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Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter



Social Media Highlights

Year 2 were visited by Dr Metcalfe who shared his wealth of knowledge and colony of woodlice. The children were fascinated when exploring the woodlice through magnifying glasses and enjoyed learning lots of interesting facts. Thank you so much to Dr M for visiting us once again!



In nursery, we have been learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. The children have enjoyed participating in a range of caterpillar and butterfly activities. We cannot wait for our cocoons to hatch.



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Year 6 have been engineers for the day, coding and constructing models out of Lego. We explored how to make them move using sensors, motors, CAMs and experimented with coding sound, light and speed changes. It was a fantastic day for everyone so thanks to Nick from JuniorSTEM Lego.



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Head's Letter

Good morning and welcome to this week's newsletter. The weeks seem to be racing by now and we are rapidly approaching the end of term.

Hopefully you received my communication this week regarding the upcoming school strikes, where I confirmed that Pyrford would be fully open to all pupils. We will inform you if there are any changes to the day or any planned events involving other schools as soon as we receive any communication, which again may well be on the actual day.

As promised, I am pleased to share details of our new Head of School joining us. Mr Peter Wright will be joining the school as our Interim Head of School for the year. I have worked closely with Mr Wright over the last couple of years in different roles. Mr Wright comes to us from Boxgrove Primary School where he has undertaken a leadership role for a number of years and most recently where he has been covering a maternity leave headship at Onslow Infants School. Mr Wright is excited to be working at Pyrford and is very keen to get to know you all. He has a young family and is married to a deputy headteacher, so understands the pressures of working in a school whilst juggling family life. He is very much looking forward to meeting you when he starts with us. Mr Wright will work with us full time and I will continue to work in Pyrford on Mondays and Wednesdays. During the rest of the week, I work as the Director of Education for Learning Partners MAT.

I would like to give the PTA a great big shout out this week. They work tirelessly to support the school, raising funds for things which the DfE just doesn't fund. Without the money raised, we wouldn't be able to have our minibus, play equipment or brass lessons to name but a few things. Thanks to each and everyone one of you who support school events whether it be with your time or financial contributions. Your support makes a real difference to the opportunities we are able to offer our children.

We welcomed our new Reception children into school this week which was wonderful. There were lots of smiling faces, all keen to start school. At the same time, our year 6 pupils spent time visiting their new schools too.

This week and next, the children are busy prepping things for the upcoming Pyrford and Wisley Village Show, which will be held on the cricket field on the 8th July. The PTA will be there raising funds by selling refreshments from the cricket pavilion as well as running a bottle tombola. Please do stop by to say hello to us, or if you have time, please sign up via the class slottr doing the rounds. All of the children's contributions will be displayed in the marquees and prizes awarded on the day.

As always, it is extremely busy at the moment, so do keep checking the school newsletter for dates etc. With regards to uniform, we want children to be comfortable. Children in KS2 do not have to wear a tie or blazer during warmer weather for the remainder of this term. We leave it to you as parents to make this decision. As a school, we will write to you if there are any changes or requirements due to specific events.

Wishing you a good weekend and good luck to our swimmers who are competing tomorrow evening!

Kathryn Krynicki
Executive Headteacher



Congratulations!!! Fantastic work!

We are very pleased to tell you that you and your Eco-Committee at Pyrford Primary School have been successful in meeting the requirements for the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award.

We reviewed your application and noted the following:

It's great to read that your Year 6 committee member has been appointed as Secretary and given the responsibility for keeping minutes. This shows how you are empowering and supporting your young people to develop brilliant communication skills and fostering a sense of ownership of their work. We love the inclusive approach you've taken to setting your Eco-Committee. This sets a positive and encouraging tone for your work, which supports a collaborative and community-ethos.

