

Headteacher's Letter

Photos

Our school photographer is coming back on **Monday 9th November** to take individual photos of children in Yrs 2 & 4 who were at home isolating. We will also try to photograph anyone who was away when he was last in.

Proofs of photographs already taken will come home with children today.

School Lunches

The menu for next half term is now live on Scopay for you to book your child's meals.

Good morning, we have made it to half term! This week we have enjoyed a relatively drama-free week (I do hope I'm not speaking too soon), but this half term has certainly been like no other. I wanted to publicly thank the staff at the school who have had to adapt all of their working practices. They have constantly had to learn new systems, routines and technologies against a backdrop of ever-changing guidance, whilst trying to juggle the challenges of home life themselves during this pandemic. I am grateful to staff for their commitment to completely rewriting curriculum plans for every single lesson. Teaching is our bread and butter and is our craft for which we have trained long and hard. What we never anticipated were the challenges of trying to teach a class of mixed-ability children with some in school and some at home. Nevertheless, we have tried hard and as this pandemic continues, I am sure we will continue to improve and re-evaluate our teaching and learning.

My thanks also to parents for their understanding and support of the school. One of our biggest challenges has been parental communication. We really do miss being able to have a short conversation with you at the school door and we are trying to work our way around this as best we can. I have to say though that those of you who are new to our school have done amazingly well, particularly the children in Reception classes who have taken to school like ducks to water.

Going into the winter months, when the weather is colder, we are keen to review our school drop off to make it as seamless as possible whilst maintaining social distancing and avoiding bubble mixing etc. From 3rd November, we would like to try the following.

Year Groups	School start time (drop off from 10 minutes before please)	Procedure in the morning
1 & 2	8:30 am	Straight in (no need to line up)
3 & 4	8:40 am	Straight in (no need to line up)
5 & 6	8:50 am	There may be some lining up required. If everyone else is on time, then children will be able to go straight in.

Mrs Murray will write to parents in Reception about their drop off / start times.

Please note the times in the table above are teaching start times. Teachers are in classrooms with work ready to go so we are very keen for children to be in on time. We open gates 10 minutes before the start time to allow for the flow of children. We will try our best not to keep parents and children waiting in the cold. Unfortunately, we just can't find a way of making pick up any easier due to safeguarding requirements, so arrangements will need to remain as they are, although we have this running fairly slickly now.

Whilst I am talking about drop off and pick up, can I remind parents of the need to be respectful to the school's neighbours. I had a very irate neighbour who was most unhappy about the fact that a parent had blocked their driveway and then when asked to move, they were verbally abusive. This behaviour is not acceptable, particularly in front of our school children. It would help my workload greatly if parents could remember this.

On to happier events, Year 5 had a fabulous planetarium visit at the school this

week to support their learning and today Year 3 are looking fabulous in their Roman and Celt costumes as they prepare to 'battle' as part of their learning in history. Thank you as always to parents for providing costumes.

This year, under government guidance, we are unable to do school tours for prospective parents so we have been busy putting together video clips to post on our website due for release after half term. Do have a look yourselves if you get the chance as there are some fabulous photos of your children which show what we get up to behind the closed doors here at Pyrford. I am sure that after the lockdown period this year, you must think we complete worksheets every minute of every day, but I can assure you that we don't. So please do take a look.

We held our first 'bingo' session after school this week which was hugely successful. Our Treetops team appreciate that the need for childcare for working parents is not in as much demand and whilst we can't run school clubs, we are looking at running different themed sessions during Treetops when children can stay until 6pm, have tea and take part in whatever is going on. Please keep an eye out for information next half term for planned events.

I hope you have an enjoyable half-term or at least get off the school run treadmill! We look forward to welcoming children back on Tuesday 3rd November

Best wishes.

