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Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter



Social Media Highlights

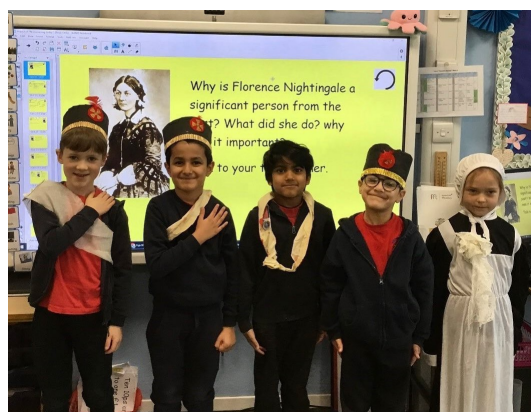
Reception have been learning the Indian Traditional Tale of the Old Lady and the Pumpkin. We looked at the artwork of Yayoi Kusama and drew and painted pictures of pumpkins inspired by her style of art and use of dots. We think we have created quite a gallery of art!



This week some dragon experts visited Year 3 to share their detailed knowledge of a range of rare and unusual reptiles.



Year 2 are currently learning about Florence Nightingale as part of their History unit on significant nurses from the past. This week they became doctors, nurses, soldiers and rats as they re-enacted the Crimean War and the important work that Florence Nightingale and her nurses undertook.



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Head's Letter

Good morning.

Firstly, I would like to say how lovely it has been seeing you all when I am standing at the gate. It's been great to get to know some of you better. Please come and introduce yourselves if you have time.

A huge thank you to all of the parents who have been so considerate when parking. It has been much safer outside the school. Sadly, there are still a small number of parents who have been parking inconsiderately whom Mr Evans and I have had to move on. I have also had reports that some parents have been rude to other parents over parking and this is not acceptable. We all want the same thing - for our children to be safe coming into and out of school.

May I also remind you that if you need to come into school for any reason, you must come in through the front office and sign in. We have to ensure that our children are safeguarded at all times and need to know who is in the building.

I have had a lot of parents request to see me recently and, whilst I am happy to accommodate in certain situations, I would like to request that you initially follow the correct procedure. This is to firstly speak to the class teacher, then, if you feel it needs escalating, the phase leader and finally myself or Mrs Krynicki.

Our parent survey will be sent to you today to complete online. We would really appreciate it if you would take the time to fill it in, one for each of your children please if you have more than one child in school. We value the views of parents and continually strive to make sure the school is the best that it can be in every way.

Have a lovely weekend.

Rachel Clement

Head of School

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 REMINDERS

- ◆ Dress to Express donations for Monday's Mufti Day can now be made on Scopay.
- ◆ All Hindleap medical forms to be returned by Tuesday 7th February please.
- ◆ All Y4 Synagogue consents must be completed.
- ◆ Please bring your Breakfast Club & Treetops accounts up to date before the half term break.
- ◆ Do you have any trainers - size 2 - 5 that you don't use? We would appreciate them for our spares box please.

Coming up!



Monday 6th February- Dress to Express

If you would like to, you can make a donation to Place2Be via Scipay.

Also on Monday there will be a fruit and juice sale after school in the Junior playground run by the Wellbeing Team. Please bring £1 to buy both.

There will be a Wellbeing Team meeting at 8.45am in Alder. They have also been invited to help with the sale after school if convenient for you and them.

Tuesday 7th February- Safer Internet Day

Please see information overleaf.

Wednesday 8th February

Fantastic FRED is coming to our school!

This introduction video to the Fantastic FRED Experience explains some of the important mental health and wellbeing messages that your child or children will be seeing and hearing when Fantastic FRED comes to visit our school. [Please click on this link https://vimeo.com/488186303/98096f5716](https://vimeo.com/488186303/98096f5716)

Half Term Activity

To support all our families mental wellbeing during half term, we will be putting a '50 things to do before you're 11¾' activity on Seesaw. Originally initiated by the National Trust, the ideas encourage children to have experienced many activities before they reach that age. Please note, some of them will require adult supervision so please take part as a family if necessary. We'd love you to share any photos with us afterwards which we can put in our newsletter.

Link to the National Trust information- <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/50-things>

Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online



Next week we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day 2023. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on all of us to help to create a better internet. Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in school, and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year.

We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this, the UK Safer Internet Centre have created some free activities and information for parents and carers which are available at: [Parents and carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#). Whether you have 5 minutes to start a conversation or hours to spare, there are top tips, quizzes and films which you can use at home with your child. You could also try asking your child to interview you about your online life using the attached questionnaire.

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please get in touch with your child's class teacher.

