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# Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter



## Social Media Highlights



This half term in nursery, we have been learning about animals. This week we focussed on animals that live under the sea and we read the story The Rainbow Fish. The children were very inspired to create their own sparkly fish.



Year 5 had an incredible day at Hampton Court Palace learning lots about the Tudors and King Henry VIII. This trip was part of our hook for our power of reading book 'Treasure'. The children had a fantastic day and really enjoyed completing the maze in the gardens!!

Our Pyrford family just got a tiny bit bigger! Last week, Mrs Goree gave birth to a healthy baby girl named Lottie; both Mrs Goree and her beautiful daughter are doing very well. Please join us in congratulating Mrs Goree and her lovely family on their fantastic news. We are so excited for them all and are looking forward to seeing the adventures that they will now take on as a family of 4!



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## Head's Letter

Good morning and welcome to our last newsletter of the half term. I can't quite believe where time is going; when we come back we will hit the final half-term of the academic year. This is the busiest half term for the staff who will be finishing off this year with all the assessments, reports, trips, events, sports and residential whilst preparing for the next academic year and preparing children for transition. Over the half term and into the first few weeks of next half term, I will be preparing the staffing structure, and working through the HR and budget submission for 2023/24. As soon as this is finalised, I will send out classes and staff for next academic year.

Wishing you a good half term, sunshine is forecast!

Kathryn Krynicki  
Executive Headteacher

## Music at Pyrford Primary School



I wanted to introduce myself and tell you a little about music at Pyrford School. As a child I learnt to play the piano and the clarinet. I played the recorder at school and sang in the school choir. With my clarinet, I joined an orchestra which went on a trip to Germany to perform. I really believe music can open the door to so many new and exciting experiences.

At Pyrford, we aim to help children feel that they are musical and to develop a life-long love of music. Music helps children to develop transferable skills such as teamwork, leadership, creative thinking, problem solving, decision making and presentation and performance skills. These

are vital to children's development as learners and have a wider application in their general lives outside and beyond school.

As well as their music lessons that are part of the curriculum, during their time at Pyrford children have the opportunity to take part in:

- Christmas performances
- LKS2 production
- Y6 leavers show
- Y2 choral festival at St Andrews
- Peripatetic lessons (1:1 or small groups)
- Primary Music Festival at Dorking Halls
- Singing Picnic in Woking Park
- Young Voices at the O2 arena in London
- Brass lessons
- Musical workshops



*African Drumming Workshop*



*Outdoor music in Nursery*



Mary Gill





*Young Voices at The O2*



*Performing in church*



*Goldilocks & The 3 Bears Production*

*Year 6 Leavers' Production*

*Singing Picnic in Woking Park*



Thanks to our wonderful PTA and using some of our Sports Premium funds, we have a sports coach working with Years 1 - 6 three lunchtimes each week this term. He provides multi-sports activities which encourage active play and skills. You can see how much the children enjoy it.

