



Pinetree Matters

RESPECT

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Message from our Head of School.

The Summer term is always a hectic one with the Yr 11s sitting exams, Sports Day and end of year events. After what has been a busy year many of the pupils and staff are looking forward and excited about the prospect of the summer break, and hopefully some fun in the sun. The summer term like all terms has its challenges but this term has also been filled with lots of achievements.

The Year 11s completed their journey with us and on the whole tried extremely hard during the exams so a big well done to them. All pupils whether those in Yr 11 trying their best or the young pupils making sure they remained quiet, all gave the best version of themselves.

The Summer term has been action packed for the staff and pupils, and this one has been no different. It was great to see so many pupils attend our celebration event where we as a school had the chance to share successes together. Also, events such as sports day and our first summer fayre. After a long year I need to give a massive thank you to all who have continued to show high levels of commitment on a daily basis.

Whilst it has been a Year with many challenges, it has been a Year when so many of our pupils have achieved so much. This was all on show at the celebration event. All successes big or small should be celebrated where this includes an overnight stay as part of the DofE accreditation or improvement in reading. These achievements are only possible to with the support of the whole Pinetree community. The school community is so important and the support for and of parents is continues to be a core value for the school. Teamwork and working together is so important, so thank you to our parents/ carers and stakeholders who have supported.

Summer is a great time to spend with family and friends who during term we often neglect, so I hope we all spend some quality time with them over 6 weeks and enjoy the break. We are already excited to welcome you back. From everyone at the Pinetree School, a thank you and see you in September!

Staff News

Many of you will already be aware that Miss Adkins is now with us again full time. Miss Everist has left the school and we wish her well. Mr Henry will officially joins us permanently in September.

I want to use this space to thank all members of staff at school for their continued hard work and commitment to our pupils.

School Community News

You may be aware that we recently set up a school ASC (Academy Stakeholder committee). This is used to support the school in making school an enjoyable environment for pupils and ensure they make progress. This has already had impact on the school community, talking to pupils and staff and supporting the school to achieve its wider outcomes. We are always looking for new members to join. If this is something you are interested in please get in touch.

Dates for the Diary

Term Dates:

**School opens: 3
September**

**School closes 23
October**

**Half term: 23 October
– 30 October**

**School opens: 2
November**

**Schools Closes: 18
December**

**Christmas Holidays:
21 December — 5
January**

School Events:

**19th October –
Celebrating Pakistan
Independence Day**

**10th November – KS4
Parents evening**

**27th November – Theme
Day – Thanks giving**

**16th December – School
Christmas Day
celebration**

Attendance

As the academic year comes to a close, we want to say a huge thank you for your ongoing support.

Whole-School Summary

Our official whole-school attendance target is **95.0%**. Here is how we performed this academic year:

- **Whole-School YTD Attendance: 83.5%**
- **Target Achievement Rate: 95.0%**

We saw fantastic dedication from our students this year. A special congratulations goes to **Class Year 7**, which achieved the highest overall class attendance of **95%**!

We are thrilled to announce the rewards for our students who maintained outstanding attendance this academic year:

- **90% Attendance Club:** All students who achieved perfect attendance have attended an exclusive end-of-year trip to **Pleasurewood Hills**.

HOUSE POINTS SYSTEM

As we come to the end of yet another year, the time has come to announce not only the termly house point winners but also the overall winners for the year. It's been amazing watching the pupils do what they could to earn points for their house and work together as a team to try and win the termly reward trip. After an evening of counting and calculating the results are in!

Summer Term Winners, winning a £10 voucher each:

Highest Girl with 145 points for Red House (now moved to Yellow) is Renesme

Highest Boy with 116 points for Yellow House is Noah

Winning House, earning a rewards trip:

With an average of 78 and a total of 436 points is RED House

And now for our overall winners of the year:

The Highest overall Girl is Renesme

The Highest overall Boy is Noah

The Highest House over all this year, earning the House cup wearing their colours is RED House.



THEME BASED LEARNING DAYS

Our first them day of the summer term was around building an enterprise and giving the pupils the skills to find like they own their own business. Pupils were developing their creativity, financial and problem-solving skills, in order to plan and create activities and products they think would make money.