It's brilliant to read that the Environmental Review helped your pupils appreciate everything that your school is already doing to benefit our environment and identify areas to work on in the future. Moreover, Your Eco-Committee didn't let any tricky questions on the Environmental Review defeat them, instead they proactively sought input from a multitude of school stakeholders, which demonstrates their resilience and team ethos. We loved that your Action Plan goals were led by both your review findings and, pragmatically, what was most achievable for your school. Moreover, the energy and litter reduction initiatives outlined in your Action Plan are testament to how your Eco-Committee has carefully considered how it can involve the whole school in its activities to raise awareness and achieve maximum impact.

The three curriculum examples provided are a great example of environmental education. They are practical and fun examples of eco-education with a real-life context that will engage young people. It is fantastic to read that Eco-Schools and environmental issues have become an embedded part of your learning, and from the examples provided it's also clear that staff members have used this environmental focus to enrich learning in your school. You have made fantastic efforts to involve all pupils and your wider school community, maximising the impacts of your Eco-Schools work and benefitting your local area and our planet. Your Eco-Committee's charitable work with the local playgroup and The Church of the Good Shepherd are brilliant examples of this. Well done!

We hope all staff members involved in your Eco-Schools work take immense amounts of pride from the parental quote uploaded. Your hard work and dedication has inspired young people and empowered them with the belief that they can positively impact our planet – this is something incredibly special. Thank you for submitting an excellent application. We have loved reading about your journey this year and are impressed by how you have overcome time constraints to achieve all that you have. **It gives us great pleasure to award you an Eco-Schools Green Flag with Distinction– congratulations!**



To save the
environment, why
not....

Take a timer to the bathroom and time yourself having a shower. Can you make it one minute shorter?



Monday 3rd July

Bring a children's book to the practical room at drop off and take a book home from the junior playground after school.

Last Thursday, Year 2 had a fantastic time at The Look Out Discovery Centre in Bracknell. They enjoyed exploring the hands-on Science and hunting for minibeasts in the woodlands.



GOLDEN BOOK

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GOLDEN BOOK WINNERS THIS WEEK

N SQUIRRELS

Edith Gray, Roman Borovskyi & Salsabeel Mushtaq. We have created space collages for the Pyrford & Wisley Village Show. The children could choose which resources to use and they really concentrated as they made their pictures, which look great. Well done!

R BEECH

Sebastian McArthur for amazing writing about the hungry caterpillar. Sebastian was determined to write the whole story and was very proud that he wrote 2 pages!

R HAZEL

Zachary Beattie for excelling himself this week by doing lots of fantastic writing. He remembered the story, wrote it all down and wasn't going to stop until it was all done. Well done Zachary!

1 OAK

Elliot Pribyl for being a wonderful scientist. He always offers his clever ideas and teaches us lots of new things. He really impressed us this week with his knowledge of the different animal groups.

1 PINE

All of Pine Class. They were fantastic on our trip to Merrist Wood and loved feeding the farm animals. Some people even held a snake!



2 CEDAR

Hasan Ali for working incredibly hard in English this half term. In his recount of our trip to The Look Out Centre, Hasan focussed his efforts on writing more and improving his handwriting, making huge progress. Well done Hasan!

2 HAWTHORN

Haleema Pazir. In RE, we have been learning about Christianity and what we might find in a church. Haleema has created a beautiful stained glass window. Well done Haleema!



3 ELM

Subhaan Zaman. In Elm, we have been learning about edible gardens and how ingredients complement each other. Subhaan had to think carefully about creating his own muffin - which was surprisingly tricky as it had to be a savoury one. He worked well helping measure out the ingredients too - utilising his Maths skills (kg and ml). Well done Chef Subhaan!

3 JUNIPER

Radley Westen. This week we have started learning about the ancient Egyptians. Radley produced a lovely series of maps which show the location of Egypt and highlight the key features along the River Nile. Great work Radley!

3 MAPLE

Isaac Hutchinson for working well throughout our DT unit, the edible garden. He has identified and tasted different herbs; learnt about chopping tomatoes and combining these with herbs to make bruschetta; and designing and making a savoury muffin. Unfortunately the muffin was not as tasty as he had hoped!

4 ALDER

Austin Jones for being a Maths star. All year Austin has shown us his excellent skills and knowledge and has really enjoyed completing the extra challenges. Keep up the great work Austin!

