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## Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

## Y6 Heart Surgeons & Brilliant Readers

















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## **Head's Letter**

#### Dear Parents and Carers,

Another half term has been and gone and we're already heading towards spring! However, as I write this the weather is particularly wet, so it's time for me to remind us all to please bring in coats so that we can still get outside as much as possible.

Monday began with a Safer Internet Day assembly which prepared the children for what they would be learning about in their computing lessons throughout the week. As it is such an important area of the curriculum, we visit and revisit internet safety over the year but this special week gave us the opportunity to really focus on what to do in order to safely navigate the world wide web.

A particular highlight of the week was another visit to Year 6, where they were dissecting lamb hearts with the guidance of Dr Metcalf from Bishop David Brown School. The children were excited (and a little anxious) but discovered so much about the workings of the heart and the function that it plays in life. This experience is not often available to children in primary schools so we are very fortunate to benefit from this relationship with BDB.

We have had children out competing at various sporting events this week. On Wednesday, our Year 5 and 6 girls football team played a football tournament at Gordons School organised by Chelsea FC Foundation. We are so incredibly proud of them; they played outstandingly well and came 3rd in their group. They got off to a great start with a 2-0 win and won their second game. A big thank you to Sam Watson for stepping in as coach and to Miss Bell for accompanying them.



Also on Wednesday a group of Year 5 children took part in an orienteering session at Hoebridge School. Although they had no experience of orienteering, both teams finished in the top half of the 14 schools taking part, one team finishing in the top 4.



Best wishes, Pete Wright Head of School I hope that you and your children find some time over the

next week to spend together, and that you're able to enjoy maybe even one lie in (until at least... 6.30am?!). See you all back in school on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February.



#### World Book Day Friday 8th March

This year, we will be celebrating World Book day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March (due to parents evening on 7th). Children are invited to dress up as a book character or come to school in their pyjamas (to represent bedtime stories). Look out for book tokens coming home after half term.



Founder's Day & World Thinking Day



Scouts celebrate Founder's Day and Guides World Thinking Day on Thursday 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 Thursday 22nd February.



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## Save the date EYFS and KS1! Friday 8th March 2:20

#### **MAGs Picnic**

This is a chance for the children of Squirrels, Reception and KS1 to show their love and appreciation for their MAGs (Mothers, Aunties, Grannies and significant others). Details of the event will follow after half term.

There will also be an event to celebrate Dads, Grandads, Uncles etc when it is Father's Day.



#### Nationally, this week has been Children's Mental Health Week.

Here is a recommended link for parents and carers to help support their children. Included in the information is a lovely activity you may like to carry out during half term with some useful questions to ask.

https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/

https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/what-mattersto-you-activity-for-4-11-year-olds/

Breakfast Club and Treetops accounts should please be brought up to date by the end of today.



# Golden Book Awards

#### **N SQUIRRELS**

Ayla Akhtar & Kayleigh Crittenden for playing with the farm Haleema Pazir. In Art we have been looking at bodies and grouped the animals. Well done girls!

#### **R BEECH**

Jasper Bardin. Jasper has loved our new globe. He has been Lincoln Evans for his wonderful enthusiasm busy exploring and asking questions and telling us all the determination to achieve his very best. We are very proud of amazing facts he knows about the world. What a lovely his resilience and effort. He produced some particularly curious mind!

#### **R HAZEL**

He showed us just how well he can aim a ball at a target Morris and how nature inspired much of his artwork. from high above and from lower down with accuracy and Alexander has used his inspiration of nature to create his skill. Well done Flynn!

#### **1 OAK**

Isa Rahman for his amazing Maths work on fact families.

#### **1 PINE**

trying his best. He sets a great example for everyone!

#### 2 CEDAR

and mixing tints. Well done Chester!

#### **2 HAWTHORN**

natural ability. Well done Hamzah!

#### **3 ELM**

inspired by Alberto Giacometti. Rupert made a structure detailed sketch, then formed the eye and scales out of clay, using wire and then carefully coiled clay around before finishing off by painting it using acrylic paints. The paint smoothing the sculpture off. The result is a highly effective effect she used was very effective. Well done Liv, keep up the standing figure. Great work Rupert!

Grace Modlock

#### **3 MAPLE**

so well together. Kayleigh shared her knowledge of the movement. We used wire to create the shape of a person. names of the animals and their babies, and together they Haleema thought carefully about positioning the arms and legs to show movement. She then worked hard to cover her model in clay.

#### **4 ALDER**

and excellent sketches this week. Well done Lincoln!

