017

### Diary Dates:

#### Autumn Term 2017

#### October:

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> "Friends" Disco 7 to 8.30  
POPS Disco 3.30 to 5pm  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> General Gold Assembly  
23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> October Half term  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Return to school

#### November:

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> RNLI visit KS 1  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Gold Book Class 4  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Y6 Canal trip  
8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Y5 residential trip  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Gold Book Class 3  
Federation Remembrance  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Y7 Skills Show  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Y6 Growing Up day  
Gold Book Class 2  
"Friends" Quiz 'n Chips  
Y6 Mock SATs  
21<sup>st</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> Flu vaccinations Reception  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Year 4  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Gold Book Class 1  
Year 5 Bake Sale  
"Friends"  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Year 7 Virtual Reality  
event  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Bags 2 School Collection  
7pm Y6 SATs Information  
Evening



#### December:

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Gold Book Reception  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Middle School Carol  
Services  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> First School Nativity  
Services  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> General Gold Book  
Non uniform day for  
raffle and hamper prizes  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Pantomime comes to Pinvin  
First School  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Federation Christmas  
lunch  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Father Christmas visits  
Pinvin First School party  
15<sup>th</sup> December Term ends  
18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Dec School closed for Staff  
Training

#### January 2018:

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Return to school  
w/c 15<sup>th</sup> Clubs begin  
w/c 29<sup>th</sup> Y6 mock SATs

#### February 2018:

5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> Y4 Malvern residential  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 5A & 5D Commandery trip  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 5B & 5C Commandery trip  
19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> Half-term

## Head Lice Attack

Unfortunately, we have had a lot of cases of this annoying pest reported to school over the last couple of months.

We have asked the School Nurse for advice on the best way to treat head lice and we are to be provided with some leaflets giving fuller advice which we will post on our website. In the meantime, parents whose children have recurring head lice and are concerned, can contact School Health for advice. Their phone number is: 01386 502067.

Please continue to advise us if you notice your child has head lice; if we work together we can stamp it out!

## Great Pinvin Bake Off

Thank you everyone for your support of this fantastic event. An amazing, array of imaginative goodies, both sweet and savoury were brought into school for our panel of judges. After much deliberation prizes were awarded to:

Phoebe Read, Harry Haynes, Robin Hood, Erin Havard, Timmy Clarke, Peter Rushton, Rosie Willets, Harry Moore, Jonty Smith  
Staff prize - Mrs Boyden

This fund raiser was to support our link with our school in Morogoro, Tanzania and raised over £400. Miss Rushton is travelling there during half-term week.

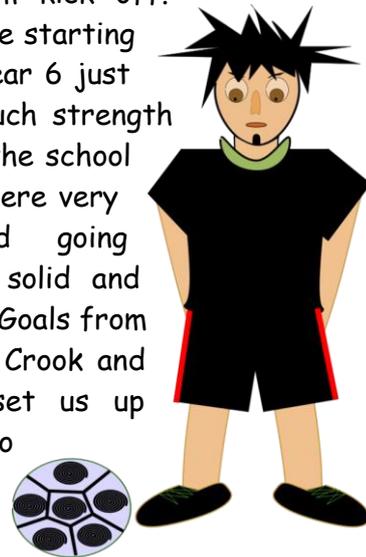


## Year 7 league:

### St Nicholas 3 v 1 Bredon Hill

An outstanding performance from our boys saw us beat Bredon Hill 3-1 in a match we dominated right from kick off.

The fact that 4 of the starting 11 boys were from Year 6 just goes to show how much strength in depth we have at the school at the moment. We were very exciting and fluid going forward and looked solid and organised in defence. Goals from Bora Sahingoz, Louis Crook and an own goal have set us up brilliantly in our aim to go and win the league this season.



Tom Keogh

## Recruiting for Pals of Pinvin School ("POPS")

We are POPS, a small group of parents and staff who raise funds for the First School by running fun events such as fayres, talent shows and the unmissable chocolate bingo.

At the recent AGM, we voted in Sharon Edwards and Nicki Bennett as joint chairs with Isobel McBurney, Becky Boulter, Belinda Watkins and Roanne Charles appointed as fellow committee members.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 31st October at 7.15pm at the Coach Horses pub in Pinvin and we are looking for new faces to join us. If you would like to help plan and run future events and meet some new friends at the same time then please come along.

