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# Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter



## Social Media Highlights



Year 1 have been learning to identify and name parts of a plant. The children have had so much fun deepening their science knowledge.

Shhh - don't tell anyone where our spectacular sculptures have been hidden!!! Year 5 have been inspired by Antony Gormley and have created their own clay sculptures based upon their Power of Reading book 'Floodland'. The children then hid these around our school grounds hoping to inspire other children to find out about our text and to make their own creations. Unfortunately, due to the adverse weather conditions we had last week, our sculptures did not last as long as we had hoped!



Our environmental garden 'Dig out Day' has been a great success! We cannot thank those who came to support our PTA enough; we are particularly thankful to our 'little' helpers who joined us today too. Everybody was extremely helpful and we all learned so much about the garden. We have made huge progress to ensure we are closer to being able to utilise this space effectively for the children in school. We are so excited to finish transforming this space - keep your eyes peeled!



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## Head's Letter

Good morning.

Well, what a wonderful week we have had here at school. Yesterday I was greeted by a line of Year 6 children looking a little green around the gills. They had been dissecting hearts with Dr Metcalfe from BDB. A few children had to leave during the procedure but they were all very brave to give it a try. Dissection is not for everyone!

Year 2 had a wonderful trip to Brooklands Motor Museum on Wednesday. They came back full of new information and were so excited that they got to go on board Concorde!

We are looking forward to the Reception and Key Stage 1 film night later today. These events have been a real success and I would like to thank the PTA and all of the staff and parent helpers who have attended. We have 120 coming this evening which is amazing. I am sure that we will hold more film nights in the future.

I would like to say an absolutely HUGE Thank You to the parents, staff and children who helped to clear the environmental garden on Sunday, and to those working over there this morning as I type. An amazing job was done by all and the difference is already astounding.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Rachel Clement

Head of School



Minecraft is one of the most popular games for children and young people. But how safe is it? Follow the link to the NSPCC's overview of some of the parental controls and safety features that can help to keep children safe on the platform.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/is-minecraft-safe-for-children/>



# GOLDEN BOOK

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GOLDEN BOOK WINNERS THIS WEEK

<p><b>N SQUIRRELS</b></p> <p>Jude Neumann &amp; Sienna Best. We read the story <i>The Tiger Who Came to Tea</i>. The children had a go at drawing and painting their own tigers. Jude and Sienna created brilliant tigers with stripes and whiskers. Well done!</p>	<p><b>3 JUNIPER</b></p> <p>William Wheatley. We have been investigating which type of rock would make the most suitable paving. William wrote an excellent conclusion, summing up his findings and clearly explaining his reasons for selecting granite. Great work William!</p>
<p><b>R BEECH</b></p> <p>Tabs Napier for excellent writing about people who help us. She thought of an interesting non-fiction sentence to write and used her sounds and tricky words to help her write it. She tried hard with her handwriting, slowing down and trying to make her letters the right size. Excellent work Tabs!</p>	<p><b>3 MAPLE</b></p> <p>Mia Marais. In Science we have been investigating rocks and soils. We enjoyed getting messy and finding out about different types of soil. Mia worked sensibly and enthusiastically throughout. Well done Mia!</p>
<p><b>R HAZEL</b></p> <p>Maisy Hennessy for working so hard on her reading at home and at school. She reads at home every day and practises her tricky words and her letter sounds too. Well done Maisy, keep up all the hard work, you're doing great!</p>	<p><b>4 ALDER</b></p> <p>Iman Ahmad for writing beautifully about wisdom. We are also very proud that Iman shows she has wisdom in school and uses it to always make the right decisions.</p>
<p><b>1 OAK</b></p> <p>Amelie Carapiet for making excellent progress with her reading. She has worked very hard. Well done Amelie!</p>	<p><b>4 LARCH</b></p> <p>Sebastian Fongo for his excellent work in Maths. He has worked incredibly hard and it is evident that he has a good understanding of tenths as fractions. Well done Seb. We are so proud of you!</p>
<p><b>1 PINE</b></p> <p>Toby Gammon. We have been learning about Pyrford and Toby made an excellent map to show what we saw when we walked around the village. He included a key so we knew what the symbols and colours represented.</p>	<p><b>5 ROWAN</b></p> <p>Henry Kershaw for his brilliant diary entry as Munchkin, a character from the book we are reading in English. He has worked incredibly hard on his writing and impressed us with his use of emotive language, adjectives and even a relative clause. Fantastic effort Henry. Keep up the good work.</p>
<p><b>2 CEDAR</b></p> <p>Harry Tebbutt for working really hard on his handwriting and letter formation. He wrote a fantastic insert for a card and focussed really hard on making it perfect. Well done Harry, we are so proud of you!</p>	<p><b>5 WILLOW</b></p> <p>Max Brownlie for the resilience he has shown in his writing. There has been such an improvement in his writing and we are proud of the effort he is putting in. Recently Max has been carefully listening to feedback and using this to ensure his writing is the best it can be. He has written a brilliant diary entry with well punctuated subordinate clauses and semi colons. Well done Max!</p>
<p><b>2 HAWTHORN</b></p> <p>Joshua Ranchhoodjee for thinking carefully about his Easter garden plan. He listed what he'll need to create his garden and labelled his picture. We can't wait to see his lovely Easter garden next week. Well done Joshua!</p>	<p><b>6 HOLLY</b></p> <p>Anna Snowden-Reeve. In English we have been writing a chapter for our story <i>Kensuke's Kingdom</i>. Anna has put so much effort into her piece of work and achieved a fabulous outcome. Her use of vocabulary is impressive and she has worked hard on varying the sentence openers and her use of punctuation. Anna should be very proud of her achievement.</p>
<p><b>3 ELM</b></p> <p>Amelia Lamb. In RE we have been learning about Judaism and about Passover. Amelia was keen to share her thoughts and worked hard to label her Seder plate. Well done Amelia.</p>	<p><b>6 LAUREL</b></p> <p>Jacob Ismay for his excellent writing in English. He worked hard on writing a narrative in the first person, setting the scene effectively in the first paragraphs and then using fronted adverbials for cohesion. Jacob is really enjoying our book <i>Kensuke's Kingdom</i>. Keep up the fabulous writing!</p>