Internet interview

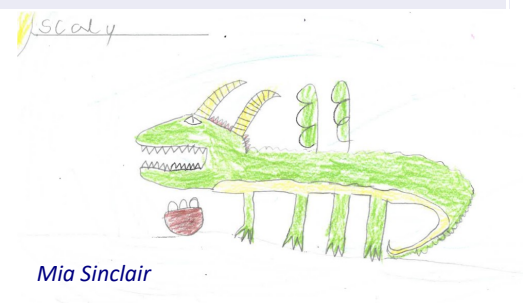
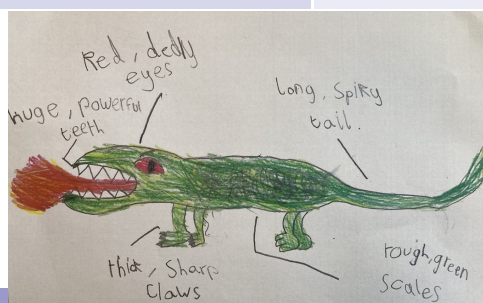
- What internet-connected devices do you own?
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- How much time do you spend online each day?
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- What is your favourite thing to do online?
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- What do think MY favourite thing to do online is?
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- What is your least favourite thing to do online?
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- What is your top tip to keep safe online?
.....
- What would you like to know more about?
.....

GOLDEN BOOK

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GOLDEN BOOK WINNERS THIS WEEK

<p>N SQUIRRELS Jenna Hadid. We have been reading lots of traditional tales. Jenna loves to draw and create pictures and she drew a wonderful picture of Goldilocks and the Three Bears.</p>	<p>3 JUNIPER Hattie Broadley for using information from the text of <i>Krindlkrax</i> to create a wonderful drawing of the croc, labelling it with imaginative noun phrases. Well done Hattie!</p>
<p>R BEECH Amelia Vymetal. In Reception we have been looking at the artwork of Yayoi Kusuma who loves to paint with dots. We looked at how she made pictures of pumpkins and decorated them with spotty patterns. Amelia took a long time carefully creating the shape of her pumpkin and filling it with careful patterns of dots of varied colour and size.</p>	<p>3 MAPLE Alexander Caulfield. In English we read a poem called <i>And that's no word of a lie</i> by Jackie Kay. We used the same format to write our own poem about Winston from <i>Krindlekrax</i> who always says "It's not my fault." Alexander remembered lots of details from the book and included them in his poem.</p>
<p>R HAZEL Bella Watson for doing an amazing job learning all her phonics. She joins in confidently in our Phonics lessons and not only uses her knowledge then but has been writing stories all on her own. Well done Bella, we are very proud of you!</p>	<p>4 ALDER Sebastiaan De Vries. Sebastiaan really enjoyed taking photos of the trees around our school. He thought carefully about the angles and what was going to be in them and worked very hard on presenting his work.</p>
<p>YEAR 1 All of Oak & Pine Class for being brilliant on the trip to Windsor Castle. Miss Adams and Mrs Steen were SO proud of you. The children were exceptionally well behaved and the staff were impressed with their knowledge of King Charles!</p>	<p>4 LARCH Khloe Crittenden for her excellent photography work in Art. Her enthusiasm for the lessons was infectious and she presented the photos she took in such an eye-catching way.</p>
	<p>5 ROWAN Max Dukoff-Gordon for his amazing work in Maths. This is a subject that Max clearly enjoys and he works really hard, always striving to do his best. He is excellent at explaining his methods and thoroughly relishes the challenge of problem solving. Well done Max!</p>
<p>2 CEDAR Taylor Haiden. This half term, Year 2 are learning about some of the parables Jesus told. We had a go at creating our own parable based on the story <i>The Good Shepherd</i>. Taylor took her time with her comic strip and explained that we are all God's 'sheep'. When he loses one of us, he will find us again. Well done Taylor!</p>	<p>5 WILLOW Alex Parsons & Aidan Fernandez for their outstanding effort in Maths. We have been learning to use long multiplication and they have shown great determination to keep trying, even when they find something hard. Long multiplication is very challenging and both boys have picked this up very well, showing patience and resilience in their work. Well done!</p>
<p>2 HAWTHORN Imogen Hope for working incredibly hard in Maths with multiplication and division. This week we have been dividing by 5 and Immy worked by herself to complete her division facts. Well done Immy!</p>	<p>6 HOLLY Inayah Zaib for her super poster on the Olympic Games. She has included some really interesting information about the games in Ancient Greece and her presentation is beautiful. A lovely poster Inayah - well done!</p>
<p>3 ELM Mia Sinclair. Year 3 have become experts in reptilian creatures with a particular specialism in crocodilia. Mia is a Scaly expert. She has produced a detailed drawing and can tell you how they raise their young; how to recognise a Scaly and the most common habitat a Scaly can be found in.</p>	<p>6 LAUREL Charlotte Anderson for her fantastic poster in our Science topic 'Animals, including Humans'. She included lots of clearly labelled diagrams and text boxes to explain how nutrients and water are transported around the human body. Well done Charlotte!</p>

Hattie Broadley



Mia Sinclair

Diary Dates

Fri 3 Feb 15:15-15:45 Yrs 5 & 6 Friendly Friday

Mon 6 Feb Dress to Express Mufti Day

Tue 7 Feb 15:30-17:30 SEN Parents Meetings

Wed 8 Feb Fantastic Fred Experience for Mental Health Week

Mon 13 - Fri 17 Feb HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Mon 20 Feb Y4 to Synagogue