Kathryn Krynicki
Headteacher



Ghosts of the mountains

A silent shadow lurking everywhere you go,
 Driest emerald eyes watching you, stalking you,
 You don't ~~know~~ notice me, but I notice you,
 I'll rip your flesh out and keep you to my young ones,
 I may be shy, but I can still fight,
 You are my prey and I'm your predator,
 I leap from scree to scree,
 Prepare for your end,
 I pounce, claws ready to dig in,
 But what is this?
 You manage to escape,
 But will you be as lucky next time?



Aiza's poem

Celtic warrior and Roman soldier Comparison Worksheet



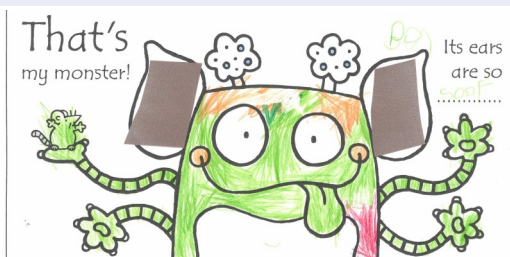
Ellie's excellent labelling

GOLDEN BOOK

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GOLDEN BOOK WINNERS THIS WEEK



N SQUIRRELS Audrey Jessop for drawing great pictures (see below).	3 ELM Henry Deighton for working really hard in Year 3 this term.
R BEECH Belle Currid for excellent phonics! She used robot talk to sound out the words and then found the correct letters to make the words. Great job Belle!	3 MAPLE Ellie Rowlands for labelling a Roman and Celt uniform so well! (see previous page)
R HAZEL Ben Williams for doing a great job describing his monster's ears and writing independently (see below).	4 ALDER Bo Burden for creating a delicious chocolate bread roll in DT and creating a wonderful shape with her dough (see below).
1 CHESTNUT Mitzi Schifano for a wonderful retelling of Emily Brown.	4 LARCH Esmé Duffy for being an amazing learner at all times! She always works really hard and thinks about her learning.
1 OAK Joshua Udemezue for setting a wonderful example and always trying his best. So enthusiastic to come and do all the star jobs.	5 CHERRY Caspar Woods for working hard on 'The Big Ambush' in his best writing book and 'Time Zones' in his topic book.
1 PINE Henry Westcott for a great seasons wheel.	5 WILLOW Emily Povey for successfully using all the devices they have practised in class to create her own ending to the story. She worked so hard and it paid off!
2 HAWTHORN Evie Collomosse for wonderful descriptive writing about Antarctica.	6 SYCAMORE Aiza Asif for producing some lovely poetry 'Deep in the Water' and 'Ghosts of the Mountains' in English (see previous page).
2 CEDAR Zaynab Hussain for a fantastic, descriptive diary entry about Antarctica written by the snail in The Snail and the Whale by Julia Donaldson.	6 HOLLY Wafa Zaynab for a fantastic poem about the Snow Leopard - inspired by Philip Gross and full of excellent vocabulary.
6 LAUREL Fallak Zaib for a fantastic information booklet on hillforts in Topic.	



Ben's monster

Bo's delicious chocolate roll



Audrey's picture





	EYFS/KS 1	Lower KS2	Upper KS2	Class
1st	Austin Jones	Amina Azeem	Emelia Parvin	2 Hawthorn 161,211,939
2nd	Iman Ahmad	Mujtaba Ahmed	Emilie Moser	5 Cherry 63,381,887
3rd	Immy Fitch	Eshal Abdullah	Jack Hannell	5 Willow 57,405,728

Times Tables Rock Stars Awards!

