



Federation of Penny Acres and Wigley Primary Schools Newsletter

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Welcome



As another busy term draws to an end, I just want to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, happy holidays and an enjoyable New Year. Events of the past few weeks remind us of just how special the two schools in the federation are. I for one am proud to be part of the Penny Acres and Wigley 'families'. Here's looking forward to next term where I'm sure we will be as busy. Let's pray for no snow!

David Ratcliffe – Executive Headteacher

Dates for diaries

Wigley

Mon 7th Jan 2019 – Return to school
Mon 14th Jan 2019 – Wigley chicks arrive.
Wed 23rd Jan 2019 – Qualitas Team building for some of our Y1 and Y2 children (PM).
Mon 28th Jan 2019 – School dinner theme day (Big bird watch).
Tues 5th Feb 2019 – Greek day.
Fri 8th Feb – Qualitas Fencing for some of our Y3 and Y4 children (am)
Mon 11th Feb 2019 – Qualitas Cross-Fit for some of our Y5 and Y6 children.
Tues 12th Feb 2019 – Owl Experience (KS1)
Thurs 14th Feb 2019 – School dinner theme day (Vikings).
Fri 15th Feb 2019 – Break up

Penny Acres

Mon 7th Jan 2019 – Return to school
Mon 14th Jan 2019 – Penny Acres chicks arrive.
Wed 16th Jan 2019 – School Nurse to see Reception children (vision/hearing assessments)
Wed 23rd Jan 2019 – Qualitas Team building for some of our Y1 and Y2 children (PM).
Mon 28th Jan 2019 – School dinner theme day (Big bird watch).
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Thurs 7th Feb 2019 – Greek day.
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Tues 12th Feb 2019 – PTFA Film Night (details to follow)
Thurs 14th Feb 2019 – School dinner theme day (Vikings).
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Attendance

Attendance is monitored each day and we set ourselves the target of 96% or above.
Below are both schools' attendance for the year so far.

Penny Acres attendance: 96.74 %

Wigley attendance: 96.06 %

A Penny Acres Christmas



Penny Acres News



Kirsty, a dental hygienist from G.H.B Dental Care, Sheffield, visited both the Infants and the Juniors. Kirsty spoke about oral hygiene and the need to keep teeth clean. I would like to say a huge thank you from both the children and I to Mr Makkar for organising the visit.



Wigley News

ECO club have once again been very busy, this time making feeders to ensure our feathered friends have plenty to eat over the Winter months. My thanks to Emma and Liz who continue to devote their time to not only helping the environment around school but for the message being delivered to our children.



Years 4, 5 and 6 attended a Futsal event at Queens Park Sports Centre. Futsal is considered to be a version of 5-a-side football but is played with a harder, low-bounce ball. Not only was there many good 'Futsal' skills demonstrated on the day, but there was sportsmanship, honesty, team spirit and encouragement shown from all players in our two teams. Out of the 12 teams that played, Penny Acres A came 7th and Penny Acres B came 10th. Well done to all involved.

Night at the movies!



Hollywood came to Wigley for one night only as we held our first Cinema night. Child returned to school armed with pillows, onesies and in some cases, mermaid blankets

and we settled to watch a film. My thanks to the PFA who organised the event. The children thoroughly enjoyed both of the films and the snacks/treats provided. Here's looking forward to the next one!



KS2 rock painting



As part of their ongoing topic, our KS2 children have been busy painting 'endangered animals' onto rocks. These rocks are going to be sent home with the view that they will be distributed around our local area, highlighting the plight that some of the world's animals face. Once found, we are hoping that the rocks will then be transported elsewhere for our message to continue to spread. We hope to track the movement of the rocks via email responses from where they are found.



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KS1 have enjoyed learning new balancing skills on our new Wigley bikes. My thanks to Helen and Paul Gregory for giving up their time to help develop the children's 'Bikeability'.





After listening to the Russian folktale 'The Firebird', the Reception children enjoyed making 'golden apple' biscuits! Yummy!

Years 2 to 6 discovered how to recycle, where our recycling goes and how it is tested and treated. It turns out that this process is far more complex than you would first imagine!



A huge thank you to Edward (Y2) for encouraging us all to think a little more of others over the Christmas period. We've had a wonderful response to the 'Mission Christmas' initiative that Edward made us aware of and have some fabulous toys/gifts to give to those less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you to all that have donated.



'His eyes are orange, his tongue is black, he has purple prickles all over his back!'
Look out for the Gruffalo!

KS2 children have been busy making Christmas themed goodies as part of their enterprise work. Children pre-ordered some items whilst the rest were sold at our Carol and Coffee event. My thanks to all involved, especially Miss Walton who organises this wonderful classroom initiative.

Both schools had a fab time at this year's Chesterfield Christmas Panto.

Don't we look fabulous in our 3d glasses!



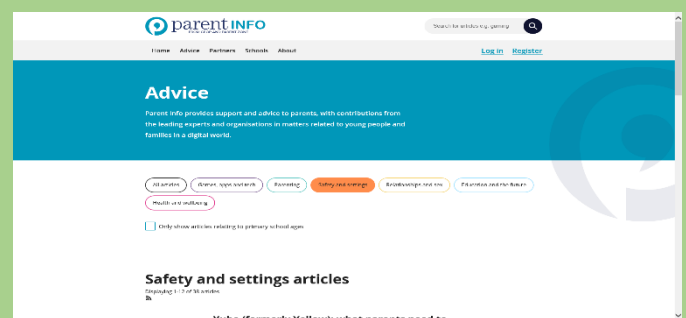
A Wigley Christmas



Keeping safe online

As the Christmas holiday nears, I am aware that some of our children may be receiving gifts of gadgets that have web connectivity. With this in mind, I just want to make you aware of a website which contains a lot of useful information about some of the more popular sites used by children today, as well as guidance on security and privacy settings.

The site is www.parentinfo.org



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Please continue to use our school APPs to keep updated on dates, times and events.
 Please contact either school office if you require further information.