Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Social Media Highlights





Reception have been very busy exploring the story of The Three

Little Pigs as part of their traditional tales theme. They have used puppets and masks to retell the story, made models of the houses and the pigs using playdough, completed a challenge to make a structure out of sweeties and spaghetti and used junk modelling to make a house for the pigs. They even got to use their scientific skills to investigate which material would be best for a house. They tested for wind, water and strength.



Year 5 had an incredibly exciting visit from Dick Turpin, an English Highwayman on Monday. This extraordinary visit allowed the children to immerse themselves into their power of reading book, The Highwayman.



In Squirrels, our story this week is Jack and the Beanstalk. We looked at different types of beans and

talked about what seeds need to grow.
We have planted our own bean seeds.
The children are hoping to come to
nursery and find a giant beanstalk!





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Head's Letter

Good morning.

Today, sadly, I am starting with a moan and a plea. We have mentioned parking before in the newsletters, but sadly it seems that not everyone has taken on board what has been said.

It is essential that you do not park or pull up on any double yellow lines or zig zags. Not only is it very dangerous but it is against the law. I would also ask that you don't block residents' driveways or park on the grass across the road.

We want to ensure that we have good relationships with our neighbours and sadly we are contacted weekly by residents regarding selfish and unsafe parking, often with photographs.

I have witnessed, as have many of you, some very serious situations which could impact the safety of our children, including KS1 children having to cross the church park turning on their own whilst cars are entering and exiting.

I would like to reiterate a few points:

- 1. Pulling up on yellow lines or zig zags is the same as parking.
- 2. Please make sure that younger children are escorted to the playground, rather than just let out of the car.
- 3. Be courteous to other drivers.
- 4. If you are spoken to by a member of staff, please be polite.

I will be monitoring the situation carefully before and after school. Unfortunately, if the problem persists then we will have to enlist the help of local traffic officers. The safety of our children is paramount.

Moving on, we have had a lovely week here, despite some very cold weather and coming into a school with no heating on Monday! Today our Year 1 children are off to visit Windsor Castle and excitement is high! I look forward to hearing all about it when they get back.

Next week, Year 6 have their Greek workshop and we are very much looking forward to seeing what fun they have.

Have a good weekend and stay safe.

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		

Headteacher's Letter

Dear parents and carers,

As promised, I am writing with an update regarding national planned industrial action on 1 February 2023.

At Pyrford, we are expecting all pupils to attend school on Wednesday 1 February as usual. School will be fully open to all pupils including Breakfast Club and Treetops. Pupils will be taught in their normal classes, although we may need to make some internal operational changes to the day if required due to some staff needing to look after their own children.

I am sure you will join me in thanking staff for their close school relations by sharing their plans with me in advance of any action therefore providing me with the time to carry out a full risk assessment which allows us to be fully open to all pupils and gives you advance notice.

Please note that this is a national strike and local schools will all be making different and difficult decisions. If you have children in other schools, please be patient as heads try and put plans in place. Should you have children in other schools who need to close, you should still send your Pyrford child to school.

My thanks to you for your patience and understanding. Hopefully you can now stand down any childcare arrangements you have made. I will of course carry out the same due diligence ahead of the next planned strike day in March and communicate accordingly.

Wishing you a good weekend.

Kathryn Krynicki





See Golden Book overleaf









Katey Haiden

Lily Leach

GOLDEN BOOK

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GOLDEN BOOK WINNERS THIS WEEK

N SQUIRRELS

Danyaal Ahmad. We have been reading and retelling Jack and the Beanstalk. We talked about the tall beanstalk and the tall giant. Danyaal made tall and short towers using the bricks.

3 JUNIPER

Reilly Fernandez. In RE we have been learning about how people's lives change when they meet Jesus. Reilly created a wonderful poster which reminds us to say thank you to God when he does something for us. Reilly said a special thank you for his family and friends. Great work Reilly!

R BEECH

Pippa Carnegie-Horrocks. Reception are learning to retell the story of the Gingerbread Man. Pippa worked hard to write the story using the sounds and tricky words she knew, making sure she formed her letters correctly. She kept going even though she was unsure at times showing great resilience. Fantastic writing Pippa!