4 LARCH

Aahil Zafar for his excellent achievement in Maths all year. Every lesson he impresses us with his understanding and pace. He learns new concepts easily and applies his knowledge when he completes the daily challenges. Well done Aahil!

5 ROWAN

Mujtaba Ahmed for the brilliant timeline he created to show the achievements of Sir Tim Berners-Lee. Mujtaba showed great interest when we were learning about Sir Tim as part of our remarkable person in history lesson. He used his notes to present a clear and well organised timeline. Great work Mujtaba!

5 WILLOW

Liyana Hussain for the incredible timeline she created to demonstrate the achievements of Sir Tim Berners-Lee. We had the opportunity of learning about Sir Tim in our remarkable person in history morning. Liyana was inquisitive and loved deepening her understanding of the World Wide Web. She presented her work brilliantly. Well done Liyana!

6 HOLLY

Saifan Ahmad and Luqman Zaib for their enthusiasm and teamwork during our Junior STEM Lego Workshop, when they were making and programming models using Bluetooth electrical circuits, motors and sensors. They were really engaged and creative with their ideas. Well done Saifan and Luqman!

6 LAUREL

Oliver Roberts for his lovely story chapter from our *Rooftoppers* book in English. Oliver worked hard remembering to up-level his punctuation and to include dialogue in the narrative. Oliver has settled in so well, having joined Pyrford in May this year. Well done Oliver, keep up the great work.

PYRFORD C OF E PRIMARY

Keystage 2 Sports Day

When: TUESDAY 4th JULY

Years 3 and 4- 8.45am

Years 5 and 6- 10.30am

WHERE: THE SCHOOL FIELD

Please exit the school premises after dropping your child to school and come to cricket field gate at the side of the school field at the start of your child's event. This will be the only entrance open.

Order of events

Year 3/5	Year 4/6
long distance races	
throw/jump	wacky races
jump/throw	sprint
wacky races	throw/jump
sprint	jump/throw
house team shuttle run	

Remember:
PE kit with house colour t-shirt,
sun cream, water bottles and caps
PTA will be selling refreshments

ASHDOWN
ATHOLL
BRECON
KIELDER

PYRFORD C OF E PRIMARY

Keystage 1 and EYFS Sports Day

When: THURSDAY 6TH JULY

Years 1 and 2- 8.45am

Nursery and Reception- 10.30am

WHERE: THE SCHOOL FIELD

Please exit the school premises after dropping your child to school and come to cricket field gate at the side of the school field at the start of your child's event. This will be the only entrance open.

Order of events

Year 1	Year 2
obstacle	jump/throw
sprint	obstacle
jump/throw	sprint
year group relays	
Nursery	Reception
running races	fun field events
fun field events	running races

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PTA will be selling refreshments

SPORTS DAY - 4th & 6th July

**Refreshments will be on sale
(with the help from our volunteers)**



Soft drink cans - £1.50

Water - £1

Fruit shoots - £1

CASH ONLY

Diary Dates

Sat 1 Jul WASPS Swimming Gala @ Spectrum

Mon 3 Jul 08:45 EYFS/KS1 Awards Assembly

Mon 3 Jul Book Swap Event

Tue 4 Jul am KS2 Sports Day **08:45** Years 3 & 4;
10:30 Years 5 & 6

Wed 5 Jul 08:45 KS2 Awards Assembly

Wed 5 Jul 16:00-18:30 Rounders Tournament @
Pirbright School

Thu 6 Jul am EYFS/KS1 Sports Day **08:45** Years 1 & 2;
10:30 Nursery & Reception

Thu 6 Jul Local History Day

Thu 6 Jul 13:45 Y6 Production @ CoGS

Fri 7 Jul 15:15-15:45 Yrs 5 & 6 Friendly Friday

Mon 10 - Fri 14 Jul Y6 Residential to Osmington Bay

Fri 21 Jul Term Ends



Term Dates 2023/24

Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th September	INSET DAYS
Wednesday 6th September	Term starts for children
Friday 20th October	INSET DAY
Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October	HALF TERM
Friday 15th December	Term ends at 12:00
Wednesday 3rd January	First day of term
Monday 12th - Friday 16th February	HALF TERM
Monday 19th February	INSET DAY
Tuesday 26th March	Term ends (normal time)
Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th March	INSET DAYS
Monday 15th April	First day of term
Monday 6th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Monday 27th - Friday 31st May	HALF TERM
Tuesday 23rd July	Term ends at 12:00



OFFICE NOTES

- Please bring Breakfast Club & Treetops accounts up to date.

