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Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter



Social Media Highlights



What an incredibly exciting day we have had in school!! We have been so honoured to have hosted @stephenmulhern to talk about his book and to demonstrate his fantastic magic skills. The children absolutely loved having Stephen and thoroughly enjoyed asking him lots of questions; one even being if he could race a child in the hall! We were all blown away and know that this experience is something that the children will talk about for a very long time! A huge thank you to @guildfordbookfestival for giving us this opportunity.

If you thought our day couldn't get even more 'egg-citing', you would be wrong!! We have little ducklings hatching in Reception and we are just amazed! The children have been in awe watching the process and are so looking forward to seeing them grow even more! The children have called them 'Max' and 'Stephen' from the inspirational visit that we had!



Recently, we celebrated the coronation of King Charles III at school. We had a wonderful day taking part in many fun-filled activities. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning more about our newly appointed King and some even enjoyed a picnic with their friends!

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Head's Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Good morning and welcome to the end of a very exciting week in school. The children and adults have all commented on what a fantastic week in school it has been. After our visit from Stephen Mulhern on Wednesday, even staff commented that "This morning was hands down one the best things that has ever happened at school. It was so lovely to see how much the kids enjoyed it and their reactions to the magic tricks were so delightful." Stephen Mulhern himself came to speak with me at the end of his visit and was bowled over by the school. He struggled to believe it was a state school and couldn't believe how fabulously behaved the children were.



On the same day that we had our celebrity visit, we were also visited by teachers from other schools who came to observe Miss Daly and her class. Miss Daly works as a Maths specialist with the North East Hampshire and Surrey Maths hub. Whilst not wanting to embarrass Miss Daly and Willow class, I thought I would share feedback I received in writing after the visit.

"I wanted to take this opportunity to thank Miss Daly and her class so much for the taster/trial TRG session that she delivered today for the Maths Hub. She (and the class) were truly amazing in every sense. Her enthusiasm and passion just shone through. The discussion before the lesson, the lesson itself and the post discussion were so informative, providing a chance to see Mastery in action including language, little steps, manipulatives, stem sentences etc. All the children in the class were engaged, enthused and onboard. It really was a WOW session. It was outstanding!"

We continued on our maths theme this week by holding our maths day yesterday, another great opportunity for children to explore and enjoy Maths.

Enough from me; this week Mrs Freeman is guest writing for us and sharing some of the work she carries out in her role as Leader of RE and Christian distinctiveness.

Have a great weekend everyone, let's hope the sun keeps shining!

Kathryn Krynicki

Executive Headteacher



Christian Distinctiveness & Our School Values



I've been on the teaching team at Pyrford Church of England School for over 20 years and I am often asked by friends and family 'What is it about this school that has made you stay this long?' I will endeavour to answer this question succinctly as it's more than simply saying 'It's a lovely school'. The answer lies in the Christian Distinctiveness and chosen Values that motivate and sustain the excellent, hardworking, committed colleagues that I've had the privilege to work with over the years.

I am in the unique and privileged position where I lead RE and Collective Worship and have had the opportunity to see both of these areas complementing each other and having a direct impact across the school and the wider community.

At Pyrford, we are committed to providing a nurturing environment that is rooted in Christian values and is fully inclusive. We strive to create an environment where the children and staff can grow in their understanding of worship and Religious Education. We have daily Collective Worship in a variety of formats, but it has to be said that the highlight of our week is Friday's Open the Book Assembly led by volunteers from the Church of the Good Shepherd. Bible stories are brought to



life by acting them



out and there is time for reflection and worship. Our children are directly involved by writing and reading out their prayers and we've seen some amazing acting when extras are needed for the story.

Our school is firmly rooted in the principles of the Church of England and from this we have carefully chosen 4 core values. Our aim is to impress these values of resilience, love, wisdom, and respect into the hearts of our children to grow their character and prepare them to become compassionate and responsible young people.

We believe that school is a place where Christian values are not just words on a mission statement but are actively lived out in our school community in a holistic way. Our termly Awards Assembly highlights these values and children are celebrated for the practical ways in which they display these in their daily lives. I just love to see the children's little faces light up when their kind-hearted actions, determination, care for others and good decisions are recognised. Love, resilience, wisdom and respect encompass so many aspects I could write a whole article just on them!



We are well supported by the clergy from the Church of the Good Shepherd. I work closely with Suzanne Lees-Smith who is the Children and Families Minister. As well as taking an active role in assemblies at school, our children have regular opportunities to support community events at the church such as the 'Down Memory Lane' services. An exciting event is happening at the church next week, where each child will be visiting the church with their class to be part of 'Thy Kingdom Come Global Prayer Initiative' where they will experience prayer in a creative and fresh way.

There are many other opportunities throughout the year in which our children reach out into the community and put the values into practise. For example, donations for the Woking Food Bank during the Harvest Festival, visiting care homes and treat boxes for people in the community are just some examples.

In a nutshell, our overall aim is that the Christian distinctiveness that we provide creates a solid foundation for children to build their lives, grounded in faith, character, and a commitment to making a positive difference in the world.

And that is what makes Pyrford Church of England School a place that I'm so proud to be associated with and an outstanding environment to work in.

Mel Freeman

A magical visit





On Thursday we celebrated National Numeracy Day. The children had a fantastic day filled with lots of exciting activities. The children were tasked with finding out a fun fact about the

number that they had chosen to wear as part of our number mufti (which we hope you enjoyed seeing on our social media takeover) and we were blown away by the incredible facts that the children had found out. We also had the special treat of having the Hobgoblin Theatre Company join us to take us through a journey surrounding the history of Maths. This performance was brilliantly funny, engaging and very informative - everyone who was watching definitely learned even more about the subject.