## Diary Dates

**Fri 17 Mar 15:30-17:30** YR, 1 & 2 Film Night

**Tue 21 Mar** Reception Measurement Programme

**Tue 21 Mar 15:45-16:30** Y5/6 Netball Friendly Match  
@ Pyrford

**Tue 21 Mar 16:30** Year 3/4 Cross Country @  
Hoebridge

**Wed 22 Mar** Y5 Vikings Workshop

**Wed 22 Mar** Y3/4 Performance at CoGS

**Fri 24 Mar** Reception Superhero Day

**Fri 24 Mar 15:00** Cake Sale after school for Turkey/  
Syria Earthquake Victims

**Fri 24 Mar 19:00** PTA Quiz Night

**Mon 27 - Tue 28 Mar** Skipping 4 Life Workshops

**Mon 27 Mar 16:30** Cross Country Relay @ Hoebridge

**Wed 29 Mar** YN/R Little City Visit School

**Wed 29 Mar** Y4 Parents' Hindleap Meeting

**Fri 31 Mar** Term Ends **(12:00)**

**Mon 17 Apr** Term Starts

**Wed 19 - Fri 21 Apr** Y4 Residential to Hindleap  
Warren

**Fri 21 Apr 15:15-15:45** Yrs R, 1 & 2 Friendly Friday

**Wed 26 April 16:00-20:00** Primary Music Festival  
(KS2 choir)

**Fri 28 Apr 15:15-15:45** Yrs 3 & 4 Friendly Friday

**Mon 1 May** BANK HOLIDAY

**Wed 3 May** Yr R to Godstone Farm

**Fri 5 May 15:15-15:45** Yrs 5 & 6 Friendly Friday

**Mon 8 May** BANK HOLIDAY

**w/c 8 May** SATS Week

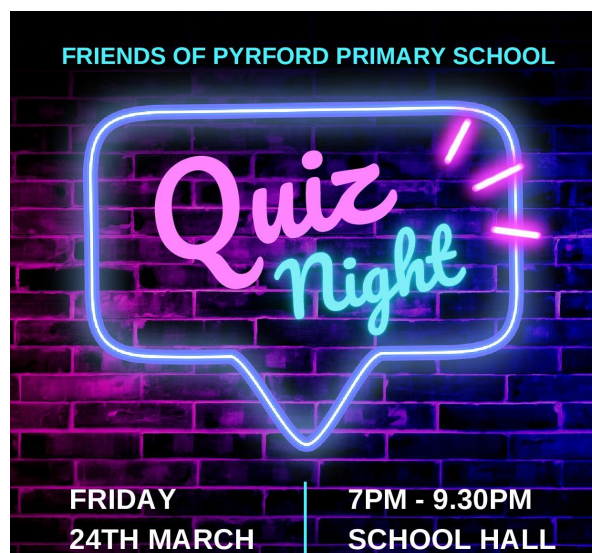
**Tue 16 May** Y4 Rainforest Workshop

**Fri 19 May** Y5 to Hampton Court

**Mon 29 May - Fri 2 Jun** HALF TERM HOLIDAY

**MON 5 Jun** INSET DAY

**SOLD OUT!**



**If you have booked, don't forget to bring your own drinking glasses.**

**Cash & card will be accepted on the night.**



There will be a cake sale after school next Friday to raise money for victims of the Turkey/Syria earthquake. The stall will be located outside near the office.

## 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

## Diary Dates (contd)

**Mon 12 Jun** Y5 Away Day @ Fullbrook School

**Tue 13 Jun** Leavers' Service at Guildford Cathedral

**Tue 13 Jun** YN/YR Minibeast Workshop

**Thu 15 Jun** Y2 to The Lookout Discovery Centre

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

**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

**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

**Recycle 4 Charity**

### Ink Cartridge Collection

You can help us raise funds by recycling your ink cartridges.

Please bring to the school office.

We cannot take toner and laser cartridges.