#### **4 BIRCH**

Flynn Capindale for doing an amazing job in our PE lesson . Alexander Caulfield. In Art we have been studying William own leaves using different gradients of pencils. We love the detail he has included in his drawings. Well done Alexander!

#### **4 LARCH**

Mariam Ali for her wonderful sketch of a feather. She used the sketching pencils effectively to build up tone and depth. We are really impressed with her work!

#### **5 ROWAN**

Stanley Sanderson for always working incredibly hard and Adam Mazhar for his work in Art. We have been studying Frida Kahlo, a famous Mexican artist. Adam created a lovely title page all about this pioneering artist. Well done, keep up the great work!

#### **5 WILLOW**

Chester Jones. Year 2 had a go at painting in the style of Joseph Hughes for his fantastic effort in Computing. He not Georgia O'Keeffe. Chester worked incredibly hard to use all only ensures that he is completing his learning, but also the techniques we have learned so far, including blending regularly supports his peers and helps them when needed. Well done Joseph for your kind and helpful behaviour!

#### **6 HOLLY**

Hamzah Zafar. In PE we have been learning the ball skills Grace Modlock for her clay dragon eye. Her choice of colours that are needed for playing tennis. Hamzah particularly and her attention to detail in her painting techniques are enjoyed our sessions and showed great co-ordination and very effective. She used various clay-making techniques well to form the eye and scales, following her pencil sketch design. Well done Grace - fantastic work!

#### **6 LAUREL**

Rupert Daniell. In Art we have been making sculptures Liv Rahn for her clay dragon's eye. Liv made an initial great work!

Liv Rahn



SPRING TERM DATES				
Mon 12 - Fri 16 Feb		HALF TERM HOLIDAY		
Mon 19 Feb		INSET DAY		
Wed 21 Feb		Y6 Greeks Workshop		
Thu 22 Feb		Scouts Founder's / Girlguiding Thinking Day		
Fri 23 Feb	15:15-15:45	YR, Y1 & Y2 Friendly Friday		
Fri 1 Mar	15:15-15:45	Y3 & Y4 Friendly Friday		
Mon 4 Mar		World Music Workshops		
Tue 5 Mar		World Music Workshops		
Tue 5 Mar	after school	Y5/6 Cross Country @ Hoebridge		
Tue 5 Mar	15:30-17:30	Parents Evening Meetings		
Thu 7 Mar	15:30-19:30	Parents Evening Meetings		
Fri 8 Mar		World Book Day Mufti Day		
Fri 8 Mar	14:20	EYFS & KS1 MAGs Picnic		
Fri 8 Mar	15:15-15:45	Y5 & Y6 Friendly Friday		
Thu 14 Mar		Y2 to Brooklands Museum		
Fri 15 Mar	09:00	Bag2School Collection		
Mon 18 Mar	08:45-09:30	EYFS/KS1 Termly Awards		
Tue 19 Mar	after school	Y3/4 Cross Country @ Hoebridge		
Wed 20 Mar	08:45-09:30	KS2 Termly Awards		
Wed 20 Mar		Little City visit EYFS		
Thu 21 Mar		Y5 Viking Workshop		
Fri 22 Mar	19:30-22:00	PTA Quiz Night		
Mon 25 Mar	09:00	Easter Service @ CoGS		
Tue 26 Mar	15:10 / 15:15	Last Day of Spring Term		
Wed 27 Mar		INSET DAY		
Thu 28 Mar		INSET DAY		
Fri 29 Mar - Fri 12 Apr		EASTER HOLIDAY		



Mariam Ali



Lincoln Evans



Alexander Caulfield





cartridges.

