



Federation of Penny Acres and Wigley Primary Schools Newsletter

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Welcome



What a busy term it has been but time flies when you are having fun! Our children have once again done themselves proud over the last few weeks, representing both schools in their usual conscientious and enthusiastic manner. As both schools continue with forward momentum, it gives me great pleasure to present this month's newsletter.

Dave Ratcliffe – Executive Headteacher

Dates for diaries

Wigley

Fri 15th Feb – Break up
Mon 25th Feb – INSET day (School closed)
Wednesday 27th Feb – Fire safety visit to school
Thurs 7th March – World Book Day.
Fri 15th March – Qualitas gymnastics (Y1 and Y2)
Wed 20th March – Parents' evening.
Thurs 21st March – Parents' evening.
Thurs 28th March – KS1 trip to Conisbrough Castle.
Friday 5th April – Qualitas Tag Rugby (Y3 and Y4)
Friday 12th April – Break up for Easter.

Penny Acres

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Thurs 7th March – World Book Day.
Tues 12th March – Parents' evening.
Thurs 14th March – Parents' evening.
Fri 15th March – Qualitas gymnastics (Y1 and Y2)
Mon 25th March – Fire Safety visit to school.
Tues 26th March – Dance festival.
Thurs 28th March – KS1 trip to Conisbrough Castle.
Thurs 11th April – Big Clean Up!
Friday 5th April – Qualitas Tag Rugby (Y3 and Y4)
Friday 12th April – Break up for Easter.

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: 96.59%

Wigley attendance: 96.53%

Penny Acres News



The snow came, and fortunately went. This didn't stop us having fun in the meantime.



Some of our Junior children have been making periscopes in Science. The old lessons are always the best! Who remembers doing this as a child?



KS2 have been very busy making their own Greek masks using old newspaper to make papier mache. This was a lot of fun but incredibly messy! We are hoping to have the masks decorated and on display soon so that you can come and see them.



Our Y5 and Y6 children found that Cross-Fit was a lot harder than they thought. Good effort all round and bagfuls of enthusiasm made for a very pleasant morning. Well done!



Both school communities were treated to a short, Fife concert by our KS2 children. I'm sure those of you that attended will agree that the children made it look very easy. A longer performance is scheduled for the end of the year and you are all invited.



Good luck Miss Woolley!

Today, Miss Woolley finishes school to begin her maternity leave. I am sure that you will all join me in wishing her and her partner the very best for their next, exciting chapter.

Here's hoping that there aren't too many sleepless nights!

Expect further news in the not too distant future.

Welcome to Qualitas
SCHOOL CLUBS at
Penny Acres Primary School



Starting week commencing 25th of February
Wednesday – Multi-Sports
Thursday – Netball/Basketball.
Time: 3:30 to 4:30

Welcome to Qualitas
SCHOOL CLUBS at
Wigley Primary School



Starting week commencing 25th of February
Monday – Football (football starts 4th March due to Inset Day)
Wednesday – Multi-Sports
Time: 3:15 to 4:15



The Year 1 and 2 children made different planes and tested to see which one flew the furthest. They measured distances with metre sticks.



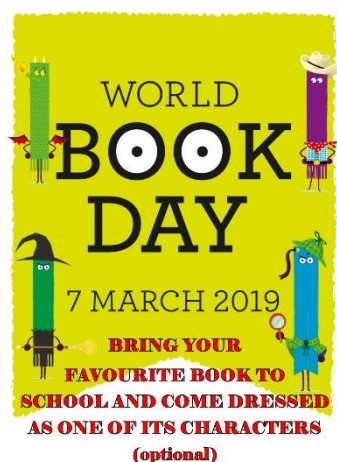
Herbivore, carnivore omnivore?! We studied chocolately 'poo' this week in Science. We looked closely and used our knowledge of different animals to work out if the animal could be a carnivore, herbivore or an omnivore!

What a hoot!

Both schools welcomed Bob Morley, a local owl expert. Mr Morley brought along a number of owls that he flew through the classrooms. The children were in awe of these magnificent animals



KS2 Ancient Greek drama



Mr Lynch from The Fox and Goose asked our children to formulate ideas for his new book about Wigley the worm. We look forward to being a part of this wonderful idea.

School once again welcomed back Rev. Green into school. He led a very enjoyable assembly. My thanks to him for giving up his time for our children.



A reminder about snow procedures

I'm not trying to tempt fate but we are entering the weeks of the year when the English weather can be highly unpredictable so I wanted to remind you of our arrangements.

If either school has to be closed because of heavy overnight snow, this will be announced on BBC Radio Sheffield and Peak 107 during their breakfast programmes and will be listed on the Derbyshire School Closure list.

<https://apps.derbyshire.gov.uk/applications/school-closures/>

We will also send text message notifications and post on our APP.

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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.