As part of the day pupils had to create their own pizza company. They had to design the company logo box and flavours. They then had to make this into a full box design incorporating all of these things. Once pupils had completed this they had to cook the pizza – trying to stay on brand for what they had made. In DT pupils were designing and creating their own 3D prints so that these could be sold at the summer fayre. In PE pupils had to design and play games to see whether they would work both for the summer Fayre but also as a viable business and explain why. After playing these pupils had to order from 1-4 on which they felt would be more effective.



Our second theme day of the term has been around teamwork and the importance of working together. Many of our pupils find this really difficult so this is so important.

In Food Technology pupils working together in a production line to make mini cheesecakes. Each person had their own role and without all of them working together the end product would not of work. It demonstrated the importance of us all playing our part from crushing the biscuit to decoration.

In DT pupils were making a self-supporting bridge construction. Again, having to work together to ensure the bridge would work and get the other side was vitally important. But alongside that – the importance of listening and communicating effectively was really important.

In PE pupils completed a team scavenger trial and team communication trial. Pupils had to work together to make sure their team completed the work in the quickest time possible and the team would fall apart if 1 person let them down.

In Art pupils all contributed to decorating wooden flowers for a collaborative art project. These were then added together to make a Pinetree flower project which enabled to show of the full Pinetree community.



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Events and trips

In July we held our annual celebration event. This gave us as a school community the chance to celebrate each other's achievements alongside parents and carers. It was nice to see so many different nominated pupils.

During the event an Art exhibition, DT and English work were also on display, was held to highlight and display all the wonderful work pupils had done in Art across this year. Some of this work was the result of collaboration between pupils. It was great to see pupils showing parents/carers their work and telling them what they had learnt. There was so much on display from GCSE final pieces to whole school art projects. Thank to Mrs Adkins for putting this on.

Following pupils and staff had viewed the gallery and had some nibbles themselves we began the celebration event. Each subject was called upon 1 at a time to give out their certificates and trophy for their chosen pupils. We had 20 prizes to give out from Attendance, Maths, RSHE to DofE. 1 by 1 pupils came up to a lovely round of applause from the hall to receive trophies. It shouldn't be lost what a magnificent achievement this is for our pupils to do this especially in front of others. I was extremely proud of them. Well done to all pupil nominations and thank you to all who supported the event.



On 19th June we held our 1st ever Summer Fayre. This had been the culmination of weeks and months of planning by both the pupils in their community lifeskills lessons and adults at the school. Within the fayre there were a variety of stalls, games, activities and refreshments for pupils, parents/ carers and members of the public to get involved in. One part of the day isolated was particularly proud of was seeing pupils, explaining and interacting with members of our stakeholder community. My personal highlight of activities included the removing of 'Frank' a giant teddy bear won by a year 7 pupil and The Pinetree band playing for those taking refreshments. But my number 1 moment was seeing the long queue of pupils lining up to throw their wet sponge at me whilst I was in the stocks. It was lovely to see so many people support the fayre whether this be parents/ carers, the pupils themselves, members of the community or former Pinetree pupils. It was great to see and share the successes of our former pupils. It was a great event raising a total of £220, a big well done to Gail Townsend and the pupils for putting this together



There has also been an array of other trips and visits this term. These have included a carousel of careers activities with West Suffolk College around making a computer game. A trip to Felixstowe that Red house chose as part of them winning the House of the term award. There have also been trips to the Royal Norfolk Show, Girls have been going swimming, a local gym and many more. Overall, the pupils have really enjoyed all the opportunities to go out and explore learning outside of the classroom and have generally behaved well on all the trips out.



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Learning in Focus

On July 3 we had our annual Sports day event. This year blue were looking to win their crown won from last year. Alongside working together to win as a group pupils are looking to be individual winners and participation awards. The Sports Day focused around 4 different activities and events. The pupils went around the different events in their house groups. Pupils went around the different activities from Archery, High Jump, Discus/ Javelin, Sprinting events and the relay. Like all sporting events it was equally as important pupils worked for their team to win point as well as competing for themselves. It was great to see house members cheering on their fellow pupils regardless of age and ability. This years focus appeared to be around both the much-coveted high jump crown but also a highly competitive Javelin throw. There was even time before for a staff vs pupil sprint and with Mr Rice on the anchor leg and running a new school record allowed the staff to reclaim their crown of winning the 100m sprint much to the disgust of many of the pupils. After a very hard-fought battle and a day conducted in good spirits it was **Purple House** who were eventually victorious in winning the Sports Day Cup winning their first title. Well done to Mr Mitford and all involved.



