

# So November is over.....

Our new behaviour support plans are winging their way to you to discuss and sign. We're trying a new format and we're keen to know what you think.

The dojo points are proving popular with the children. We still have a zero tolerance on violence. The children felt this was still a reason to lose your golden time as it infringes on the rights of others.

Again, we're termly "benchmarking" the children in their reading attainment and almost everyone is making improvements on their previous scores. Our aim is to close the gaps in learning that existed with some of our pupils due to lessons they've missed out on in the past. Some of our new recruits are already reading skinny novels.

More good news! We got our Eco Flag renewed again. The Board were pleased with our application showing we are still committed to our environmental work.

The "forces" science project is now over and our new project is an RE faith study on how other religious communities celebrate "Festivals of Light" e.g. Hanukkah, Diwali and Christmas.

Our Scouts, amongst other adventures, were out cooking marshmallows over a campfire in the playground campsite. Thanks to Mrs Dickinson, everyone in Pentland is a fire safety expert. She organises the firefighters to visit each year on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November. This year the lads were outside using the hose on the fire engine. The staff cars were lovely and clean!

We've had lots of visits and courses this month as we are in the fortunate position of having staff to cover classes. Staff have been visiting mainstreams and the literacy base. Every day is a school day!

We're only a week into December and already we've had our Christmas lunch, pupils visiting their mainstream school as a potential move back, The Rocks basketball team visiting and a visit to the Science Centre. Never a dull moment!

Take care

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