



Christmas Newsletter

December 2017

This has been a very busy half term. Staff and pupils have been working very hard and I would like to thank Parents and Carers for their support.

Success stories

ADHD Awards - Penkford School was officially honoured at the ADHD Foundation 10 Year Winter Ball at St George's Hall.

The award was attended by Ms Johnson, Headteacher, Mrs Jackson, our SENCO, and Mrs Laughton, Assistant Headteacher, they had no idea of the intention to honour the school on the night!

On behalf of all our staff, Ms Johnson, Headteacher collected the award that gave recognition to all the hard work Penkford School has put in to support pupils diagnosed or presenting with ADHD.

We had a write up in the St Helens Star. Please check our Penkford website to see the full story.

Pupil Book Mark Competition Winners

JW Y10, KS Y7 and LB Y4.

Pupil Book Cover Competition Winners

CK Y6, and KS Y7. We had some beautiful entries for the Book Mark and the Book Covers. We have very talented pupils here at Penkford School. Well done to all who took part!

Penkford School Book and Art Exhibition – Artsmark

Penkford School held a Book Fair on Thursday 7 December 2017 from 3 pm – 5 pm where Parents, Carers, and members of the public came along for a chance to socialise and swap and buy books. We had a gift-wrapping Service and provided our guests with refreshments.

We exhibited fabulous artwork created by past and present pupils. We showcased photographs which highlighted our Artsmark journey. The event was very successful and enjoyed by everyone.

Penkford Gazette

The Gazette is going from strength to strength. The Christmas edition is on our website. Well done to the newsgroup who write the stories.

Parents' Group

We held a Parents/Carers Focus Group at Ashton's Green Centre on Wednesday 8 November 2017 from 9:30 am – 11:30 am. Miss Johnson our Art teacher and Mrs Hall our Parent and Pupil Support Officer held a craft session with Parents and Carers. This involved decorating picture frames and all ready for Christmas. Everyone had a great time!

Feedback from Parents/Carers was very positive.

Future dates for the next sessions

Half Term 3 - Wednesday 17th January 2018

Half Term 4 - Wednesday 28th February 2018

Half Term 5 - Wednesday 25th April 2018

Half Term 6 - Wednesday 13th June 2018

Assembly - Our end of term Achievement Assembly took place at 10:30 am on Thursday 21 December 2017. The categories for the awards are: Attendance, English, Maths, Science, Art, Design and Technology, ICT, PE, Outdoor Education, Courtesy, Uniform and Behaviour. Pupils must be present on the last day of term and come up to the front to receive their prize.

Dinner Money

Just a reminder to Parents/Carers who pay for their children's school dinners, the cost of meals from September is £11:50 per week (£2.30 per day). Money should be paid in advance, every Monday morning at the School Office.

School Governors Update

Mrs M Neale – (Chair) – Co-opted Governor

Mrs A Robinson – Co-opted Governor

Mr P Round – Co-opted Governor

Mrs A Critchley – Co-opted Governor

Mrs L Beirne – Co-opted Governor

Sergeant G Farley - Co-opted Governor

Mrs C Beesley - Co-opted Governor

Mr K Cleary – LA Governor

Ms A Lawrence – Parent Governor

Miss J Duffy – Staff Governor

Mr D Evans - Parent Governor

Thanks to all of our Governors who work hard in their role of supporting and challenging us.

Personal Development Behaviour and Welfare

Improving attendance remains a priority for our school. We have renewed our focus on Attendance now that Mrs Savage has taken up post as Attendance Officer.

Farewell

We say goodbye to Mrs Parkinson who has gained a teaching post in a Special School nearer to home for January 2018. We will miss her but wish her well on her new journey.

Mr Siney our Data and Website Manager will also be leaving us to take up a new post at a mainstream Academy in Lancashire. This is a promotion. We wish him well.

Reminder that the new term begins at 9 am on Monday 8 January 2018

We expect all pupils to be on time and in full school uniform.

Please find enclosed your child's Progress Report for this term. If you have any questions or comments please contact school.

On behalf of all the staff and pupils of our school, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