Fri 24 Feb 15:30-17:45 Y5 & 6 Film Night

Tue 28 Feb 15:30-17:30 Parents Evening Meetings

Wed 1 & Thu 2 Mar YN-Y2 Perform Drama Workshops

Wed 1 Mar 13:15-15:00 KS1 Choral Festival

Thu 2 Mar 15:30-19:30 Parents Evening Meetings

Fri 10 Mar 15:30-17:45 YR 3 & 4 Film Night

Wed 15 Mar Y2 Trip to Brooklands

Thu 16 Mar 15:15-16:15 Re-loved Children's Clothes Sale @ CoGS

Fri 3 Mar 15:30-17:30 YR, 1 & 2 Film Night

Tue 21 Mar Reception Measurement Programme

Wed 22 Mar Y5 Vikings Workshop

Wed 29 Mar YN/R Little City Visit School

Fri 31 Mar Term Ends

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

A message from NEU members

This week we took the difficult decision to not take part in strike action as we understand the disruption to parents is huge. We would, however, just like to take this opportunity to express our support for the strike action that did take place this week.

Pay for experienced teachers has fallen by one fifth in real terms since 2010. And now Britain is facing the worst cost-of-living crisis in a generation.

The government is suggesting experienced teachers' pay should only go up by five per cent this year, however some of this money has to come out of the existing school budget. It is not fully funded by the government.

The union advises that long hours and poor pay are the main reasons teachers are leaving the profession in their droves. This government is presiding over one of the worst recruitment and retention crises ever seen in education.

The government says there isn't enough money to pay teachers an inflation proofed pay rise. The Union believes there is money available to the government to solve this dispute and to protect education.

See Golden Book overleaf

Amelia Vymetal



Jenna Hadid



**FILM NIGHT
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Friday 24th February
Year 5&6 Film Night - 3.30 to 5.45

Friday 10th March
Year 3&4 Film Night - 3.30 to 5.45

CHANGE OF DATE - Friday 17th March
Reception, Year 1&2 Film Night - 3.30 to 5.30
Tickets will be going on sale soon

Diary Dates (contd)

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

Fri 30 Jun 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.

(RE)LOVE OUR STUFF

ECO TEAM

- Our fast-fashion habits are damaging our planet.
- Creating clothing is responsible for almost 10% of our global carbon emissions.
- 92 million tonnes of clothing waste (the same weight as 300 Empire State Buildings!) also goes into landfill every year. There, it decomposes to make even more carbon emissions.

Something has to give. It's time to make less clothing and

(Re)Love Our Stuff!

The Eco-Team will therefore be delivering a special one-off event at the Church of the Good Shepherd - a pop-up, second hand children's clothes shop on Thursday 16th March. Every item will be just 50p.

DROP OFF: 8:30 - 9:00am

SALE: 3:15 - 4:15pm

Money raised will be split between an item chosen by the Eco-Committee and the PTA





DONATIONS NEEDED!

We're running a pop-up second hand clothes shop and *we need your help!*
If you have any clothes that you no longer wear, *please donate them for our sale.*

DROP-OFF

DATE/TIME: Thursday 16th March 2023
8.30am - 9am

LOCATION: Church of the Good Shepherd

SALE
3:15 - 4:15

WE WANT: CHILDRENS CLOTHES UP TO AGE 11:
 Skirts
 Trousers/Shorts
 Dresses
 T-shirts
 Jumpers /Coats

Please wash clothes before donating and please make sure there are no holes, stains, or broken zips!




THANK YOU!

It's all Greek to Year 6



Royal times for Year 1 at Windsor Castle



WE'RE HIRING!

**EXAM
INVIGILATORS
FOR THE 2023
EXAM SEASON**

**VISIT THE
FULLBROOK
WEBSITE FOR
FURTHER
DETAILS**

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FOUNTAINS AND FIGURES

Half Term children's workshop 2023

SIME
GALLERY

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of art and crafts based around the work of local artist Sidney Sime. Suitable for ages 4-12, but siblings welcome too. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Thursday 16th February 2 – 4pm

Worplesdon Memorial Hall, Perry Hill, Worplesdon, Guildford GU3 3RF

Free parking Toilets Refreshments
Located close to children's play area

Email: enquiries@sidneysimegallery.org.uk Telephone: 07445 372620

Suggested donation £3



**TA
SPORTS**

GIRLS FOOTBALL COURSE FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2023



Monday 13th February

Tuesday 14th February

Wednesday 15th February



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





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 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

If you would like to volunteer, do get in touch



parenting for faith



Parenting Course: Babies and Toddlers

Thursdays - 10.30am-12.00pm for 5 weeks
 Starts on 26th January at New Life Church, Woking

Contact Nicola at Nicola@newlifechurch.org.uk
 for more details

Grandparenting for Faith

Five Fabulous Wednesday Afternoons

Faith Caught

Faith Taught

Faith Language

Faith Forever

Faith Firm

1pm to 2:30pm

25th Jan '23. February and March dates.
 Contact Suzanne@wisleywithpyrford.org to sign up