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

## Social Media Highlights



Year 4 took an interesting walk around Pyrford to observe how the land around us is used. We were amazed by how diverse our local area is. Watching the calves feeding from their mummies was the best bit!

We are in complete awe of the work skill that Year 5 have shown in their computing this term and are so pleased to see the children enjoy their final piece!





Year 1 have had a fantastic time making fruit salad. Throughout the half term they have learnt how to chop different fruit and tasted it. Then they designed their fruit salads and made them. We have some top chefs in the making!

A huge thank you to Dr M, once again, for leading a fantastic investigation into the anatomy of a heart. The children in Year 6 learned so much through this experience.



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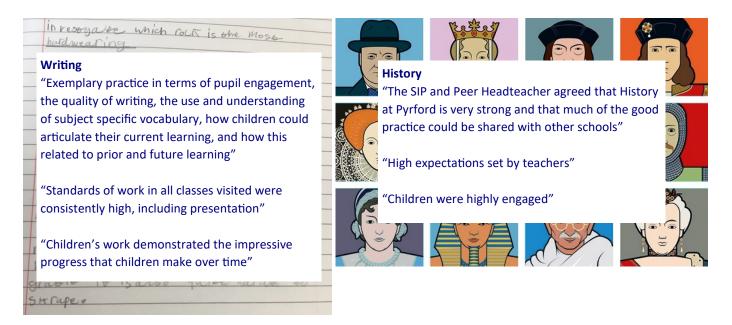
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#### **Head's Letter**

#### Good morning.

On the 20th of March, we had our School Improvement Partner and another Headteacher visit us to carry out an external review of our curriculum. We have received the final report and are thrilled to say that our curriculum has been recognised as very high quality. Please see below for some quotes from the report.



There were many more points that could be shared, across different subjects. We are very proud of the staff here who work tirelessly to ensure that each child receives the best educational experiences possible.

#### **Staffing Update**

Mrs Goree has now left to go on maternity leave. We would like to wish her the best and we can't wait to meet her new baby when she arrives.

Sadly, today is Mrs Passant's last day and on behalf of the staff and children we would like to wish her well in her new job in credit control. Mrs. Passant has worked at Pyrford for 10 years and has made a huge impact on many children over that time. Some of the children had this to say about her; 'She has helped me to be a better person,' 'She helps us when we are stuck.' 'I wouldn't know as much as I do without her'.

We will all miss her greatly and hope that one day she can come back to us!

Finally, it is with very mixed feelings that I am writing this. Sadly, we are going to be saying goodbye to Mrs Lines at the end of the academic year. We are incredibly proud of Mrs Lines who has secured a job at Tillingbourne Junior School as their Deputy Head. This is a fantastic career move for her and one that is rightly deserved, but obviously we are very sad to be losing her. Mrs. Lines has worked at Pyrford since 2004 and has been a huge part of the school's journey over the last 19 years. Her own children attended here. I am sure that many of you have wonderful stories and memories of Mrs Lines as she has helped to shape and influence the lives of many, many children. We wish her all the best.

So, all that is left to now do, is wish you a very Happy Easter. Have a wonderful break and we look forward to seeing you back on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

Rachel Clement Head of School

# At Awards Assemblies this week, children in each class were recognised for their Effort and Achievement and for demonstrating our values of Love, Resilience, Respect and Wisdom. Congratulations to them all!

