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Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter



Celebrating Success

I am delighted to share with you the phenomenal success of the school in terms of the academic achievements of our pupils. As you may know, Primary league tables were published in mid-December. Pyrford sat very proudly in the top 20 of 486 Surrey schools and in the top 20% nationally. Behind the scenes, the DfE work with schools to validate data and create dashboards against national comparators. Comparators cover all aspects of school life including attendance, staffing and other school characteristics.

Below is a snapshot of where our school is doing extremely well. In all areas performance is significantly above the national figures. In some areas, the school sits in the top 3% and never below the top 20% nationally, both in terms of achievement and progress. The children's achievements are well worthy of celebration. The trends are consistent over the last 4 years, despite going through a pandemic! As a school community of staff, governors, parents and children we work together to give the Pyrford children the very best education – well done to everyone!

Kathryn Krynicki

	Performance in 2023	2023 value	2023 nat value
Reading KS2 progress	96th percentile	4.1	0.0
Writing KS2 progress	90th percentile	2.9	0.0
Mathematics KS2 progress	93rd percentile	3.6	0.0
Reading, Writing & Mathematics KS2 expected standard %	90th percentile	78	59
Reading KS2 expected standard %	87th percentile	88	73
Writing KS2 expected standard %	87th percentile	85	71
Mathematics KS2 expected standard %	97th percentile	95	73
Reading KS2 high standard %	89th percentile	47	29
Writing KS2 greater depth %	88th percentile	25	13
Mathematics KS2 high standard %	87th percentile	38	24
English Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling KS2 expected standard %	81st percentile	85	72
English Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling KS2 high standard %	88th percentile	47	30

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Head's Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that (like me) you are now back in the swing of things and the routines of term time. The weather continues to be cold and frosty so, as ever, please ensure that named warm coats are being worn to school.

Last term, I was able to meet with some of you who joined me for "Coffee with Mr Wright". During these informal meetings, I asked parents and carers what one (or more) thing they would like the school to keep doing, and what they would like the school to change or stop doing. The results have now been collated and even categorised (thank you Mrs Anderson!) and below you will see some of the "keep" results. The "changes" suggestions will now be discussed by the leadership team to find appropriate solutions, where appropriate.

KEEP
Friendly Fridays
Parental support and involvement
Communication with teachers and office staff
Weekly newsletters
Treetops
The community feel

Our popular Friendly Fridays continue this year with Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 after school today and Years 3 & 4 next Friday (19th) and Years 5 & 6 the week after (26th).

During Friendly Fridays we would like to invite you to come and see the newly renovated pond area and the environmental garden. Lots of parents have asked to see it so we thought this would be a good opportunity. If you would like to see the garden, please pick your child up as normal, attend their classroom for

Friendly Friday then head to the garden. To reach the garden walk through the front car park and go to the double gates by the bungalow. I will be there this week and Miss Adams or myself the following weeks. We will be closing the garden by 4pm.

Next week, around 25 Key Stage 2 children will be heading off to the O2 Arena to take part in the national Young Voices singing event. Schools from across the country will be taking part over the week with our slot on the Monday. The children are so excited to be involved in singing alongside thousands of other children!

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to the PTA for the new basketball hoops and balls that they have purchased for the school. These are not only being used by basketball club (yet another sporting club at Pyrford!) but during playtimes and PE sessions throughout the week. Thanks to everyone who has been able to support the PTA and their events thus far!

Best wishes.

Pete

Pete Wright

Head of School

The closing date for Reception applications for September 2024 entry is **THIS MONDAY 15th January**. Please remember that you still need to apply if your child is at Squirrels or is a sibling of a child already in the school.

Full information is available on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.



Is your child starting school in September 2024?

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 you will need to apply for a school place between **30 October 2023** and **15 January 2024**.

Is your child in year 2?
If your child attends an infant school you will need to apply for a place at a junior school or a primary school with a year 3 intake.

Apply online
between
30 October 2023
and **15 January 2024**





Golden Book Awards



Nuriyah Bhura

R BEECH

Roman Borovsky. We have been learning stories and Roman has been working so hard to learn the story of The 3 Little Pigs. He loves the wolf and is very good at huffing and puffing. Roman is trying super hard in his learning at the moment and we are very proud!

R HAZEL

Finley Fletcher. Finley has come such a long way with his writing and now writes confidently during Phonics lessons. He did a great job this week with one of the star jobs. Well done Finley, we are so proud of you!

1 OAK

Ali Zafar for making a huge effort with his independent writing. He has been showing great resilience and trying his best!

1 PINE

Maisie Waite for being incredibly brave when she hurt herself and showing great resilience!

2 CEDAR

Zahra Zaib. In Art, Year 2 have been learning how to create different shades using paint. Zahra focussed incredibly well and carefully created lots of different shades, adding more black each time. Well done Zahra!

2 HAWTHORN

Nuriyah Bhura. In our English lessons, we are reading *Rabbit's Bad Habits*. Nuriyah thought carefully about the story setting and created a lovely painting of a snow scene. Well done Nuriyah!

3 ELM

Hadassah Madzingira. We have been creating drawings of characters based on descriptions from our *Krindlekrax* text. Haddasah produced an excellent picture of Ruskin, the hero of the story, and annotated her drawing with interesting words and phrases. Great work Hadassah!

3 MAPLE

Shifa Ahmad. We have been focusing on character descriptions. Shifa drew an excellent picture of Wendy, one of the main characters. She worked hard to think of lots of interesting words and phrases to describe her. Good work Shifa.

4 ALDER

Mia Ahmad for always working really hard. We are so impressed with the effort she puts into everything. Mia listened carefully about Alpine biomes and packed her information page with interesting facts. Well done Mia!