For only the second time in the school's history, 6 pupils from Yr 9 upwards had the opportunity to complete the The Duke of Edinburgh award at Pinetree and it was a great success! Students took an adventure to Lambourne End. After pitching their tent (some with more success than others) pupils explored the famous woodland, along the way they took part in various adventurous outdoor activities. These included mountain biking, orienteering, axe throwing a rope challenge and then tackling some camp cooking. My personal highlight after viewing videos and picture on the team's return was the level of encouragement that could be heard. This was a great opportunity, and all students involved have now gained a nationally recognized qualification. Pupil largely behaved brilliantly and for many this was their first time away from home. The pupils described the trip as a great experience and felt a great sense of connection to both their peers and the staff on the expedition.

All those involved should be proud of their hard work and efforts. As a school we are very proud of what was achieved by all across the Duke of Edinburgh award and hopefully this is something others will benefit from in the future.



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What is this?
→ Play stationery
→ They over the lake
→ Fall off
→ Get back up get on a bike
→ Fall off
→ Fall off
→ Hold the handlebars
→ Get your feet on the pedals
→ Start pedalling
→ Take the stabilizers off
→ Fall off
→ Fall off
→ Ride the bike
→ Fall off
→ Fall off
→ Fall off
→ Fall off three more times
→ Ride a bike, go into competitions
→ Crashed and broke his ankle, passing the finishing line.
Oscar Copeland

Letter to Santa
A letter
Santa
A letter is like a letter who sends your
washing needs.
The letter wishes that it can ride and
not have to wash dirty socks again.
Command
make my sock clean now!
persuasion
The letter becomes tired as its only purpose
is a letter remains dry indefinitely.
question
do you like washing dirty socks and

Thursday 17th June
Covid 19
I was around it when I first tried a
kebab plain with chips
I played a lot of video games when I had
time
I did other stuff. I enjoyed this.
I like like my mum, my dad, my brother
I had to wear a mask all the time.
I tried a really sour sweet when I was
younger and it made my face look
shocked.

You will need:
A unicorn corpse
Vegetables (potato, magic mushrooms)
Thyme
Other spices
Pots
Fire wood
Spoon
Salt
Stove
Water
What you do:
First put water in your pot
Second put pot filled with water on stove
Third light a fire on wood
Fourth cut up the unicorn corpse and set him aside
Fifth cut up veggies (potato, magic mushrooms)
Then add your spices and thyme
Next stir it with your spoon and let it simmer gently
Additionally add your salt carefully
Finally make sure to keep the horn away as you food up the stove
WARNING
The horn is incredibly toxic and only to be used to harness magic
Do not eat the horn or you will die a horrible death. If you will get the horn
downing as your lungs fill with your own blood's.

Roll up, roll up, to the... alphabet race!
A Alan ate an amazing apple
B Barry ate a berry banana
C Claire cuddled a cat
D Diana described a delicious dog
E Edward was elegant on a horse
F Frank Frigates Frigates all Frigates
G Giggles Giggles Giggles
H Hissed Hissed Hissed
I Iris from Iran says Irish
J James jumps into jelly
K Keanu the kangaroo is back
L Leo the lion loves lemons
M Mad Michael makes Marmite sauce
N Nodded few Nodded Nodded

Notice Board

Communication between home and school continues to be a vital way of ensuring that both parties are informed of any attendance/trips/issues and any other information that needs to be shared to ensure our pupils achieve their full potential and are fully supported.

As you are aware, there are several ways in which we can communicate: via telephone, email, letter, Website, Parents Events. The school telephone number is 01842 752756 and email address is office@pin.unity-ed.uk

First Day Calling messages are now sent via SIMS, Intouch

As you are aware the safety and well-being of your child/ward is paramount to us at school. Therefore, it is imperative that the school is informed if your child is going to be absent from school, (please contact the school on the day as early as possible using one of the above procedures, a message can be left). Alternatively, please acknowledge our telephone call or contact via Parent App. If it is a medical appointment then evidence of the appointment is required.

If there are any changes in home circumstances e.g. change of address, telephone number etc. please contact the school so we can update our records.

Dinners are ordered daily and pupils should pay on the day or in advance – payment can be made via cheque or BACS (please contact the school office for the BACS details) Dinners cost **£2.55** per day regardless of whether it is a hot dinner or packed lunch