GARDENING CLUB UPDATE

At last week's club, we harvested radish and lettuce and gave the peas something to climb up. The gardeners also did loads of helpful watering.

This week, the gardeners built a bug hotel using pallets, sticks, pine cones, bamboo and other things they gathered in the garden. The peas are looking good and some should be ready for harvest next week.

We have 3 more sessions before the end of term, the last one being the big potato weigh in! Each gardener had one potato and a pot to look after. On 17th July we'll harvest them all - with a small prize for the single biggest potato and a separate prize for the heaviest overall crop.

We hope to run Gardening Club for the first few weeks of September so will get sowing runner beans in the next couple of week so they're hopefully ready to pick in September.



Make a Joyful Noise! (Psalm 98:4)

A week-long summer camp for boys & girls (age 7-12)

Be creative!

Singing, crafts, games, quizzes, and lots of fun at St John's Church

14th – 18th August, 10am – 4:30pm

For more information, contact – music@stjohnswestbyfleet.org.uk

LEMONADE FOR NAIA!

In Autumn, I found out my best friend Naia had kidney disease. She is now in the final stages of kidney failure and over the past few months has been in hospital. She is waiting for a kidney transplant and I want to help raise funds for her and her family by selling lemonade.

-Bella TubaSei, Year 5

THIRSTY AFTER A LONG DAY OF SCHOOL OR WORK?

Buy fresh lemonade (Sweet and delicious)

+ YUMMY COOKIES!

For £1 each CASH ONLY

Monday 3rd July

After school, on the infant and junior playgrounds



Pyrford CofE Primary School PTA at

The Tea Room

at the Pyrford & Wisley Village Show : 8th July

Cake Bake and Bottle Tombola Appeal!

Pyrford C of E Primary School are excited to be hosting the **Tea Room** and a **Bottle Tombola Stall** at the Pyrford and Wisley Village Show on Saturday 8th July and ... we need your help!

THE ASK FROM YOU:

- Early Years and Key Stage 1: Please bring **bought or homemade cakes, brownies, cookies** (*no nuts*) on the morning of **Friday 7th July** to the **Practical Room at drop off**. Dairy and gluten free options would be warmly welcomed.
 - If bringing homemade cakes, it would be helpful to have a list of ingredients also so we can manage allergen questions
- Key Stage 2: Please **bring a bottle you would like to donate** also on the morning of Friday 7th July to the Practical Room at drop off. All bottles welcome including alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, bubble bath, shampoo etc.

Thank you!

All monies raised will go towards much needed resources for the school



GIRLS FOOTBALL SUMMER HOLIDAYS WEEK 1



Monday 31st July

Tuesday 1st August



Wednesday 2nd August

Venue:- Abbey Rangers Football Club (KT15 2QH)

Times:- 8.30am – 4.00pm

Price:- £25.00 Daily / £50.00 Two day / £72.00 Three Day

Designed for girls of all abilities aged between 5yrs to 13yrs!