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you again for your support for the above charity fundraiser. Pupil Parliament, Y3 to Y7 pupils played host and served tea, coffee and cakes to parents and visitors and we raised £250.50 for a very worthy cause.



## News from "Friends"

The AGM welcomed some new parents to the "Friends" Committee and some exciting events are being planned. These include the discos, a Quiz and Chips event for Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, details to follow after half-term. We also hope to repeat our Christmas raffle with a £50 cash prize together with several sumptuous hampers. Tickets should be available next month. And a Year 5 Bake Sale.

**Discos:** Please note that children are not allowed to attend the school discos unless a permission slip has been signed and returned to school. These have been sent home and are also available on the Federation website.

**Please also note the new pick up time of 8.30pm for school discos.**

Thank you for your support of the 100 Club, there are still a few numbers available and if you are interested, please contact the school office for a form. £12 buys you several opportunities throughout the year to win cash prizes!

Bags 2 School - time to have a clear out and we have 2 dates for the year, which are:  
November 30<sup>th</sup> 2017 and 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

"Friends" have already supported the school this term by purchasing some library furniture and the rewards for the Epraise system.

## Example of Y7 Suspense Writing

The dense forest never seemed to end. Spooky shadows loomed about, covering the dead ground, while dancing outlines hid behind the remains of thick bushes and trees, scanning the land for any types of danger that could await them. The whistling wind howled hysterically and blew a bitter shiver down the dying trees' spines. The fierce breeze, which swept through the air, demanded the poor, lasting trees to dance around wildly. Ravens circled around the tall soldiers of trees that stood to attention below them, ready to dive down to catch their prey. The icy leaves shouted for help as they became caught in the angry wind, scattering around ruefully. The ghost-grey mist crawled, slowly, very slowly, very slowly indeed. Shooting stars glittered like diamonds, as they pierced through the pitch black blanket that engulfed the surrounding, vast huddle of trees. The lifeless, frozen pond lurked upon the darkness, unaware of the cruel fate that lay ahead within the tangle of frosty bushes...

Silence. Eerie silence. Eerie, sudden silence. It seemed to deafen me.

The darkness enclosed around me like a smothering quilt. My body screamed at me to run, as I stood alone amongst the mocking trees. Why me? Why now? Why ever? My heart skipped a beat, before it started to thump so quickly, I couldn't get a breath in. I started willing it to shut up: my heart was all you could hear in the landscape, and anyway, I wouldn't have liked anything to hear my presence. Silence in a forest was like silence in a graveyard. Petrifying! The forest was empty - at least, that was what I thought. Terrified, I was frozen to the spot; I felt a warm breath on my neck...

Erin Porter

## Y5 Knapps Paper Mill and Nature Reserve

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 5A and 5D went to Knapp and Papermill Nature Reserve for a school trip as our topic is rivers. We measured the depth of the water and the speed of the river. We also explored the River Teme and its features. We learnt what creatures lived in the river and that helped us find out if the river was polluted or not because only certain creatures can live in non-polluted water.

We started off by walking down to a part of the river. There we measured the width and depth and speed.

Olivia Marsh



## New Building Project

Pupils and staff at the Pinvin Federation returned to school after the summer break to find a beautiful new building had appeared in the front playground!

Constructed during the summer break, the new building will house a Federation Library and teaching area for French, a staff working room

and additional toilets. It is surrounded on 3 sides by hardwood decking.

As part of the project, we were also able to enlarge the Reception Class outside play area and improve our fencing; strengthening our commitment to safeguarding arrangements.

We are just putting the finishing touches to the building before we can put it into full use. We shall be using the main room for our current Book Fair. There is still AVR work, furniture and some snagging to be completed.



## Pinvin Pre School and After School Club

We have close links with our local wrap around care provider, who care for children both before and after school. They both take children and collect pupils at the end of the school day or from clubs.

On Wednesdays they offer a Stay and Play session, for parents and children from birth to school age, times are 9.30 to 11am.

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November they are running a Jumble and Table Top Sale commencing at 10am at Pershore Football Club.

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December there is a Christmas Party again at Pershore Football Club and all children are welcome, 3 to 5pm. There will be a visit from Father Christmas, a Disco, face painting, crafts and games. £8 per child.

Both these events are to raise funds for Pinvin Community Pre-School.