		RM DATES
Mon 15 Apr		First Day of Summer Term
Wed 17 - Fri 19 Apr		Y4 Hindleap Warren Residential
Fri 26 Apr	15:15-15:45	YR, Y1 & Y2 Friendly Friday
Wed 1 May	am	Y3 Feet First Walking Training
Thu 2 May		Y5 to Mosque
Thu 2 May	am	Y3 Feet First Walking Training
Fri 3 May		Y5 to Hampton Court
Fri 3 May	15:15-15:45	Y3 & Y4 Friendly Friday
Mon 6 May		BANK HOLIDAY
Wed 8 May		Y4 Rainforest Workshop
Fri 10 May		YR to Godstone Farm
Fri 10 May	15:15-15:45	Y5 & Y6 Friendly Friday
Mon 13 - Thu 16 May		KS2 SATS
Wed 22 May	2 pm	Y3&4 Production @ CoGS
Mon 27 - Fri 31 May		HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Wed 12 Jun		District Sports
Fri 14 Jun		Y5 to Wildwood
Fri 14 Jun	15:15-15:45	YR, Y1 & Y2 Friendly Friday
Tue 18 June		Y6 Leavers' Service @ Cathedral
Wed 19 Jun		EYFS Minibeast Workshop
Wed 19 Jun		Y6 Lego STEM Workshop
Thu 20 Jun		District Sports
Fri 21 Jun		Y4 Chinese Dragon Workshop
Fri 21 Jun	15:15-15:45	Y3 & Y4 Friendly Friday
Wed 26 Jun		Y2 to Lookout Discovery Centre
Thu 27 Jun		SEND Fullbrook Transition Day
Fri 28 Jun		Y3 Activity Day
Fri 28 Jun	15:15-15:45	Y5 & Y6 Friendly Friday
Mon 1 Jul	08:45-09:30	EYFS/KS1 Termly Awards
Mon 1 Jul		Fullbrook Transition Day
Tue 2 Jul (prov)	09:00-12:00	KS2 Sports Day
Wed 3 Jul	08:45-09:30	KS2 Termly Awards
Thu 4 Jul (prov)	09:00-12:00	EYFS / KS1 Sports Day
Mon 8 - Fri 12 Jul		Y6 Osmington Bay Residential
Mon 8 Jul	Morning	Y5 Fullbrook Away Day
Mon 22 Jul	09:00	Leavers' Service @ CoGS
Tue 23 Jul	12:00	Last Day of Summer Term





## Gardening club is back!

**When & where?** Wednesday after school 3:15 – 4:15 in the school environmental garden starting 28.2.24

What happens at Gardening club? There will be loads of fun activities including seed sowing, nurturing seedlings, growing and harvesting their own fruit, veg, flowers and herbs. There will also be lots of activities like insect hotel making, slug hunting, den building, weeding, watering and digging.

Open to years 3 and 4. Please email Louisa Bell if you'd like your child to attend: L.Bell@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk

**Can you help?** (There are 2 ways you might be able to!)

We would love to invite more children to gardening club – to make that possible we need some more **parent helpers**. If anyone thinks they can volunteer to help at gardening club it would be <u>hugely</u> appreciated. If you can spare some time on a Wednesday afternoon please get in touch via the school office or <u>pamelaruther-ford215@hotmail.com</u>

Would you like to help in the garden but aren't available on Wednesdays? Do you have any **spare sleepers or materials** that could help us create some new raised beds in the garden? The school garden is an amazing space - the PTA have created a new pond and this Spring we are going to expand the existing raised beds and create new wildflower, sensory and pollinator areas. All this would benefit from sleepers to help create them. If you can help in any way we'd love to hear from you. Please email <u>pamelarutherford215@hotmail.com</u> or <u>martinhunter61@hotmail.com</u> if you think you can help.





## School Nurse Parent Drop In Clinic

Eastwood Leisure Centre Albert Drive, Sheerwater, GU21 5RF – free parking

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month 0930-1130 2024 dates: 3 Jan, 7 Feb, 6 Mar, 3 Apr, 1 May, 5 Jun, 3 Jul, 7 Aug, 4 Sep, 2 Oct, 6 Nov, 4 Dec Come and meet the team

Soft play area and Coffee Shop

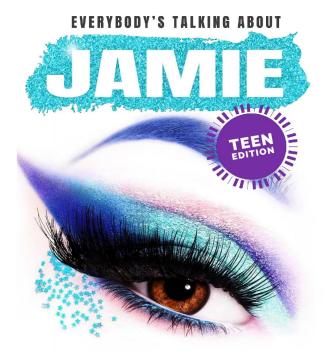
We can provide advice and signposting on topics such as:

Toileting Sleep Dental care Healthy eating

Height/weight checks Behaviour Mental health Eating disorders and more School health care plans As well as referral support to other services.



#### **Fullbrook Productions present**



Thursday 7th March | Friday 8th March | Saturday 9th March

Tickets available at: www.ticketsource.co.uk/fullbrookschool-jamie



This amateur production of EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT JAMIE: TEEN EDITION is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd.www.concordtheatricals.co.uk

## PLAY & LEARN PLUS :: For parents & carers\*



Free sensory play and learning sessions for children (0-5 years) with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), pre and post diagnosis. Siblings welcome.

Sessions are all year round and will provide:

- Interactive and specialist play opportunities
- Access to professional advice from Woking Family
  Centres, Homestart and partners
- Signposting to further Woking Family Centres Services
- Safe space to meet other parents and carers of SEND children.
- \* Priority will be given to families living in Woking borough.



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