## St Mary's CofE Primary School, Byfleet are looking for a School Business Manager

**Salary:** £36,989 - £40,146 (FTE) £34,416 - £38,027 (actual)  
(It is anticipated that there will be a 4.75% inflationary pay rise from the 1st April 2023 to pay rates specified above)

**Hours per week:** 36

**Weeks per year:** 42 (term time plus 3 weeks)

**Start date:** 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

### About the role

The School Business Manager is part of the Senior Leadership Team and works closely with the Headteacher and other senior colleagues to strategically lead and manage the school. The School Business Manager oversees all aspects of finance, HR, procurement, health and safety and estate management. In addition, the role has line management responsibility for administrative and premises staff.

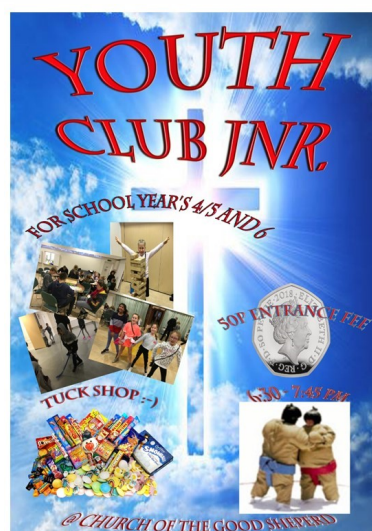
### Qualifications/experience

Prior experience in a school setting and/or an accounting or SBM qualification are desirable but not essential. Applicants should be able to demonstrate strong financial and budget management skills, knowledge of leading business disciplines as well as experience of working at senior/strategic level.

### Further details

**Closing date:** 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
**Shortlisting:** 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
**Interviews:** 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Please see the [job advert](#) for full job description, person specification and application form.



**Dear PARENTS:-** We need four parents per night to have the appropriate adult to child ratio in our Church Safeguarding policy. So, if you have not already volunteered this year, **PLEASE LOOK AND SEE** if you might be free once this term, that would be WONDERFUL!

If free, you can email [suzanne@wisleywithpyrford.org](mailto:suzanne@wisleywithpyrford.org) or fill in this slip and return it at Youth Club Jnr. Many thanks.  
Name & contact no./email \_\_\_\_\_

I would be available to help on Friday \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

### JANUARY

Friday 20th January 6:30pm-7:45pm  
@ the church of the good shepherd

### FEBRUARY

Friday 3rd February 6:30pm-7:45pm  
@ the church of the good shepherd

### MARCH

Friday 3rd March 6:30pm-7:45pm  
@ the church of the good shepherd

Friday 17th March 6:30pm-7:45pm

TRIP OUT ICE-SKATING ~ GUILDFORD SPECTRUM

Friday 31st March 6:30pm-7:45pm  
@ the church of the good shepherd

