

Summer 2018

Pentland News

Children & young people at the core of all we do



A non-stop summer term!

We have had a busy second half of the final term of the year!

Our KS4 pupils embarked on their Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme activities, sailing at the Rickmansworth Aquadrome as part of their Skill challenge. The Tuck Shop as part of the KS4 Careers and Enterprise offer has gone down extremely well with pupils and staff alike! Lots of independence skills in operation!

Our Family Fun Day on Saturday 30th June was a huge success as was our Sports Day, BBQ and Parents Afternoon on Thursday 5th July - it was lovely to see so many families in attendance. We have ended our term with Activities Week (9th-13th July) and pupils enjoyed a wide range of trips and on site activities including camping, screen printing, African drumming, African dance, Circus skills, Gardening and Eco Project, plus visits to Aldenham Country Park, Denham Country Park, Thames Valley Adventure Park, Chessington World of Adventures and the Emirates Stadium.

Our new outdoor gym is due to be installed during the Summer holidays ready to enjoy in September and will enable our pupils to increase their fitness and independence.

We look forward to working with you as we begin another academic year! Have a fun filled holiday and rest if that is possible!

On behalf of all my staff, can I thank you for your continued support of the school and all that you do to help us be the best that we can be.

We look forward to seeing all pupils on Wednesday 5th September at 9.00am.

Happy Holidays!

*With my very best wishes,
Audrey Pantelis, Head of School*

Dates for your diary

Please note the following important dates for the Autumn term:

Wednesday 5th September 2018

Term starts

Friday 19th October

End of half term

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th October

Half term

Monday 29th October

Term starts

Wednesday 19th December

Last day of term (1.30pm finish)

Monday 7th January 2019

Pupils return to school

Pentland Field School

We are an all-through special school for children and young people with severe to moderate learning difficulties (including those with ASD) between the ages of 4 and 19 years old. Pentland Field School is proud to be part of the Eden Academy.

Audrey Pantelis, Head of School

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Family Fun Day & Sports Day

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Hello...

We are looking forward to the following new staff joining the team in September:

- Jerushia Connolly AHOS
- Antonia Lara Teacher
- Leah Fay Teacher
- Miriam Feldman Teacher
- Kathleen Maloney Teacher
- Pearse Knocker Teacher
- Kylie Hendriks Teacher
- Emma Williamson LSA
- Rita De Freitas LSA
- Ioana Odell LSA
- Shayna Miller LSA
- Nathan Martin LSA
- Shivonne Trivedi LSA
- Andleeb Mazhar SMSA
- Rebecca Newman PPA Teacher
- Nathan Martin LSA

Goodbye...

We say goodbye to the following staff and thank them all for their contribution to Pentland Field:

- Liz Edwards AHOS
- Sarah Wilson Teacher
- Sam Swaysland Teacher
- Kayla Watling Teacher
- Georgia Scherini Teacher
- Lauren Miceli Teacher
- Yolanda Galvez Teacher
- Ujvara Haxhiraj Teacher
- Ben Norfolk-Whittaker LSA
- Lewis Neville LSA
- Nikki Kearvell OT
- Tharani Meegama SaLT TA

...and congratulations

Congratulation to the following staff who have been promoted to new roles for September:

- Kathryn Tuohy EYFS/KS1 Leader
- Lisa Sanford KS2 Leader
- Liz Cox-Greene KS3 Leader
- Lisa Ashford LSA4
- Jess Williams LSA4
- Tracy Hooker LSA4
- Emma Miles LSA
- Mary O'Brien Lunchtime Leader
- Nikki Simcox Lunchtime Leader
- Kim Matthews Lunchtime Leader
- Sandra Smith Lunchtime Leader
- Kirija Ram SMSA
- Emily James SaLT TA
- Teresa Hyde SaLT TA
- Ashlee Stewart Physical Therapies TA

Thames Valley Adventure Playground trip

Darwin class

Darwin class ended their term with a trip Thames Valley Adventure Playground – a great day was had by all.



SaLT News

Signing update

Over the year we have been able to develop the use of sign across the school and improve our total communication approach. We have been able to provide training for our staff that include workshops, introductory and foundation courses. We have been able to provide workshops for a number of our parents including basic hands shapes, 'cook with me' and 'play with me'. There have been a number of signing lunch clubs running across the school year where they have learnt animal and everyday home signs.



A busy year for SaLT

The speech and language therapy team have had a widespread input this year across the school.

Members of the team have taken part in Intensive interaction training which has been implemented well into our SLD classes, along with behaviour training to support a number of our pupils. In addition to this, the speech and language department have delivered play training for the whole school in order to highlight the importance of early play skills and the connection with language and speech.

Our SaLT TAs have been leading lunch groups throughout the year, covering a wide variety of interests and highlighted needs to encourage speech and language in different environments. An example of the groups we have been able to offer this academic year is role play, turn taking, signing.

We have been lucky enough to collaborate with our specialists in our therapy team, offering joint sessions with our Occupational Therapists and Creative Arts therapists.



Primary update

Catching up with the Primary department this term

In the Primary department this term, we have all been learning about growing things in our theme work, especially food to eat. We have learnt all about planting seeds and caring for them to enable them to grow, different parts of a plant and the parts that we can eat and the different places each food can come from.

We have learnt so many things in Maths this term to help up with our life skills. We are learning to tell the time, some of us can tell the time to o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to! We have also explored British money, recognising the different coins and their amounts and how to pay for items. In English we have

been exploring fables and riddles. We are developing our phonics knowledge to help us read, writing stories, understanding what a fable is and writing our own 'who am I?' riddles? One of our favourite things is learning how to prepare and cook different types of foods and meals, as well as learning to take turns in the kitchen.

Each of our classes have had the chance to go on different trips over the term, including: Parent's Paradise, Ruislip Lido, Kew Gardens and bowling. These trips have enabled us to learn valuable life skills, experience lots of different things and explore new places. These are our favourite parts of the school year.



Secondary update

Some visitors, a few days out, first aid course, an art competition and our radio station club!



Emergency Services Day: During our Emergency Services day the pupils were visited by Pc Darren Roe who answered questions and shared his experiences on Policing and how pupils could stay safe when out and about in the community.



Compass Theatre: Pascal Class visited the Compass Theatre in Ickenham and took a behind the scenes tour. They learnt about how a theatre production is organised and had a question and answering session. The Theatre Development Manager Fjola Stenning commented that she was very impressed with the pupils questioning and knowledge of the theatre!



Activities Week trip to Emirates Stadium: As part of our Activities Week, the Secondary pupils visited the Arsenal Emirates Stadium. They had a great day touring the stadium and learning about the history of the Gunners!



First Aid: The Secondary pupils took part in a Basic First Aid course which was run by St John's Ambulance they learnt how to deal with accidents and injuries in an emergency.



Ickenham Festival Art Competition: Congratulations to all the pupils from KS2 who entered the Ickenham Festival Art Competition along with the pupils of Breakspear and Glebe Primary schools. Hiren Patel from Otter Class won a Second Place Prize and Certificate for his entry to celebrate 100 Years of the RAF.



Pentland Field Radio Station: The Radio Station Club has been firmly established and have recorded podcast on 'Keeping Fit and Healthy', Father's Day and the World Cup. They have also interviewed the Director of Schools and learnt more about his opinions and views on a range of topics.