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# Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Year 4 are back ... and they've gone back to  
Saxon times!

  
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## Headteacher's Letter

### CONSENTS

It is vitally important that you complete consent for workshops and activities. Please make sure you have done so for yesterday's Year 4 workshop and for next week's Year 5 Mobile Planetarium visit.

Good morning. It is lovely to have everyone back!

This week Year 2 joined us again on Tuesday and Year 4 on Thursday. It is always lovely to have a full school which is buzzing with children and adults. My huge thanks to parents for your understanding during this extremely challenging time. Having spoken to many of you personally, all of you who have different home demands and situations, I think you've done a great job of supporting your children as best as you can. Unfortunately, it looks like bubble closure is becoming more of the norm for us all now as cases continue to rise. A few have asked again about a circuit breaker two week half term which Northern Ireland have now implemented. I attend national meetings on a regular basis with leaders who meet directly with ministers and, at the time of writing, this has still not been put on the table for schools in England, but decisions seem to move at pace within Government. I will keep you posted should I get any confirmation that the situation is changing. We are expecting to have half term from Monday 26 October-Friday 30 October and in addition to this, there is a planned INSET day for Monday 2 November. Pupils should return to school on Tuesday 3 November.

Children in different year groups have enjoyed the Perform drama workshops which we held this week. There was great enjoyment as the different aged children (YN-Y3) participated in the fun, Covid secure socially distanced workshops. Year 4 also had a welcome return yesterday with their Saxon's day activities.

As we head towards the second half of term, we are thinking about our Christmas activities. Obviously we are bound by government guidelines around Covid but we are determined to give the children something to look forward to. We are currently getting our heads around what we can do to make Christmas time special in school. I may be coming back to you for some fundraising ideas to help us fund some of our planned activities. As you can imagine, the school is hugely impacted in respect of available funding due to loss of income for lettings and our childcare is, like all businesses in the current situation, faced with increasing costs.

We have had our DfE allocation of 9 devices sent this week and have now set these up ready for use both in school and as loan items should they be required for any isolating children who do not have access. Hopefully these, coupled with the large purchase of chrome books which the school and PTA are funding, will provide much-needed technology both within the school and at home. I appreciate it was very tricky last week for parents who had children in both years 2 and 4 home learning at the same time and both requiring devices to access and complete work.

Finally, thank you for your generous harvest donations last week. The majority of this food has gone to the Woking food bank and some has been distributed within our school community. Your donations are appreciated.

At the end of this half term, we will have completed our gap analysis of every child's learning. Teachers have already been adapting curriculum planning and have built in re-cap and reflection sessions into lessons. Children have been increasing their stamina for learning in the classroom during this half term and teachers have focussed particularly on stamina for writing, which was identified as an issue across the entire school. It is an intense day for all the children and adults in school so a break will be welcomed I'm sure. Teachers will feedback to every parent about their child via video conferencing. We will send out details nearer the time.

Wishing you a good weekend.

Kathryn Krynicki  
Headteacher

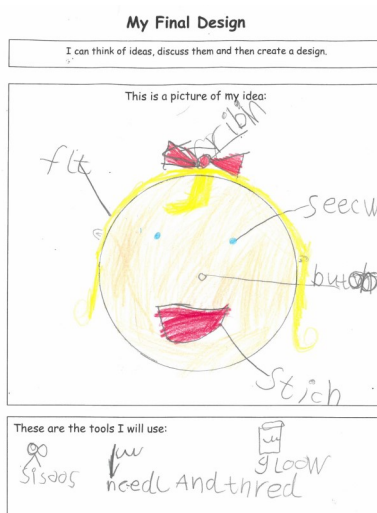
# GOLDEN BOOK

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GOLDEN BOOK WINNERS THIS WEEK

