



The Pinvin Fed-Express

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Fond farewells and Warm Welcomes...

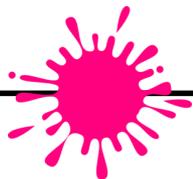
As reported in a letter to parents, we will very sadly be saying goodbye to Mrs Hunt tomorrow. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her the very best. Thank you for all you've done for St Nicholas and Pinvin schools and its families, past and present! We appointed Mrs Amanda Freaney to Office Administrator last week who will take on many of the roles and responsibilities of Mrs Hunt. She comes with experience having worked at Broadway First School for several years.

Despite having a strong field of applicants for the School Business Manager post, we did not appoint for the role. We are very fortunate that Mrs Townley has agreed to remain in post until we find the most suitable replacement in the autumn term.

Mr Modley and Mrs Smith have visited their new schools and new classes. We will all miss them very much. Good luck! I am delighted to inform you that Mr Jamie Ash will be joining the team as Learning Mentor. He has already spent some time in school getting to know our staff and pupils and has already met some of our families. Ms Screen joined us for the Y5 transition visits and the very exciting transition disco last month - she can't wait to be with us fulltime in September and get started!

After the last Fed-Express we sadly received the resignation of Mrs Elaine Powell. We were fortunate that she came back to support us this year after taking a career break two summers ago. Thank you for supporting our children in such an enthusiastic manner. Enjoy the lie-ins!

Multi-coloured powered POPS!



On a very sunny Sunday morning at the very start of July the POPS and Friends sounded the claxon on the inaugural Pinvin Federation Colour Run. Before the races started families enjoyed games and stalls run by the Pupil Parliament as a sea of white t-shirts were soon queuing to register and collect their safety sunglasses. The t-shirts didn't stay white for long when Mrs Coote got the races under way and the powder started to fly! It was such a wonderful event and one which saw our first joint PTA event—one of many I am sure. A huge thank you to staff who were supporting the event and the POPS and Friends for putting on such a fun morning. The PTAs raised over £700 for the school which will be put straight back into enriching the education of your children. Thank you to the POPS and Friends—everyone left smiling, even if their washing machines were soon put into action!



Enriching learning outside of the classroom

On 5th July Reception visited All Things Wild. The children experienced a range of activities from going on a dinosaurs trial to pond dipping. I am told by Mrs Kilby and Mrs Groves that members of staff and the public commented on the behaviour of our children - suggesting that Pinvin First School pupils had been the best school to visit this year! Well done Reception class! just wish I'd have got to meet the meerkats!



Impressive educational outcomes

The summer term is an incredibly busy time when the efforts of the pupils and staff are measured through teacher assessment and standardised tests. I am pleased to report an impressive data set across the statutory assessments and judgements:

70% of our Reception cohort reached a **Good Level of Development** in the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile

In **Y1 phonics**, **77%** of our children reached the required threshold!

In **Y2 & KS1 Teacher Assessment** the following percentages were achieved at the expected standard (Greater depth % in **blue brackets**)

Reading: 81.5 (33.3)

Writing: 70.4 (25.9)

Maths: 77.8 (25.9)

In **Y6 SATs & KS2 Teacher Assessment** the following percentages were achieved at the expected standard (Greater depth % in **blue brackets**)

Reading: 81 (35) Writing: 75 (19) GPS: 79 (33)

Maths: 70 (17) RWM combined: 60 (7) WELL DONE!



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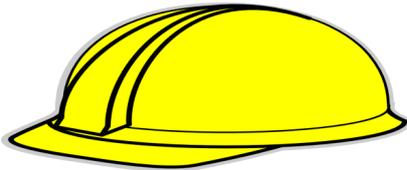


Summer building works at the Federation

Earlier this year we were informed that our two bids for CIF grants had been successful. CIF is an annual bidding round to which academies can apply for capital funding. The core priority for CIF is to address significant condition need, keeping academy buildings safe and in good working order. This includes funding projects to address health and safety issues, building compliance and poor building condition.

At Pinvin First School we applied for work to be done on the school roof and St. Nicholas' bid applied for funding to develop the perimeter fence (in order to support our ongoing drive to be deemed as Outstanding in our Safeguarding provision).

We look forward to seeing the improvements to our school site when we return to school.



The Summer Reading Challenge - Mischief Makers

Children's reading can 'dip' during the long summer holidays if they don't have regular access to books and encouragement to read for pleasure. The Reading Agency's annual Summer Reading Challenge really helps by getting 3/4 of a million children into libraries over the summer.

The Summer Reading Challenge takes place every year during the summer. Children can sign up at their local library from Saturday 23 June or at Croome Court, WR8 9AZ on the day.

They then need to read six books throughout the challenge and are rewarded at various points along the way. For those children who complete this they are invited to a celebration ceremony at the end. Best of all, this is completely free. This year's theme is Mischief Makers to celebrate the 80th anniversary of The Beano.

THE READING AGENCY AND LIBRARIES PRESENT



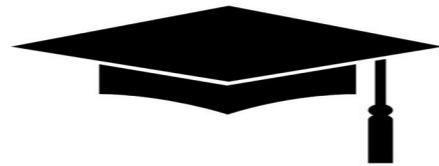
Local housing developers support our playground resurfacing

In the last edition of the newsletter I told you about the exciting planned works to resurface Pinvin First playground over the summer holidays. Since then we have been approached by local housing developers, Cameron Homes, who have supported our project by donating £2,500 to supplement the monies raised through the POPs events and Sports Premium grant.

We are obviously very grateful to them!

Children's University Graduation

On Monday 9th July Mrs Hooper accompanied a group of children from across the Federation to the University of Worcester for the graduation ceremony of students from the Children's University. Children were robed up in mortar board and gown and received their certificates from a VIP! I'm told that the Afternoon Tea was something special and our children did us proud! If you would like to take part in CU next year please see Mrs Hooper.



Perdiswell Leisure Centre Summer Junior Fitness Challenge

Perdiswell are running a 'Junior Fitness Challenge' throughout the summer, this is for children to stay fit and healthy be it through play, sport or holidaying! The children log their achievements and in return they are offered prizes!

<https://www.freedom-leisure.co.uk/news/jsfc/>



And finally... A last word from us...

As I write this I think back over the year. It has been a time of significant change for staff, parents and children over the last twelve months but everyone has been so positive and supportive to myself and Miss Rushton in our two terms of Interim Headship. The Collaboration has brought about some very exciting changes for staff at both the Federation and at Himbleton First School and this will be built upon when Mr Payne arrives in September. I know he is eager to get to know you all and the school in more detail; he joined our Governors meeting last month and is excited by the challenges ahead. May we take the opportunity to thank the staff, governors and, most importantly, children, for your ongoing support and kindness. Have a very safe and relaxing summer.

See you on September 5th 2018.