

Pyrford C of E **Primary School** Weekly Newsletter

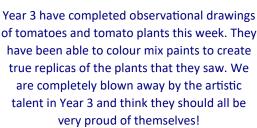
Social Media Highlights

Some of the children in Year 9 from Sir William Perkins School visited Year 4. They played a variety of games to learn about pets and safari animals in Spanish! The children had lots of fun and really enjoyed learning more about the language.





Our wonderful PTA and @giraffedevelopments have provided a shade sail for the nursery garden. What a difference it makes! The children have loved playing under the sail and have been playing safely in the shade. Thank you so much!





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Head's Letter

Good morning and welcome back after the half term break. I hope you enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

We have been busy beavering away, trying to tie up one academic year whilst planning the next. This half term is always the busiest in any school. In fact, whilst I was busy writing the agenda for the senior leadership team meeting this week, one of things we do is to go over the upcoming events and dates, making sure that comms, arrangements and risk assessments are in place. Honestly, whilst I was typing in the next two weeks worth, every single day (including weekends) had a list of events/deadlines which are taking place. The children have lots to look forward to and I appreciate this requires help from parents too, so please do check the dates list as



well as our social media feeds to keep an eye out for what is coming up. My thanks for your support during this very busy time.

A special thanks also to the families who came to help out with our community dig day over in the environmental area during half term. Much work has taken place and the garden is now ready for new decking, fencing and pond repairs to



take place. This wouldn't have been able to happen without the fabulous PTA who work relentlessly for the school. Thank you!

This week I'm pleased to hand over to Mrs Brockway who leads humanities in the school. Pertinently, she is writing about this area of the school this week which fits ideally with the environmental and sustainability work we have been carrying out. This includes a Geography skills day which pupils engaged with, alongside all the work of the Eco Team in school, which Mrs Brockway also leads.

Enough from me, wishing you all a wonderful weekend, it's due to be a hot one!

Kathryn Krynicki Executive Headteacher

Humanities



Hi, I'm Emma Brockway and I'm the lead teacher for Humanities. I love this role and find it very rewarding – who doesn't love a dress up day?! When I walk around the school, I can see just how much the children love their History and Geography lessons and when I ask the children what they have learnt, they always impress me with their knowledge, enthusiasm and interest in both subjects.

History

My aim, as the lead teacher for History, is for all of the children in the school to develop enquiring minds and to understand how interpretations of the past are not always the truth!

Our History curriculum provides opportunities for enrichment activities and experiential learning which aim to bring the past to life in a fun, engaging manner. History lessons at Pyrford stimulate curiosity, compelling children to want to discover more about the past. Some of the History units that we teach focus on the historical significance of individuals, whilst others focus on the historical significance of key events.











Year 3 Romans & Celts

Year 4 Anglo Saxons

Year 4 The Victorians

Year 5 Vikings

Year 6 Ancient Greeks

Geography

As the lead teacher for Geography, my aim is for all the children in the school to think carefully about the interaction between human and physical geography and to identify the similarities and differences in the places they study. Our Geography lessons support children to discover more about our wonderful planet and to learn about what humans need to do to protect its future. We include photos and video clips within each lesson so the children get to see what the place is really like and it helps them to imagine they are actually there. We are currently building more opportunities for fieldwork into our timetables so the children can learn how to be 'handson' geographers.



Year 4 Land Use in Pyrford



Year 6 Juniper Hall River Study

Linked to my Geography lead teacher role, I am also responsible for the Eco Team. This committee has a representative from each class across the school and we meet 2 or 3 times a term to talk about environmental issues and sustainability. This year, the Eco team have organised a second-hand clothes sale, an energy saving week and completed an environmental review.

Emma Brockway

See this week's Eco Challenge tip on the following page



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.

An Eco Team initiative to help us achieve the Eco School Green Flag award.