Rock Hero Status has been awarded to:

	Lower KS2	Upper KS2
1st	Amina Azeem	Alex Krynicki
2nd	Annabelle Whyman-Taylor	Aaron Gay
3rd	Olive Symes	Cameron Blacker



And top of the Classes Leader Board are

1st Place: Willow Class

2nd Place: Alder Class

3rd Place: Larch Class



DIARY DATES

24 Oct - 1 Nov: HALF TERM

Mon 2 Nov: INSET Day

Mon 9 Nov: School Photographer for Y2 & Y4

Tue 1 Dec: Wizard of Oz pantomime (Yrs 1 - 6)

Tue 8 - Fri 11 Dec: Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day

♦ Tue: Yrs 1 & 2

♦ Wed: Yrs N & R

♦ Thu: Yrs 3 & 4

♦ Fri: Yrs 5 & 6

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' Service at Guildford Cathedral

Wed 21 Jul: School finishes at 1:30pm



Week commencing: 2/11/2020





In assembly this week,
we are thinking about
Building others up
And how we can encourage our
friends to do their best.



Bingo night at Treetops

It was all Bin-going on last night at Treetops and it was certainly a 'full house' as the children enjoyed an evening of Bingo fun

A good time was had by all and there were plenty of prize winners!!

Congratulations to all our prize winners!!

Eloise Bradshaw

Henry Hope

Jared Efedje

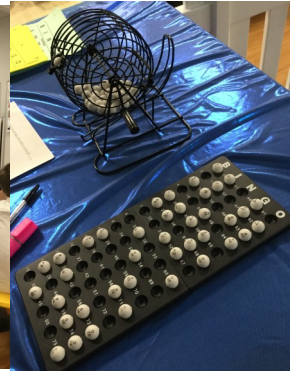
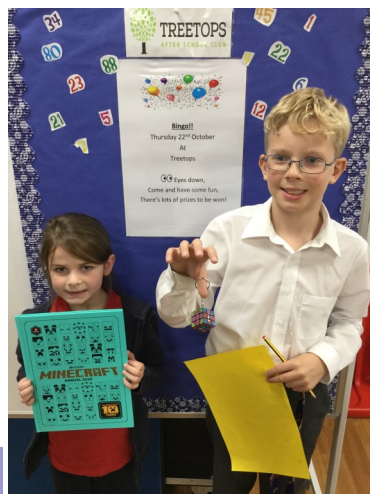
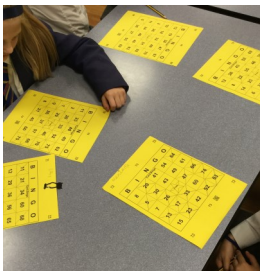
Kendall Goodrich

Evan Phillips

Holly Hope

Holly Ellender

Watch this space for more exciting events coming to Treetops.





Cards

Children's Design Project 2020 Raising Money For Our School



Gift Tags

Take part in our **Autumn Fundraiser** by getting your child's drawing or painting professionally printed

The children have been busy creating their designs in class this week which they will be bringing home, along with an Order Form at half term. They are of course welcome to create an alternative or even an additional design during the half term break. Use 1 x Order Form per design

Email fppsevents@gmail.com if additional order forms are required and we will arrange for another form to come home

There are a range of products to choose from, including: **Cards** (for Christmas or an alternative celebration e.g. Eid, Diwali), **Gift Tags**, **Wrapping Paper** and **Gift Mugs**, all of which can include your child's name as the designer

	Price	Money Raised For School
Pack of 12 Cards	£5.50	£1.00
Wrapping Paper (2 x Sheets of A1 Wrapping Paper & Matching Gift Tags)	£5.00	£1.00
Gift Labels	£2.50	£0.50
Mug(s)	£6.50	£1.50
Value Pack (2 x Packs of Cards & 1 x Pack of Gift Labels)	£10.00	£2.00
Bumper Pack (2 x Packs of Cards, 2 x Packs of Gift Labels & 4 x Sheets of A1 Wrapping Paper)	£20.00	£3.00

All orders and payment must be made online using the unique code located at the top of your order form.

Please refer to your order form for further instructions

Mugs



Once you have placed your order attach the artwork to the order form with the arrow on the form circled indicating the top of the work. All artwork for orders placed must be returned to school via your child / class by **Wednesday 4th November**. Orders will be delivered at the beginning of December

CLOSING DATE 31ST OCTOBER

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**.

