

PETERS HILL POST

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AUTUMN 1 2023

As we close for the holiday, I wanted to sum up some of the things that have been just brilliant this half term... and what a long and busy half term it has been! We have been so proud of how well the children have settled into their new classes and year groups, it feels like we have been in our new classrooms for ages. The Autumn curriculum is in full flow and it has been fantastic to read on so many achievement certificates how children are putting 100% focus and effort into their learning.

Lots of classes have been enriching their topics with visits. Year 5 had a great day early in the term with their visit from the mobile Planetarium. Year 6 went to Liverpool for a guided tour of Anfield and to visit the World Museum. A lucky group from Year 6 were invited to take part in a Science lesson at No 10 Downing Street with the Prime Minister's wife and staff from the UK Space Centre. Year 4 travelled over to Blists Hill this week to see their Victorian topic come to life.

We have had many potential new parents visit our school over the last few weeks and as always, it has been a privilege to show parents round our wonderful school, many commenting on what a lovely calm environment it is and how polite the children are.

EYFS parents have been invited into 2 workshops, one on Phonics and Reading and another on effective communication in the Early Years which were well attended. We have also started our run of 'Come dine with me' lunches. Reception parents were invited in this week to share a school lunch, look out for the other year group dates soon. Our Year 6 parents have had the opportunity to attend a SAT's meeting to learn more about the end of Key Stage 2 testing expectations and arrangements. We have many more opportunities coming up for parents to join us in school for workshops and celebrations, we hope to see you there.

Our Macmillan coffee and cake afternoon was a huge success, raising over £300 for this worthwhile charity and thank you to our parent and Year 6 helpers who made this a huge success. The Kickathon that we hosted in October raised over £6800 for which we are still astounded. Thank you to everyone who raised sponsors, some families collecting £100 or more. This money has been shared between school fund, enabling us to create more enrichment opportunities across school and Young Minds, a young person's mental health charity. For Harvest this year, families donated tins and packets of food by the bagful, enough to fill the van from The Black Country Foodbank. Thank you for your generosity with these events, many of which benefit our local community.

We hope you continue to enjoy the class blogs and if you haven't already done so, please follow our school Instagram page where we are posting daily about various aspects of school life.

Have an enjoyable half-term, see you on 6 November.



Attendance

We have had some great attendance scores over the past two weeks.

Well done to everyone!

Please ensure that children are arriving punctually each day. School doors open at 8.35am and close at 8.45am.

Highest attendance:

6MP - 98.50%

WELL DONE!!

Ambition

Belief

Compassion

Pride

Respect

MATHS ACTIVITIES

Check out our 12 Awesome Autumn Maths Activities for KS1 and KS2 which children can investigate over the Oct half term.

Please click [here](#)



APPLYING FOR A PLACE AT SECONDARY SCHOOL

If your child is in Year 6, applications can now be made for secondary school.

For more information and to apply online, please go to www.dudley.gov.uk and search 'school admissions'.

Applications must be received by midnight on Tuesday 31 October.

Online applications are recommended as they are faster and simpler.

CUT YOUR CARBON



HELP AND SUPPORT

For help, support and information regarding any of the following, please go to the 'useful info' tab on our website and scroll down to the 'help and support page':

- Kids swim free in Dudley
- Financial help and support
- Information regarding scams
- Free healthy lifestyle support
- Giving your child the best start in life
- Park Active - free outdoor fitness sessions
- Junior Parkrun Family
- Crafting Communities
- For a wealth of information on Health and Wellbeing please click [here](#)



ONLINE SAFETY

Staying safe online is extremely important for children. There is lots of information available for parents on our website which will be continually updated.

The following link will take you to our e-safety page:

<http://petershillprimary.org/Community/E-Safety>

TERM DATES

Please click [here](#) to view the term dates for this academic year. These can also be found on our website under the 'Useful Info' Tab.

WELL DONE!



Aimee, Isabelle & Oliver had fun making their own pumpkin shaped bread rolls using string to create the shape. They took their inspiration from the pumpkins they picked at a local farm. We're sure you'll agree they look great!



Well done to Daniel for helping to make panzerotti at home. Looks delicious!



Oliver made these tasty jam tarts at home.



Dan has shown his skill by making these attractive cheese, tomato, ham and salami pin wheels.



Michael helped his Mum to make Tiramisu, her favourite dessert. Looks delicious!

A huge well done and thank you to all of our children who have been cooking at home and sharing their successes with us.

We love seeing what you can achieve!

CLAY MODELLING IN YEAR 5



Last in week in Year 5, children made clay pots inspired by Ancient Greece. They used a variety of methods, including coiling and pinching to create their pot and then decorated them with intricate designs. These will then be painted gold and black.



MULLER COMPETITION



Shire Services have partnered with Muller and are launching the above competition. We are 1 of 6 schools who have been invited to take part. They would like children to invent another use for a Muller yogurt pot once it's been eaten.

All entries should be handed to the School Kitchen by Friday 10 November.

The winner will win a gardening set for their class. Each school winner will then go into a draw to win an educational Muller farm visit for their class.

GOVERNOR NEWS

We are sorry to say that one of our Governors, Mr Andy Thomas, has resigned due to work commitments. All Governors would like to say a huge thank you for the time he has given to Peters Hill over a very long time.

We are just about to appoint a new Governor, Mrs Sue Bletcher, who we hope will join us very soon and we look forward to her joining us.

Mrs Gilhooley
Chair of Governors

YEAR 6 VISIT TO LIVERPOOL



Year 6 had an amazing time last week visiting the city of Liverpool. The children were in awe of Anfield Stadium as they were taken on a tour behind the scenes. They also went to the Liverpool World Museum, where they went back in history, looking at the Egyptian mummies, space, and much more. What an experience!

KS2 Accelerated Reader Leader Board

Week beginning 23 October 2023

We have been so impressed with the KS2 Accelerated Reader word counts this half term. 4 classes are already well over a million words with 6MP hitting close to 5 million words read this half term. Top 5 classes this half term are:

CLASS	WORDS READ
6MP	4 908 115
6NG	3 478 187
5AC	1 878 676
5HT	1 245 284
5LS	794 027

Keep up with the reading over half term so you can get quizzing after half term.



Click [here](#) to view our lunchtime information and menus

APPLYING FOR A PLACE AT PRIMARY SCHOOL

If your child is due to start school in September 2024, it's time to start planning now.

Applications for a Reception place can be made between 1 October 2023 and 15 January 2024.

For more information and to apply online, please go to www.dudley.gov.uk and search 'school admissions'.

Online applications are recommended as they are faster and simpler.

LOGO UNIFORM

We have the following items of uniform for sale:

Cardigans - £13.00

Sweatshirts - £11.50

These can be ordered and paid for via Soopay. If you are unsure of sizes please call the School Office to arrange a suitable time to try items on or email uniform@petershillprimary.org.

THANK YOU

A very big 'thank you' to everyone who supported our Harvest appeal.

All donated items have been collected by the Black Country Foodbank which will then be distributed to local people in need.



AUTUMN TERM 2023



Monday 6 November
Friday 10 November
w/c 13 November
Tuesday 14 November
Wednesday 15 November
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Thursday 16 November
Friday 17 November

Parliament Week
Science Day & Diwali
Anti-Bullying week
Y1 Parents Come Dine with Me
Y1 Parents Come Dine with Me
No Pens Wednesday
Parents Evening
Parents Evening
Children in Need (info to follow)