CLASS	EFFORT	ACHIEVEMENT	LOVE	RESILIENCE	RESPECT	WISDOM
BEECH	Belle Comiskey	Haseeb Ahmed	Arabella Fitch	Ali Zafar	Harry Whittington	Aaryan Razaq
HAZEL	Ada Gwyther	Abigail Bulmer	Sam Ashenden Myall	Maisie Waite	Dev Agraval	Hector Pocock
OAK	Polly Wilkins	James Hall	Audrey Jessup	Elise Emerton	Child not able to attend	Elliot Pribyl
PINE	Oscar Hills	Austin Gallagher	Nula Schifano	Luca Cheney-Hackman	Rachel Poole	Jasmine Jameson
CEDAR	Hadi Ahmed	Rupert Daniell	Summer Davies	Nova Drummond	Ben Williams	Samuel Hughes
HAWTHORN	Belle Currid	Teddy Humphreys	Jack Newman	Ottilie Trainer-Clark	Mikaela Brien	Toby Brewster
ELM	Caitlin Hunter	Mia Sinclair	Ada Clough	Amelie Coventry	Haider Ali Awan	Tom Watkins
JUNIPER	Alexandra Rossouw	Reilly Fernandez	Ayesha Akram	Mia Ahmad	Florence Brockway	JJ Gray
MAPLE	Alexander Caulfield	Mollie Ball	Maggie Freeman	Isaac Hutchinson	Martha Woods	James Pugh
ALDER	Arthur Jessup	Thea Pitts	Tom Waldron	James Poole	Mason Moser	Iman Ahmad
LARCH	Edward Allen	William Skeat	Bibi Knott	Khloe Crittenden	Oliver Pearson	Zaynab Hussain
ROWAN	Charlotte Lawry	Olive Symes	Ayla Edgley	Trystan Agnew	Freya O'Brien	George Gray
WILLOW	Charlie Wilson	Fleur Cobbett	Sara Butt	Eshal Abdullah	Bella Tubasei	Henry Deighton
HOLLY	Matthew Jones	Sam Holliday	Amelie Davies	Spencer Scott	Theo Brockway	Isabella Pocock
LAUREL	Maryna Semernikova	Gisella Rogerio	Jared Efedje	Emily Pugh	Isabella Ahmad	Evan Phillips
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# Goldilocks



#### **Diary Dates**

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 Royal/Red White & Blue Mufti Day to celebrate the Coronation

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

Thu 18 May Numeracy Day (KS1 & KS2)

Fri 19 May Y5 to Hampton Court

Mon 29 May - Fri 2 Jun HALF TERM HOLIDAY

**MON 5 Jun INSET DAY** 

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

Tue 4 Jul am KS2 Sports Day

Thu 6 Jul am EYFS/KS1 Sports Day

This week our Year 5 footballers went out to play in matches against other local schools at New Haw. Although we didn't win this time, we were very proud of how well they came together as a team and they played well. Thank you to Mr Burnett and Mr Steen for giving up their time to do a training session and accompanying them. We look forward to more matches ahead.



On Monday, children from year 5/6 took part in the final cross-country event at Hoebridge. This time it was the relay. Mrs Hope and Mrs Bull who accompanied them were so impressed with how well they represented our school. The final results are in for all the cross-country events. Overall, we came 6<sup>th</sup> out of 17 schools across the borough. Our girls came in 5<sup>th</sup> and our boys 7th. A huge well done to all the children who took part across the events.



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

There was great excitement in school this week as everyone had the chance to take part in a rather energetic skipping workshop hosted by 'Skippy John.' Not only did the children learn lots of new skills they were also shown that exercise can be fun too! The children are encouraged to bring their ropes in to school, they can be used during their break times to showcase their new found skills to their friends, however please ensure they are named. Why don't you have a go at The Skippy John Challenges?









## The Skippy John Challenges

Designed to encourage all aspects of fitness, technique, stamina, flexibility, speed and coordination, plus cooperative play and teamwork skills.

These challenges will also help to improve self esteem as they are not designed for competing against each other but to first of all learn the different skills and then improve on their own PB's (Personal Best)



Individual Skills	Target		
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Technique			
Family rope skip	Beginners	With 2 turners how many skips can you do?	
Continuous skips	Beginner / Intermediate	Using any technique skip for as long possible before tagging rope	
Crossovers	All	How many crossovers can you do without stopping	
Continuous crossovers	All	As above but keep arms in crossed Position.	
Double Unders	All	Turn rope under feet twice, as many times as possible without stopping	
Pretzels Pretzels	All All	How many can you do on best leg? Other leg?	
The 1 minute challenge	All	Count how many skips can you do	
Partner / Team skills		in 1 minute (running is best)	
Link Skipping	All	Multiply the amount of skips by the number of children in the chain	
Face 2 Face	All	2 Children 1 rope, how many skips can you do without tagging rope?	
In line or cluster skips	All	How many in a family ropes? How many in a Long rope?	
Keep The Pot Boiling	All	Team can be a big as you like. How many continuous jumps around the cones and through the rope?	
Double Dutch	All	Just keep going! Then moves.	







