

Welcome to The Penkford Gazette – 1st Edition

During the last few weeks we have been working hard in our Enrichment Programme to create the first edition of the Penkford Gazette. Our team has the following members;

The Penkford Gazette Team.

Mrs Parkinson, Mrs Baldwin, Callum Worton, Josh Dann, Brandon Marsh, and Ashley Fawley. Special thanks to Mr. Jackson for his help!

We hope you enjoy this edition. If you have any suggestions or stories to go in our publication please email our writer [Callum Worton: CW333@sthelens.org.uk](mailto:Callum.Worton: CW333@sthelens.org.uk)

Head Teacher's Introduction

I am very pleased to see this first edition of The Penkford Gazette go to press. It showcases all the fabulous work that goes on at Penkford. Thanks to the Gazette Team for making it happen – Well done!

Ms. Johnson.

Our Reporters Josh Dann and Ashley Fawley went to visit Key Stage 2. Key Stage 2 were having fun with the chicks. The interview below with Mr J Spurling gives us all a better insight into what has been happening.



Interview with Mr. Spurling about the chicks:

Dec: How long do the eggs take to hatch?

Mr S: 21 days.

Dec: What are the chicks like?

Mr S: They have their own personalities.

Dec: How can you tell the difference between males and females?

Mr S: The females are darker than the males.

Dec: What's changed since they were born?

Mr S: They are now growing wings with feathers and losing their fluff.

Dec: Where do they go after here?

Mr S: They go to a farm and the females lay more eggs and the males will father more chicks.

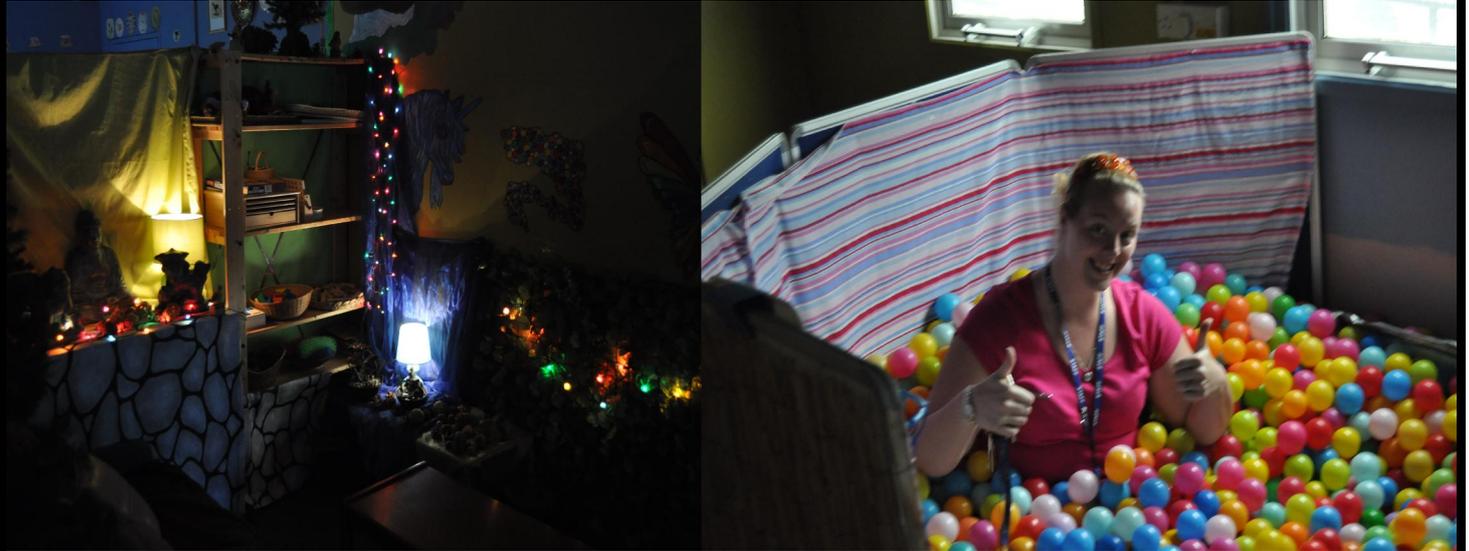
By Declan Twist

(KS2 photographer)



The Harrison Ledsham event which was held in KS2 on 26 June 2015. Ms Johnson helped us with serving staff and students. We raised £60.

The charity was founded for the Society for the Prevention and Relief of Cancer, in 1911 by Douglas Macmillan following the death of his father from the disease. In 1924 the name was changed to the National Society for Cancer Relief, which it retained until 1989 when it was changed to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund and later changed again to Macmillan Cancer Relief. From 5 April 2006 Macmillan Cancer Relief became known as Macmillan Cancer Support as this more accurately reflects its role in supporting people living with cancer. It has adopted the principles of being a "source of support" and a "force for change". Penkford School is proud to support this charity.



This is the Ozone room it is very colourful and relaxing place for us to chill out when we are stressed. It is somewhere to, "Rest, recover, rewind" and runs alongside our counselling programme.

The students from KS2 went to the Town Hall to perform with other students from local schools in St. Helens on 30 June 2015. They played the 'Sailor Went to Sea' and 'Old MacDonald Had a Ukele'. Several staff members were in the audience. Everyone agreed that the performance from the Penkford School Band was the highlight of the concert programme. The band also performed again at our school Assembly on Wednesday 1 July 2015. The crowd went wild!



Bubble Football

Bubble Football, a reward activity for students at the end of last term, was arranged by Mr Worgan. Students had to have good attendance and improved behaviour in order to be selected for the team. A Y9 student told us, 'It was brilliant' and added that he would love to go again next time. Mr. Worgan showed some video clips of this event at our weekly Assembly. Everyone agreed that Bradley Moore from KS4 was 'Man Of The Match'. Well done Bradley!



Guess who?



Not long ago some Y10 boys had the exciting experience of appearing on 'Game Changers', which was broadcast by Sky TV and covered in the St. Helens Star. It was a wonderful achievement. Well done Y10 lads.

Ms. Johnson and Mr. Worgen also took some of the boys to London; "It was a great experience!" said Lennox Smith.

Our School Council met our local counselor Sevi Gomez-Aspron on Friday 15 May 2015, and then were lucky enough to have afternoon tea with the Mayor. Our council have been highly praised for their efforts.



Pupils went on a reward trip at the end of this term to Taw Vale on Thursday 9 July 2015. This residential experience was organised by the Outdoor Education Team for all pupils with 100% attendance and good behaviour, well done! Pupils built their own shelters for the night, cooked and learned basic survival skills!

Last term Penkford said goodbye to our Chair of Governors Bev Boyer and Carol Beesley, our parent governor. We would like to thank them for all their hard work and support. They will be greatly missed by all students and staff.

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