Diary Dates

Mon 12 Jun Y5 Away Day @ Fullbrook School

Tue 13 Jun Leavers' Service at Guildford Cathedral

Tue 13 Jun YN/YR Minibeast Workshop

Wed 14 Jun Class Photos (Squirrels, Y1, Y3, Y6)

Thu 15 Jun Y2 to The Lookout Discovery Centre

Fri 16 Jun 15:15-15:45 Yrs R, 1 & 2 Friendly Friday

Tue 20 Jun Class Photos (Squirrels, YR, Y2, Y4, Y5)

Wed 21 Jun Y3/4 District Sports

Wed 21 Jun Y4 Chinese Dragon Workshop

Wed 21 Jun Y6 Lego Robotics Workshop

Thu 22 Jun Y1 to Merrist Wood

Fri 23 Jun 15:15-15:45 Yrs 3 & 4 Friendly Friday

Sat 24 Jun 18:00 Annual Brass Concert @ CoGS

Thu 29 Jun Y3 Activity Day - 2 classes tbc

Fri 30 Jun Y3 Activity Day - 1 class tbc

Fri 30 Jun Y5 Trip to Wildwood

Mon 3 Jul Book Swap Event

Tue 4 Jul am KS2 Sports Day

Thu 6 Jul am EYFS/KS1 Sports Day

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

EGS:

To save the environment, why not....

Take your own bags to the shops.





Please can you remind children that although the desserts we serve at lunchtime are very yummy, they are only for those who

have ordered them. You are welcome to order a lunch for your child or put something similar in their packed lunch.

Class Photos

All children please to wear full, smart uniform and smart school shoes.

Reception & KS1 should wear/bring a jumper or cardigan.

WEDNESDA	AY 14TH	TUESDAY 20TH	
N Squirrels - small groups across both days			
Year 1		Reception	
Year 3		Year 2	
Year 6		Year 4	
		Year 5	

Christ's College Guildford OPEN MORNING TOURS COLLEGE TOURS WITH OUR SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM Monday 10th July 09:00-10:00am Tuesday 11th July 09:00-10:00am Wednesday 12th July 09:00-10:00am PLEASE CALL (01483) 537373 TO BOOK ON A TOUR LIVING OUR VALUES

OFFICE NOTES

- Osmington 2024 current Year 5 deadline for consent and deposit is 16th June
- If you haven't already done so, please ensure that you have made your contributions for swimming (Years R - 3) and Leavers' Service (Year 6)

Added to Scopay

- Y1 Merrist Wood
- Y3 Activity Day
- Y4 Chinese Dragon Workshop
- Y5 Wildwood
- Y6 Lego Robotics Workshop

GOLDEN BOOK

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GOLDEN BOOK WINNERS THIS WEEK

N SQUIRRELS

Oscar Georgiou. Oscar is such a kind and helpful boy. He played the animal matching game, taking turns with another child, whilst talking about the different animals. Oscar is always willing to help a friend or an adult. Well done Oscar!

3 JUNIPER

Toby Brierley. Before half term we were working on writing persuasive letters. Toby composed a brilliant piece of work to the Royal Society, persuading them that women should be allowed to join. He set out his excellent arguments in clear paragraphs and used conjunctions to make his sentences interesting. Great work Toby!

R BEECH

Benji Maskell for showing great resilience in challenging situations. Well done Benji!

3 MAPLE

Harry Doig. We have been learning about the life cycle of plants. In Art we did some careful close observational drawings of tomatoes and tomato plants. We then practiced mixing primary colours to make the exact colour needed. Harry worked really careful to produce a detailed painting. Well done Harry.

R HA7FI

Arlo Westwood for being a lovely and positive boy who has a go at everything. We love to see his amazing creations at the Art table and to hear all about his explorations. Well done Arlo!

Max Treharne for being a very hard working member of Alder Class. He always listens carefully and tries his very best. Keep up the hard work. We are proud of all your effort!

1 OAK

amazing progress with his writing. Well done Jake!

