



# The Pinewood Press



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

## Headteachers note:

This term has been such a strange and unusual one. I think the staff and students at Pinewood should be very proud of the hard work and effort they have put into not only their school work but also into keeping themselves safe and healthy from COVID. As a school we've done amazingly well to limit the cases we have had. It's been so good to see the positive attitudes from so many students happy to be back in school after a long break, and also to see the engagement in the opportunities we have put in place for the groups and individuals that have self-isolate.

I hope you all have a happy and safe Christmas break.

Kind Regards,  
Mr D. McGachen  
Head Teacher



## What's been happening in school this term?

### Children in Need

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020, the students and staff here at Pinewood school helped to raise money for Children in Need. We all dressed up in bright colours or spots and took part in various activities and competitions throughout the day.



### World Epilepsy Day

On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020, students and staff raised awareness for Epilepsy by wearing something purple. It was reported that people were wearing purple socks, scarfs, jumpers and even hair bands. But a big shout out goes to one of our wonderful Teaching Assistants - Miss Powers - who was wearing a super Epilepsy jumper 😊



GET TALKING ABOUT EPILEPSY

Students had to guess how many blueberries and grapes were in a jar... A big congratulations to Cameron J Spires in 11S who had the closest guess of 218 - when the correct amount was 228.

The students in 10S also decided to run a tuck shop to raise extra money - a big thank you to them.

A very well done to all who contributed to the event, as a school we raised a total of £211.61.



On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020, Pinewood school took part in the School Games National Santa Dash! As a school, we joined thousands of other young people across the country who were taking part running simultaneously at their own schools. The students dressed up in their Christmas jumpers to add some festive cheer!

A big thank you to Mrs Morrissey for organising the event - a lot of fun was had by all!



### How about some festive cheer...

Q. What do you get if you eat a Christmas decoration?

A. Tinisilitus



Q. What do you get when Santa becomes a detective?

A. Santa Clues

Q. What do you call a Reindeer that wears earmuffs?

A. Anything you want! He cant hear you!

### Fancy making some festive treats...



Why not have a go at making Melting Snowman biscuits!

Have great fun in the kitchen putting together these cute festive biscuits - sticky fun for a wintry afternoon ☺

(full recipe

### Next term:

We are pleased to announce that next term we will be running various charity events within school to raise money for and support the local charity - **SPACE**. Please see information attached to the newsletter on this.



### Dates to remember:

- **Online Variety show** - Streaming from the Pinewood Website from 19<sup>th</sup> December - 2<sup>nd</sup> January.
- **World Book day** - 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021
- **World Down syndrome Day** - 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021
- **INSET day** - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021
- **Pupils back to school** - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Merry Christmas  
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

SCHOOL'S  
OUT!

(This edition of the newsletter has been researched, planned and put together by a group of Year 10 & 11s students!)





SPACE is a Hertfordshire based charity supporting families with children and young people on the Autistic Spectrum, with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and other Neurodiverse conditions.

**Instilling a feeling of confidence and empowerment for all**

- Trained SPACE facilitators supporting families across Hertfordshire
- We are commissioned to provide courses and workshops for professionals, parents and carers in education, health and social care.
- SPACE are Short Break Local Offer (SBLO) providers

## SUPPORT

**WE SUPPORT FAMILIES TO FEEL CONFIDENT & EMPOWERED BY:**

- Support Groups
- Facebook Closed Group
- Facebook Public Page
- Telephone
- Website
- Email

*'Felt very emotional seeing him actually taking part in something with so much enthusiasm as it really was a first'*

*'When searching desperately for support and help groups, yours was the one that was out there. With very welcoming members I feel very blessed. Will done ladies, life is a hard enough job let alone going up your time and love for such a good cause.'*



## TRAINING AND CONFERENCES

**TOPICS FOR PARENTS AND PROFESSIONALS INCLUDE:**

- Understanding Autism
- Autistic Girls
- Sleep
- Sensory
- Understanding ADHD
- Anxiety
- Puberty Talks
- Navigating the SEND World
- Anger and Conflict
- Teenage Brain
- EHCP
- ... and many more

*'As a professional, despite having some knowledge on these subjects, I always feel empowered after attending your workshops'*



## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**

- Animal Encounters
- Family Quizzes
- Cooking Sessions
- 1:1 Therapeutic Sessions
- Art and Pottery Sessions
- Trampoline sessions
- Mindfulness
- Under 5's sensory play session
- Accredited water sports courses
- Doughnutting
- Accredited Climbing
- Internet Safety
- Driving lessons for teens
- Karate
- Van Hage - Ice Skating
- ... and many more



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