4 BIRCH

Mia Sinclair for her excellent piece of writing about Arthur's sea journey based upon the story of *Arthur and the Golden Rope*. Mia thoroughly enjoyed this story and was able to bring this to life in her own writing using similes, personification and adjectives. Well done Mia for working so hard!

4 LARCH

Isobel Grimes for her excellent information text about subtropical desert biomes. Her work is beautifully presented and contains a lot of interesting facts. She has shown that she has a good understanding of the differences between the main biomes in the world.

5 ROWAN

Edward Allen for his excellent work in English. We are learning about modal verbs and he produced some fantastic sentences linked to the book we are reading. Well done!

5 WILLOW

Katey Haiden for her fantastic effort in all lessons. She was a wonderful helper in PE, supporting her peers to use a hockey stick correctly. She also produced some amazing sentences which included modal verbs in English and wrote a very informative piece about the Ancient Maya in History. All her work is consistently presented to a high standard. Well done Katey. Keep up the good work!

6 HOLLY

Aidan Fernandez for creating a wonderful net of a cube to show distinct aspects of himself, taking inspiration from the many different Hindu gods. His drawings are very eye-catching and fun! Well done Aidan - fabulous work.

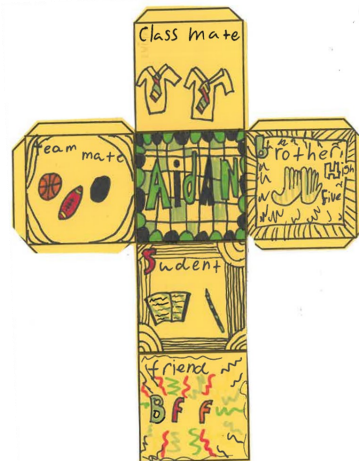
6 LAUREL

Faghiyah Hussain for her work in our Science topic - The Circulatory System. She gave a detailed description of the different systems in the human body and clearly labelled the parts of the circulatory system. Well done Faghiyah, keep up the great work!

SPRING TERM DATES		
Fri 12 Jan	15:15- 5:45	YR, Y1 & Y2 Friendly Friday
Mon 15 Jan		Young Voices at The O2
Fri 19 Jan	15:15-15:45	Y3 & Y4 Friendly Friday
Thu 25 Jan		Y1 to Windsor Castle
Fri 26 Jan	15:15-15:45	Y5 & Y6 Friendly Friday
Thu 8 Feb		N-Y2 Drama Workshops
Thu 8 Feb	13:20	Y4 Girls Football @ Greenfield
Fri 9 Feb		Music Mufti Day
Mon 12 - Fri 16 Feb		HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Mon 19 Feb		INSET DAY
Wed 21 Feb		Y6 Greeks Workshop
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	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
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

WANTED BY YEAR 1

Year 1 need egg boxes, toilet roll tubes and kitchen roll tubes to create their dragons next week. Please drop off at the office.



Aidan Fernandez

FAMILY LEARNING



Free Courses for parents and carers

Surrey Family Learning offer **FREE** courses and workshops to help you create a better family life.

Do you want to help your child or teenager to improve their behaviour, development and learning?

Book onto one of our tailored courses today to begin supporting you and your family. Find more information at:

surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning



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Courses available

- Parenting** Help understand your children and teenagers' behaviour, anxiety and mental health.
- English as an Additional Language** Support for you and your child with English and how education in England works.
- Maths** Learn about methods used in schools today.
- Literacy** Learn about how English is taught in schools today.
- Cookery** Be inspired and cook healthy family dishes together.



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School Nurse Parent Drop In Clinic

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

1st 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.



SUMMER TERM 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
Mon 27 - Fri 31 May		HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Fri 14 Jun		Y5 to Wildwood
Fri 14 Jun	15:15-15:45	YR, Y1 & Y2 Friendly Friday
Tue 18 Jun		Y6 Leavers' Service @ Cathedral
Wed 19 Jun		EYFS Minibeast Workshop
Wed 19 Jun		Y6 Lego STEM Workshop
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
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
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 22 Jul	09:00	Leavers' Service @ CoGS
Tue 23 Jul	12:00	Last Day of Summer Term



Damira Dental Studios Ltd in Woking are accepting New **NHS** patients especially children for a limited time. Contact the reception team anytime Monday – Saturday 09:00-17:00, on 01483 773 753

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EVERY SUNDAY 10am - 12pm

Warm Welcome venues

Safe and friendly places for everyone in Surrey

- Table Tennis
- Boccia
- Hot Drinks

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Free Warm Up items available

For Carers and little ones. Toys, Refreshments, Craft, Chat.

PYRFORD TOTS STAY & PLAY

Wednesdays
(Term Time)
10:30am – 12noon

At the Church of the Good Shepherd Hall, Pyrford GU22 8SP

£2 donation per family

Tots Praise!

Tuesday Mornings,
10 to 11:30am

@ the Church of the Good Shepherd,
Coldharbour Road, Pyrford GU22 8SP

Songs, puppets, story, cake, coffee, juice,

We'd love to see you.

Any enquiries Suzanne at the Parish Office 01932 356166
Suzanne@wisleywithpyrford.org

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.

Go to wisleywithpyrford.org/kids to find out more

Games
laughter
Challenge
Team Work
Bible Exploration
Prayer
Fun
Food
Peace

For children in school years 5 & 6
19th TO 21st APRIL 2024
At DALES DOWN CHRISTIAN CENTRE
Bosham, RH13 8AX

DEEPER WITH GOD Weekend Away