A big thank you to our brilliant PTA who helped to support us in being able to see this performance. The aim of National Numeracy Day this year was to support children's confidence with numbers and we truly believe that we did just that, through games and group activities, where the children had to problem solve. We cannot wait to celebrate again next year!

Miss Daly



Energy Saving Week 22nd – 26th May

Next week is Energy Saving Week! The Eco Team led an assembly on Monday where they told the children all about energy and why we should save it. They have asked the whole school to make an effort next week to save as much energy as possible by switching off the lights and interactive whiteboards when they are not being used. They are also encouraging the children to walk or scoot to school if that's possible. The Eco Team will pop into classrooms during the week to motivate the children to save energy and to remind them how they are saving the planet by saving energy. The children have also been encouraged to save energy at home.



PEATMORE AVENUE STAFF CAR PARK

We ask parents please not to use the car park as either a turning or drop off point. We have vulnerable children who need access at all times, as well as staff parking their cars.

Thank you.



GARDENING CLUB

This week, the children did a great job of building a wigwam in the round bed at the back of the garden and helped plant mangetout pea seedlings. Hopefully the deer that was in the garden won't eat them before they grow!



GOLDEN BOOK

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GOLDEN BOOK WINNERS THIS WEEK

N SQUIRRELS

Zohan Khan. Zohan explored the sea creatures. He observed the fish and looked at the stripes. Zohan then found an octopus and counted the tentacles.

R BEECH

Ava Ismay for confident writing. Ava wrote duck facts all by herself. Well done Ava!

R HAZEL

Avery Daniell. After the duck eggs arrived in Hazel Class, Avery wrote some facts about ducks completely independently. We are so proud of you Avery. Superstar!

1 OAK

Annie Doig for working so incredibly hard at her writing. Well done Annie!

1 PINE

Oscar Hills for his BEST piece of writing, ever!

2 CEDAR

Numaan Ahmad. In English we have begun learning how to write instructions. This week we had a go at writing instructions on how to cross a road safely and Numaan used his sounds to complete each sentence himself. Well done Numaan!

2 HAWTHORN

James Barry. In English we have been reading *The Hedgehog* by Dick King Smith and have written our own descriptions of a park that hedgehogs might enjoy. James thought carefully about his vocabulary choices and remembered to punctuate his writing correctly. Well done James!

3 ELM

Isobel Beattie for making great improvements in her Maths this term. She has learnt her 3, 4 and 8 times tables and has used them effectively to divide and find fractions. Most recently she has been working hard on money and finding amounts. Keep up the great work Isobel!

3 JUNIPER

Austin Campbell-Wild for settling into Juniper Class brilliantly this term and for working very hard in all our lessons. This week we have been learning about money. Austin has shown a sound understanding of the value of notes and coins, counting and adding amounts with confidence. Great work Austin!

3 MAPLE

James Jaworski. We have been learning about the impact the growth of railways had in Britain and specifically here in Pyrford. James wrote a very well organised report explaining some of the changes people experienced. We were pleased with his use of sub headings to organise his writing. He listened carefully and worked hard to get it finished.

4 ALDER

Myles Esprit for working incredibly hard recently. He has been trying his very best and producing some excellent work which he should be really proud of. Well done Myles!

4 LARCH

Anum Imran for learning all of her times tables. Well done Anum! It is lovely to see how much her confidence has grown in Maths.

5 ROWAN

Musa Asif for his brilliant re-write of a first person narrative. He has written as one of the characters from our book *Treason* which is set in Tudor London. He has tried really hard to capture the essence of London during this period with his fantastic description. Well done Musa!

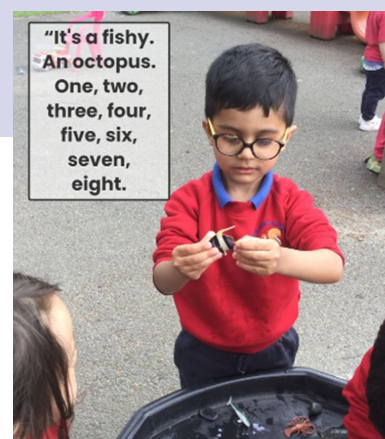
5 WILLOW

Mia Green for her excellent re-write as William from our Power of Reading text *Treason*. Mia has worked incredibly hard to think carefully about how to plan and structure her writing. She has thought carefully about William's senses within this text and has included great descriptions. Great job Mia!

YEAR 6

Everybody!

Year 6 - you are absolutely amazing, and so you are all in the Golden Book this week for being brilliant during your SATs week. We are so proud of the way you prepared and approached each test every day, and you couldn't have tried any harder! A massive well done from all of us for being fantastic and fabulous!



Diary Dates

Mon 29 May - Fri 2 Jun HALF TERM HOLIDAY

MON 5 Jun INSET DAY

Wed 7 Jun Y5/6 District Sports

Fri 9 Jun am Bags2School Collection

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 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

Tue 4 Jul am KS2 Sports Day

Thu 6 Jul am EYFS/KS1 Sports Day

Thu 6 Jul Local History Day

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



We have a number of children with severe allergies so please do not put peanut butter in your child's packed lunch and take care that any chocolate spread doesn't contain nuts. Thank you.

Christ's College Guildford

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- Y6 medical/dietary requirements forms must be returned by Friday 26th May

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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>

Some of the team had our first training walk after school on Monday and completed just over 6km. We thoroughly enjoyed the walk and are looking forward to continuing our training over the next two months. Your support will make it so much easier!

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