Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Year 2 have been learning about minibeasts, especially peppered moths and their habitats. They all searched for them in the environmental garden.







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Earrings

Please remember that your child should not come to school with earrings in on the days they have PE. If they do have them in, they must be able to remove them themselves.

Y4 Saxon Workshop

If you have not already done so, please give your consent and pay on Scopay for the Y4 Saxon workshop. Thank you.

Headteacher's Letter

Good morning, welcome to October. I have to say that September has felt a very long month with us all working flat out.

I sent a message out to you earlier this week to remind you of the need to socially distance whilst dropping off and collecting children from school. We now have confirmed cases of Covid19 in our school community which means we mustn't be complacent. We all have an important role to play in helping schools to remain open. With this information in mind, parents should give careful consideration regarding whether to wear a face-covering when dropping off and collecting children.

It is vitally important that you and your family continue to follow guidance on social distancing for everyone in the UK as this enables the measures that the school have put in place to be as effective as possible in addressing the challenges presented by coronavirus. We can all help to control coronavirus if we all stay alert. This means:

- stay at home as much as possible
- limit contact with other people
- keep your distance if you go out (2 metres apart where possible)
- wash your hands regularly.

Unfortunately, despite recent relaxation of social distancing measures, this still means that some traditional child activities, such as sleepovers should be avoided. I acknowledge that this is really hard for children, but is an important part of your role in reducing transmission. Parents should also be mindful about bubble mixing in out of school clubs/childcare.

It is also important that people should avoid sharing a private vehicle with members of another household as you will not be able to keep to strict social distancing guidelines. Please consider walking, cycling or using your own vehicle if you can and follow Coronavirus (COVID-19): safer travel guidance for passengers if using public transport or a private vehicle.

You should try not to share a vehicle with those outside your household or support bubble. If you need to do this, try to:

- share the transport with the same people each time
- keep to small groups of people at any one time
- open windows for ventilation
- travel side by side or behind other people, rather than facing them, where seating arrangements allow
- face away from each other
- consider seating arrangements to maximise distance between people in the vehicle
- clean your car between journeys using standard cleaning products make sure you clean door handles and other areas that people may touch
- ask the driver and passengers to wear a face-covering.

Inside school, we continue with our planned curriculum, children continue to be happy and are keen to learn new things. Children have contributed to bright, stimulating displays around the school which we will try and share in the newsletter with you. A big well done to this week's Golden Book winners - watching the live assembly and praising our worthy winners is now a highlight of our week.

Over the next day or so, parents will be receiving personal emails directly from teachers with a quick update on how your child has settled into their new class. Do call the school if you have difficulty accessing this.

We are also issuing our full home learning contingency plan, instructions on what to do as well as our full policy. All information will also be available on our website.

We will be doing COVID safe school photos next week. Children will have photos taken

in their school uniform either on Wednesday or Thursday of next week. Children who have PE on those days should continue as normal in their PE kits and will have their photo taken on the day they are wearing school uniform.

I have been meeting with our catering company and staff this week to address our school meal offer. We will be making tweaks to the menu, increasing portion size for those requesting it, and reviewing the dessert offer. Senior staff monitor food waste on a daily basis and what we can confirm is that what we as adults think is a wonderful meal is not always received in the same way by children! Do feel free to send in any feedback - although with all staff supervising lunchtime each day, teachers are able to feedback directly on the day from the classrooms/dining hall.

Please can I ask parents to help us out by remembering to order a meal. This week we've had numerous cases of children with no meal ordered for them and no packed lunch provided (we will, of course, always ensure every child eats, but this causes delays whilst extra meals are prepared and we investigate whether a lunch has been provided, but lost or eaten at playtime!)

Wishing you a good weekend, keep safe and well.

Kathryn Krynicki Headteacher







GOLDEN BOOK

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N SQUIRRELS William Clements for great number work.	3 ELM Eleanor Currid for always working hard in Maths to set her work out neatly.			
R BEECH Jay Doyle for a fabulous frog picture.	3 MAPLE George Gray for learning how to use inverted commas in his writing.			
R HAZEL Bethany Hills for a beautiful picture of a place	4 ALDER Ellen Grimshaw for writing a wonderful,			

4 LARCH

5 CHERRY

5 WILLOW



Uzair Zaman for an amazing retelling of the Aliona Cottrell for an excellent poem about Funnybones story.

that makes her feel happy. (see below)

1 OAK

Nicole Gelsthorpe for her portrait of Emily Brown. (see below)

1 PINE

Ada Clough for an excellent story.

glimering night

2 HAWTHORN

Austin Jones for brilliant work on place value in Maths, including excellent reasoning and problem solving.