4 I ARCH

Jake Clarke for his great attitude to learning. He has made such Archie Matthews and Arthur Tucker for their lovely work in RE. They were able to name their 'hero' and say why they inspire them so much. Well done!

1 PINE

Mason Osborne-St Pierre for making fantastic progress with his Imogen Irvine for her narrative. reading this year. Well done Mason!

5 ROWAN

She used some fantastic descriptions to create atmosphere. She told us that she was really proud of her piece of writing and felt that it was her best piece so far - and rightfully so. Well done Imogen, fantastic work!

2 CEDAR

Rupert Daniell. In English last half term, Year 2 wrote instructions for hedgehogs on how to cross a road safely. Rupert has been working incredibly hard on his handwriting and it is really starting to shine through. Well done Rupert. You should be very proud!

5 WILLOW

Chris Millard for his fantastic first person narrative. We loved the description that he included and think that he has really pushed himself in his writing ability. He included interesting openers, incorporated onomatopoeia in his writing as well as using a range of high level vocabulary. Great job Chris - you should be so proud of vourself!

2 HAWTHORN

Finley Savery. In English last half term, Year 2 wrote instructions for how a hedgehog might cross the road safely. Finley thought of some imaginative ideas and set out his instructions beautifully. He remembered to use time connectives and imperative verbs. Well done Finley!

6 HOLLY

Spencer Scott for his amazing suspense story. We have been reading the very exciting Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz and Spencer has used super vocabulary and ambitious punctuation, which has helped make his writing exciting to read by giving it pace and tension. A fantastic story - you should feel proud Spencer!

3 ELM

Henry Pocock. Before half term, Henry really enjoyed our Maths | Jared Efedje for his impressive Geography work. Jared compared topic on money. He worked incredibly hard and particularly enjoyed problem solving and adding money. Well done Henry!

6 LAUREL

two places in North America with one in the UK, comparing and contrasting their human and physical geography and included lots of interesting facts that he had carefully researched. Well done Jared!



we are very fortunate that the church allow parents to use their car park at drop off and for pick up. Please do not abuse this by parking inconsiderately. Parking must be in the marked bays only - do NOT park in the entrance to the car park as this causes problems for people both

arriving and leaving.

DROPPING YOUR CHILD OFF AT SCHOOL BEFORE 8:30am

If you need to drop your child at school before 8:30am, they remain your responsibility until the doors open.

The only place they should wait on school grounds is outside the office. Thank you.







Myself and Miss Wilson took 10 of our Year 5/6 athletes to take part in the District Sports at the Sportsbox in Woking on Wednesday. They took part in 4 events; 75m sprint, 600m distance, vortex and standing jump. We couldn't have been prouder of them and how well they represented our school. It was great to see them all supporting each other so well too.

We still await the final results from the district as to how we have placed and I will announce this once I know. I can tell you we did do very well. In the 75m sprint, we had 4 children come 1st and 3 in 2nd place. For the 600m distance we had 3 children come 1st, 2 in 2nd and 2 in 3rd. We also had some mammoth throws and jumps! A big well done to them all. We now look forward to the Year 3 and 4 event in a few weeks time.

Mrs Steen



Today we welcomed Tom Arnold to our assembly to celebrate our girls football team. Tom's girls football club on a Thursday has been hugely successful and we have lots of girls enjoying playing football across years 3-6. All the girls achieved certificates for their efforts last half term and Tom awarded lots of special awards too for magic moments, most improved, attitude and overall sports stars. A big well done to them all and special mention to Imogen Bulmer and Deema Sultan for winning the TA sports star trophies this half term! We are looking forward to arranging some girls fixtures against other schools soon.





Thank you Reception class for our thoughtful 'The Big Help' hamper!



PRAYER CLUB

Mondays 3:15pm to 4:15pm

for children in Key Stage 2 (years 3-6)

Creative praying for our school, ourselves and for the world!

Sign up by emailing L.bell@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk









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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The course covers:

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- Different approaches to discipline
- . Co-operation and self-discipline
- . The importance of looking after ourselves.



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