3 MAPLE

Xanthe Wilkins. In English we have been finding out more about Krindlekrax. We listened out for describing words in the story and used these to help us draw and label what he might look like. Xanthe used some great adjectives in her writing.

R HAZEL

Sam Ashenden Myall. We've been learning the story of the Gingerbread Man. Sam was very keen to retell the story and to write about it. He hardly needed any help, tried his very best and was very proud of himself. Well done Sam!

4 ALDER

Katey Haiden. On Monday we found a mysterious egg in the classroom. We knew that Roz, the robot in our book, had found it. Katey had excellent ideas about the egg and even used other stories we have read to help her think of them. Katey's writing is always beautifully neat and her painting of her predicted character is wonderful.

1 OAK

Ava Nigrelli for her wonderful Eggbox Dragon design and model. Ava thought so carefully about the materials she wanted to use. What a fabulous and creative design!

4 LARCH

Evie Mickiewicz for her excellent work in Maths. She really understood how to multiply in multiples of 10. She set her work out perfectly with subheadings for the task, neatly written numbers and a clear WALT (We Are Learning To). Fantastic work Evie!

1 PINE

Amira Hussain for a brilliant Eggbox Dragon.

5 ROWAN

Arrietty Schifano for her fantastic letter of advice she wrote as one of the characters from the book we have been reading in English. She worked so hard on it and spent time planning and editing her work. The end result is wonderful!

2 CFDAR

When publishing her character description of Bear, she took her time and produced some beautiful work. Well done Nova!

5 WILLOW

Nova Drummond for working really hard on her handwriting. Eleanor Currid for the positive attitude that she demonstrates in every lesson. She is constantly engaged and puts 100% effort into everything that she does. She is a true role model for others and demonstrates our school values incredibly well. She is thoughtful and is constantly curious about what we are learning; this is evident by how often she asks and answers questions and how much detail she puts into her work. Well done Eleanor!

2 HAWTHORN

Belle Currid. In English, we wrote our own character descriptions of Bear. Belle used interesting similes to make her writing exciting to read. She also included an exclamation sentence. Well done Belle!

6 HOLLY

Kacey Crittenden for her fabulous story board in RE in which she told all about the life of Siddhartha Gautama and the events and changes in his life which led him to become Buddha. She wrote the explanation clearly and produced lovely drawings to illustrate the story. Super work Kacey - well done!

3 ELM

Lily Leach for using some lovely vocabulary to describe Krindlekrax. She has used lots of lovely expanded noun phrases like. Well done Lily!

6 LAUREL

Muhammad-Sadig Hussain for his impressive adventure story in English Odysseus and the Song of the Sirens. He has worked very and similes to build a picture of what the monster would look hard, planning his story well and including a variety of fronted adverbials in his writing, in addition to using figurative speech and direct speech. Well done Muhammad-Sadiq!

Diary Dates

Fri 27 Jan 15:15-15:45 Yrs 3 & 4 Friendly Friday

Tue 31 Jan Y6 Greek Workshop

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

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

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

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

Wed 15 Mar Y2 Trip to Brooklands

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

Coming up!





Monday 6th February

Come to school dressed in whatever makes you feel great. Express yourself! Donation of £1 to Place2Be - payment via Scopay.

Also on Monday there will be a fruit and juice sale after school in the Junior playground. Please bring £1 if you'd like to buy both.

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

Please look out for more information about Children's Mental Health Week in the newsletters and on our social media in the next couple of weeks.

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

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

We are so proud of the children from our Year 3 and 4 netball team who played in their first tournament. This was their first proper experience of playing in a competitive match and they held their own against the other local schools with some close results. We won 1 match, drew 2 and lost 2. The children were so excited to take part and did a great job of representing our school. A big thank you to our coach Meriel, Ms Sexton and Miss Bell for accompanying them and Mr Evans for driving the minibus.