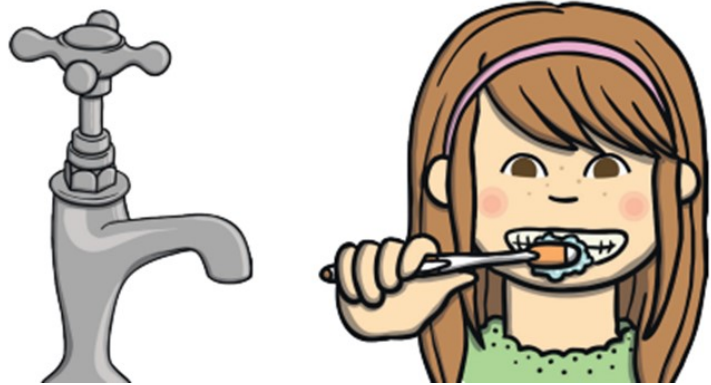




# ECO CHALLENGE

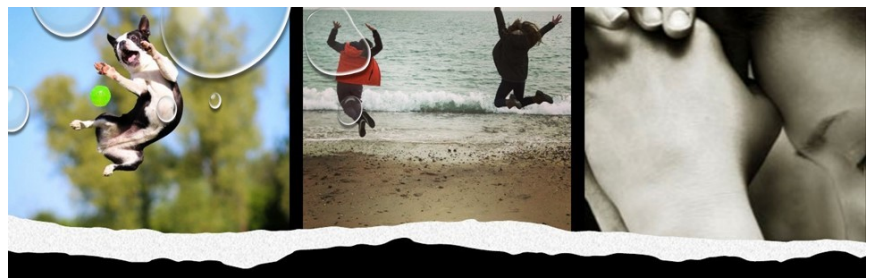
To save the environment, why not....

Turn off the water whilst brushing your teeth.



## OFFICE NOTES

- Live on Scopay - Year 6 Leavers' Service
- Please bring Breakfast Club and Treetops accounts up to date
- Y6 Osmington Bay - final payment due by 30th May



## PRAYER CLUB

Mondays 3:15pm to 4:15pm

for children in Key Stage 2 (years 3-6)

**Creative praying for our school, ourselves and for the world!**

**Sign up by emailing [L.bell@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:L.bell@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk)**

## UNIFORM

With summer approaching (!) you may want to take advantage of the offers below. Grey shorts can be worn by girls and boys. Blue gingham playsuits can also be worn. Please note that your child should not wear open-toed sandals.

On hot days, please make sure that you apply suncream before they come to school and that they have a sunhat / cap.

See our uniform page on the website for more information.

[Pyrford C of E Primary School - Uniform](#)

We have a good supply of pre-loved grey shorts and gingham summer dresses in most sizes. Please ask at the office or email [s.alexander@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:s.alexander@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk)

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**Anything purchased during our promotion can be exchanged right up until schools open in September!**

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# GOLDEN BOOK

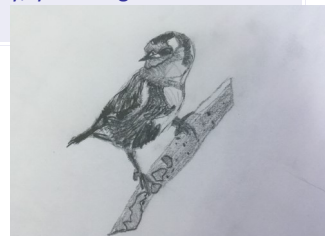
## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GOLDEN BOOK WINNERS THIS WEEK