- ☐ Playing in a fun, challenging & safe environment
- ☐ Meeting new friends that have an interest in football
- ☐ Develop technique, speed, tactics & improve skills & confidence
- ☐ Professional FA qualified coaching
- ☐ 3G Pitch and use of clubhouse

If you would like further information or would like to book a place for your daughter to attend please kindly contact Tom on 07825 089500 or email tom@tasportscoaching.co.uk



GIRLS FOOTBALL SUMMER HOLIDAYS WEEK 2



Monday 21st August

Tuesday 22nd August



Wednesday 23rd August

Venue:- Abbey Rangers Football Club (KT15 2QH)

Times:- 8.30am – 4.00pm

Price:- £25.00 Daily / £50.00 Two Day / £72.00 Three Day

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Starts at 2pm

PYRFORD & WISLEY

VILLAGE SHOW

ON PYRFORD CRICKET GROUND

COMPANION DOG SHOW

SATURDAY 8th JULY 2023

Looking for dogs of all shapes and sizes to come along and support the event.

Entry fee £2 per class or 3 classes for £5

Entered Fee Paid

Class 1	Pedigree Junior dog or bitch		
Class 2	Pedigree veteran, (over 7 years old)		
Class 3	Best Junior crossbreed		
Class 4	Best condition crossbreed veteran, (over 7 years old)		

Open to pedigree and non-pedigree dogs:

Class 5	Best rescue dog		
Class 6	Dog most like its handler		
Class 7	Child's Best Friend, (handled by a child under 14 years of age)		
Class 8	Happiest dog or waggiest tail		
Class 9	Dog with best trick		
Class 10	Most handsome dog		
Class 11	Prettiest bitch		
Class 12	Dog the judge would most like to take home		

BEST IN SHOW - RESERVE WINNER
BEST IN SHOW - WINNER

Total Fee Paid £

Dog's name:

Breed:

Age:

Please note that all competitors must pay the admission charge to enter the Pyrford & Wisley Village Show on the day.
Special permission has kindly been granted by Pyrford Cricket Club for this event, so all dogs are welcome on the grounds on the day of the Village Show.

Please return entry form and fees above to:

Nov Vets Pyrford, 8 Marshall Parade, Coldharbour Road or enter on the day at the dog show arena by 1.30pm

pyrfordvillageshow.com

PYRFORD & WISLEY VILLAGES SHOW
Performances at 1.30pm, 3.30pm & 5.30pm



Other events include performances by
**Julie Sianne Theatre Arts, Prime Acrobatics,
Pyrord Primary School and Victoria Hill Dance School**



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ABBASTARS
UK
TRIBUTE SHOW

**Saturday
8th July
2023**

1 - 10pm

**Bar &
Burgers**

Raffle

**At the Village
Show on the
cricket ground**

**£3 show
entry fee**
(covers day
& evening)
or
**Donation
on the
night**

Also performing...

**BANDEMICS ★ THE SURREALS ★ LAUREN & HANNAH
★ SHOW CHOIR ★**

PYRFORD & WISLEY

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Fundraising Day at THE ARBOR CENTRE

 **SATURDAY 1ST JULY 2023**
2PM – 6PM, THE ARBOR CENTRE

Come and join us for a fun afternoon to help support
The Arbor Centre and the Pyrford Girlguiding units!
Everyone is welcome. Activities to include:



QUIZ
put your trivia
knowledge to the
test - as a team or
go it alone!

BAKE SALE
enjoy a sweet
treat and a cup
of tea



LIVE MUSIC
from 'The
Tumbleweeds'



PLUS A RANGE OF ARTS & CRAFTS ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

DETAILS:

Suggested £5 minimum donation per person on entry.
Refreshments available at an additional cost.
Venue: The Arbor Centre, Tegg's Land, Pyrford

Proceeds from the event will be split between The Arbor Centre
and the Girlguiding units who meet at the venue. This will assist in
the recovery of the venue after the impact of the pandemic, and
help secure it's long term future for the local community.



WE'RE ~~NOT~~ DOING THE
THAMES PATH
MIGHTY HIKE

It's another year so it's another challenge for the Pyrford Penguins to tackle. This year, some of the members of Team Pyrford are taking on the Thames Path Mighty Hikes Half Marathon to help to raise as much money as possible for MacMillan Cancer Support.

We would be incredibly grateful for any support that you can give to our team. If you would like to support this cause, please do donate to a member so that as a team we can raise as much as possible. The link to support a member of the team is: <https://www.justgiving.com/team/pyrford>

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