Mrs Steen





OFFICE REMINDERS

- If your child has a fever or is clearly unwell, please do not send them to school/nursery. We would expect children with milder symptoms to be in school. Should they be too unwell to stay in school during the day, we will call you.
- ◆ Dress to Express on 6th February is already live on Scopay with a suggested donation of £1, but you can overpay if you wish.
- This is a general plea to all dog owners in the community please pick up your dog poo as we have had children with extremely messy shoes coming into school!

BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH THIS WEEKEND 27 - 29 JANUARY

Big Garden Birdwatch is fun, free and for everyone. And you don't need a garden to take part! Counting birds from your balcony or your local park will play a vital role in helping the RSPB understand how UK birds are doing.

Sign up for your free Guide.

https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/birdwatch-take-part/



Ink Cartridge Collection

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

Please bring to the school office.



Founder's Day & World Thinking Day Wednesday 22nd February



Scouts celebrate Founder's Day and Guides World Thinking Day on Wednesday 22nd February and are encouraged to wear their uniforms that day.

If your child is a Squirrel, Beaver, Cub, Scout, Rainbow, Brownie or Guide, they are invited to wear their uniform to school on Wednesday 22nd February.

At the end of last term, awards were made to a child in each class for Effort and Achievement and for demonstrating our values of Love, Resilience, Respect and Wisdom. Congratulations to them all!

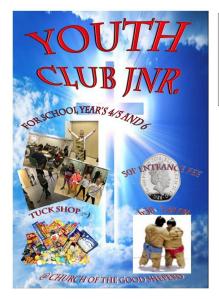
CLASS	EFFORT	ACHIEVEMENT	LOVE	RESILIENCE	RESPECT	WISDOM
BEECH	Sebastian McArthur	Tara Highton	Shanzay Zafar	Wilbur Foote	Tabs Napier	Benji Maskell
HAZEL	Stanley Sanderson	Edward Bligh	Coralie Gray	Maggie Smith	Charlotte Drummond	Arlo Westwood
OAK	Théo Lant	Mila Finn	Nell Young	Annie Doig	Sebastian Cassar	Ava Nigrelli
PINE	Annabel Harris	Ayana Nabbi	Ava Marais	Ibrahim Hussain	Toby Gammon	Alice Ashenden Myall
CEDAR	Taylor Haiden	Numaan Ahmad	Grace Webb	Indigo Cobbett	Adam Nawaz	Dorothy Potter
HAWTHORN	Immy Hope	Avinesh Ramanathan	Sophie Cooper	Juliette Moore	Tom Kloke	Austin Osei-Boateng
ELM	Henry Pocock	Mimi Gammon	Matthew Derrick	Martin Bahin	Jessica Hill	William Carpenter
JUNIPER	Isobel Grimes	Imogen Bulmer	Ivy Don Carolis	Ruqayyah Ali	Jennah Khan	Toby Brierley
MAPLE	Amelia McArthur	Stanley Gallagher	Monty Sherlock	Harry Doig	Florence Gwyther	Xanthe Wilkins
ALDER	Tom Waldron	Holly Hope	Arthur Jessup	Mason Moser	Iman Ahmad	James Poole
LARCH	Abbie Napier	Mira Moser	Evie Mickiewicz	Holly Ellender	Joshua Snowden-Reeve	Zohaib Awais
ROWAN	Mujtaba Ahmed	Liv Rahn	Suvan Khadka	Arrietty Schifano	Faghiyah Hussain	Maddy Elliott
WILLOW	Mussa Rahman	Eimaan Khan	Mia Green	Deema Sultan	Mylo Rubie	Ahmed Maricar
HOLLY	Bo Burden	Amelia Neenan	Ellen Grimshaw	Anna Snowden- Reeve	Emily Clothier	Annie Whyman-Taylor
LAUREL	Amina Azeem	Toby Clark	Amber Vickery	Alex Borovskyi	Finlay Boulby	Juliette Merrells











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

uld be available to help on Friday _____ (da

JANUA RY

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 <u>Nicola@newlifechurch.org.uk</u> for more details