<b>N SQUIRRELS</b> Rachel Poole for talking about her birthday with her friends.	<b>3 ELM</b> Liyana Hussain for a brilliant re-telling of the 'Romulus & Remus' story.
<b>R BEECH</b> Sophie Cooper for a lovely harvest prayer.	<b>3 MAPLE</b> Eliana Hutchinson for a beautifully illustrated picture of a hill fort with informative labelling.
<b>R HAZEL</b> Nova Drummond for carefully drawing her favourite fruit and veg. She was able to tell the class what they were.	<b>4 ALDER</b> <i>We hope to share good work next week.</i>
<b>1 CHESTNUT</b> Tillie Carpenter for an amazing fabric face and for being so helpful this week (see below).	<b>4 LARCH</b> <i>We hope to share good work next week.</i>
<b>1 OAK</b> Alana Foote for a brilliant design for a fabric face. She has thought carefully about what she will use to make it (see below).	<b>5 CHERRY</b> Louie Lorch for a fantastic descriptive setting.
<b>1 PINE</b> Subhaan Zaman for a fantastic fabric face with different techniques (see below).	<b>5 WILLOW</b> Alice Mayman-Palmer for a beautifully written description of walking through a forest.
<b>2 HAWTHORN &amp; 2 CEDAR</b> Everyone for fantastic home learning. The teachers were so pleased with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>their interesting fact files on moths and sea creatures</li> <li>eye catching beach safety posters</li> <li>informative frog lifecycles</li> <li>imaginative acrostic poems about the harvest</li> <li>accurate maths work including number bonds to 100</li> <li>brilliant circle time on Zoom</li> </ul>	<b>6 SYCAMORE</b> Kiki Schifano for writing a fantastic newspaper report on the discovery of a huge dinosaur bone. She has a real flair for writing.
	<b>6 HOLLY</b> Kelsey Freeman for a great report about animal adaptation. She detailed camels and penguins, but also added in her own ideas on foxes and salamanders.
	<b>6 LAUREL</b> Celianne Lorvo for being an expert on all things related to ICT! She is the new Mr Ferris.



Tillie



Alana's design



Subhaan

## DIARY DATES

**Thu 22 Oct:** Y5 Wonderdome  
Mobile Planetarium

**Fri 23 Oct:** Y3 Romans & Celts  
Day

**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' Service at  
Guildford Cathedral

**Wed 21 Jul:** School finishes at  
1:30pm



	EYFS/KS 1	Lower KS2	Upper KS2	Class
1st	Iman Ahmed	Mujtaba Ahmed	Emelia Parvin	3 Maple 180,197,128
2nd	Naksh Agrawal	Sadiqah-Noor Mehmood	Emilie Moser	2 Hawthorn 91,166,036
3rd	William Carpenter	Zain Bashir	William Burnett	5 Willow 85,656,040

Times Tables Rock Stars Awards!

Rock Hero Status has been awarded to:

	Lower KS2	Upper KS2
1st	Amina Azeem	Fallak Zaib
2nd	Finlay Boulby	Aila Zaman
3rd	Mussa Rahman	Harrison Barnes



And top of the Classes Leader  
Board are

**1st Place: Larch Class**

2nd Place: Maple Class

3rd Place: Elm Class

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



Week commencing: 19/10/20



In assembly this week,  
we are thinking about  
**Our Creator**  
and how we have been  
wonderfully made!





## Perform Drama Workshops



We were very pleased to receive a visit from Perform on Tuesday and Wednesday. The children in Years N-2 had a wonderful time exploring the theme of [Fairytales & Fables](#) and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills.

To complement the workshop, there is a free educational app for iPhones and iPads based around the theme of *Fairytales & Fables*. It contains fun games, creative tasks and videos of the themed songs and dances. Click [here](#) to download it free or [here](#) to find out more about the *Fairytales & Fables* theme.

Perform run regular weekly classes in the local area and they are offering a **special introductory discount** to all parents of Pyrford Primary School if they come along for a free trial session before Tuesday 3rd November.

To claim your discount, just call Perform on 020 7255 9120 quoting **PCOV031120** or book online at [perform.org.uk](http://perform.org.uk).

## 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](http://surreycc.gov.uk/admissions) or you can call us on **0300 200 1004**.