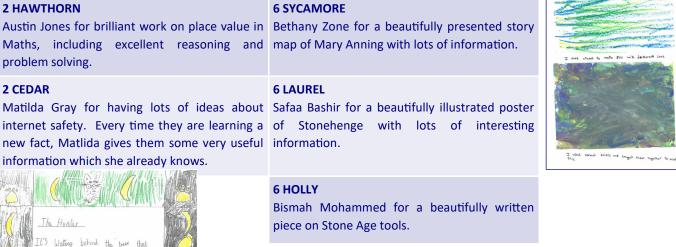
2 CEDAR











descriptive poem about a wolf using similes and

Joe Spencer for great work on different water

Megan Cantillon for her work on water

personifications. (see below)

wolves called The Hunter.

techniques in Art. (see right)

techniques in Monet's art.





Well done everyone - new Spelling Shed Certificates are given to all our top spellers each week. Keep practicing!

	EYFS/KS 1	Lower KS2	Upper KS2	Class
1st	Iman Ahmad	Mujtaba Ahmed	Emelia Parvin	5 Maple 275,831,662
2nd	Munis Zahid	Sadiqah-Noor Mehmood	Charlotte Robinson	3 Maple 258,986,884
3rd	Immy Fitch	Zain Bashir	Lalla-Salma Ayouche	2 Cedar 98,825,176



Times Tables Rock Stars Awards!

Rock Hero Status has been awarded to:

	Lower KS2	Upper KS2
1st	Amina Azeem	Emily Povey
2nd	Annabelle Whyman-Taylor	Leni Thongtan
3rd	Finlay Boulby	Nico Regueiro Russell

And top of the Classes Leader Board are

1st Place: Larch Class

2nd Place: Alder Class3rd Place: Cherry Class

Keep up the great work everyone!

https://play.ttrockstars.com/ttrs/online



DIARY DATES

Wed 7 & Thu 8 Oct: School Photographer for individual photos

Fri 9 Oct: Harvest Festival - foodbank donations welcomed

Tue 13 & Wed 14 Oct: YN-3 Perform Drama Workshops

Thu 15 Oct: Y4 Saxons Day

Thu 22 Oct: Y5 Wonderdome

Mobile Planetarium

24 Oct - 1 Nov: HALF TERM

Mon 2 Nov: INSET Day

Thu 17 Dec: School finishes at

1:30pm

Fri 18 Dec - 3 Jan: Christmas

Holiday

Mon 4 Jan: INSET Day

Tue 9 Feb: Y6 Greeks Day

13 - 21 Feb: HALF TERM

Thu 1 Apr: School finishes at

1:30pm

2 - 18 Apr: Easter Holiday

Tue 11 May: Y5 Vikings Day

29 May - 6 Jun: HALF TERM

Mon 7 Jun: INSET Day

Tue 22 Jun: Leavers' Cathedral

at Guildford Cathedral

Wed 21 Jul: School finishes at

1:30pm

Perform Drama

We are pleased to welcome Perform into school soon for drama workshops with Years R-3

They are offering all our children an introductory free class which can be booked at this link:

https://www.perform.org.uk/ free-drama-class

They are also delighted to offer any of our children a £40 discount should they decide to sign up.

Is your child in year 6?

If so, you need to apply online for a secondary school place by **31 October 2020.** Applying on time gives you a better chance of getting one of your preferred schools.

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or you can call us on 0300 200 1004.







A free virtual festival - <u>Festival of the Girl</u> is launching on Sunday **11th October** (International Day of the Girl).

It is a fun, engaging and safe environment for girls and their families to explore key topics, from body positivity and mental health to feminism and careers. Although it is aimed at girls aged 7 - 11, it is open to everyone including teachers, parents, grandparents, carers, and boys. It aims to help attendees see beyond gender stereotypes and encourages girls to be confident in creating the future they want.

Centred on the theme of 'Future change makers', this year's festival includes a diverse range of speakers, collaborators and interactive online sessions. Speakers and collaborators include Olympic Trampolinist Bryony Page; Gemma Tutton from Our Streets Now; Boxer Stacey Copeland; Taylor Wimpey Homes; and the British Army, to name just a few. Carefully created videos include Festival of the Girl bootcamp, tips and tricks on building confidence, careers in STEM, 'being a change maker', and many more. See the line-up and sign up here.

Food Allergies

We are aware that some foods such as nuts, gluten, eggs and dairy may cause food intolerances or alleraic reactions.

Please ask a member of the Catering Team if you would like to know what allergens our food contains.

At present, our suppliers cannot guarantee that all products supplied are nut free as products may be produced in premises where nuts are present.

For further information regarding the allergens contained in our standard primary school menu please visit https://itstwelve15.co.uk/allergies

Twelve 15 will make provision, wherever possible, for religious, ethical and medically prescribed diets. A special diet request form is available from the school office and must be completed and approved prior to the provision of a special diet. This will ensure that individual dietary requirements are catered for correctly.