<p><b>N SQUIRRELS</b> Amara Howell for being such a kind child. She plays nicely with her friends, shares the resources and is helpful in class. Amara sits and listens well and adds interesting facts to our discussions. Well done Amara!</p>	<p><b>3 JUNIPER</b> Vraj Lakhwani for being an exceptional scientist who loves to share his extensive knowledge with the class. This week we have been learning about the life cycle of plants. Vraj produced a detailed poster explaining the different stages and included additional information, drawing on his own ideas. Great work Vraj!</p>
<p><b>R BEECH</b> Amaya Tavender for great progress in her swimming lessons. She was not too keen at first but now gets in to the pool confidently and with a smile on her face. Mrs Daniell is very impressed with her. Well done Amaya!</p>	<p><b>3 MAPLE</b> Tillie Carpenter. In Science, Year 3 are learning about plants. This week Tillie worked hard to produce a poster explaining the life cycle of a flowering plant. She listened carefully and added the extra details we talked about.</p>
<p><b>R HAZEL</b> Benny Coventry for writing some fabulous facts about ducks. He has done a great job and we're super proud of him. Well done Benny!</p>	<p><b>4 ALDER</b> Charlie Sherlock for always working extremely hard. He listens carefully and always tries his very best. We are very proud to have him in Alder class!</p>
<p><b>1 OAK</b> Hadi Abdullah for working so hard at his reading and writing. He has been spelling lots of words using his phonics and remembering to use capital letters and full stops.</p>	<p><b>4 LARCH</b> William Bourne for his amazing progress in Maths. He is very enthusiastic during the lessons and it's lovely to see how happy he is when he is successful. We are so impressed that he has taught himself the 13 and 14 Times Tables now that he knows all the others. There's no stopping William - well done!</p>
<p><b>1 PINE</b> Ayana Nabbi. We have been learning about the continents of the world and animals which live on those continents. This week we learnt about the jungles of South America and the snakes. Ayana worked hard to copy the repeating pattern on the snake's body and copy the shape of the scales.</p>	<p><b>5 ROWAN</b> George Gray for the fantastic art work he has been doing this half term. We have been focussing on birds and he impressed with his observational drawing of a goldfinch. He tried really hard to create depth to his work by using shading. He did an amazing job. Well done George!</p>
<p><b>2 CEDAR</b> Poppy Murray. Poppy has always shown a passion for Music and this half term she has given her all when learning to play the recorder. She thinks carefully about her positioning and is beginning to play the melodies in a very musical way. Well done Poppy!</p>	<p><b>5 WILLOW</b> Noor-Eshal Razaq for the hard work she has shown in her spellings. She has worked incredibly well to use the -ent and -ant suffix in her writing and we are so impressed that she has related these to our story that we are focussing on in English. Well done - keep up the fantastic work!</p>
<p><b>2 HAWTHORN</b> Tom Kloke. In Science we have been carrying out an investigation to find out what plants need to grow healthily. Tom has been especially interested in watching the bean germinate and grow; often using a magnifying glass to look carefully at them each morning. He has impressed us with how he completed his work independently and clearly explained what he found out. Well done Tom!</p>	<p><b>6 HOLLY</b> Sam Darling for his outstanding Science experiment plan which he developed to test an electrical circuit and measure the changes in the bulb brightness. His questions for this investigation were well thought out and used great scientific language. Well done Sam - great work!</p>
<p><b>3 ELM</b> Ismael Azeem. Ismael is thoroughly enjoying our Science unit all about plants. He has posed thoughtful questions and can explain the life cycle of a flowering plant in detail. Well done Ismael.</p>	<p><b>6 LAUREL</b> Evan Phillips and Toby Clark for their exemplary behaviour and the enthusiasm they showed at the Prayer Stations that Laurel class attended at the Church of the Good Shepherd. It was a wonderful experience for all the children, to facilitate their quiet reflection and prayer. Well done Evan and Toby, you are great role models for others!</p>

*Ayana Nabbi*



*George Gray*



## 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 Minibeam Workshop**

**Wed 14 Jun Class Photos (classes tbc)**

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

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

**Tue 20 Jun Class Photos (classes tbc)**

**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**

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**COLLEGE TOURS WITH OUR  
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**Monday 10th July 09:00-10:00am**

**Tuesday 11th July 09:00-10:00am**

**Wednesday 12th July 09:00-10:00am**

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**LIVING OUR VALUES**



- We are a relaxed friendly group (ages between 8 and 17) meeting once a month on Saturday morning (except August) -
  - 10am till 12 noon
- Participation in local and national flower events encouraged
- No experience necessary





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## SPONSOR A PLANK



We are raising money to replace the decking in the Environmental Garden

And you can get involved by sponsoring a plank for just £25!

Simply email [EPPSTreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:EPPSTreasurer@gmail.com) with details of how many planks you would like and the name for each plank ☺

Our school Environmental Garden has a wonderful pond but the decking has been condemned...  
...this is going to be a big project and we need your help!



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*We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:*

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*(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)*

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**FRIDAY 9TH JUNE**



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**NEW MEMBERS TRIALS**  
For children born between  
January 2014 and December 2017  
who are interested in competitive swimming  
to be held on  
**Tuesday 20th June 2023**  
at  
Woking Pool in the Park  
2017 born are expected to be able to swim basic front crawl and backstroke.  
2014 born must be able to swim good front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke.  
To request a time slot please scan the code below on your smartphone to sign up  
Or contact Jane by emailing: [wokingsc.newmembers@gmail.com](mailto:wokingsc.newmembers@gmail.com)



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>

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