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Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Year 1 Getting a Taste for Healthy Eating



The children in Year 1 have been learning to prepare food as part of their DT unit. The children thoroughly enjoyed peeling and cutting different fruits, but the best part was tasting all of the healthy foods!



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Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents,

We began this week with our new assembly theme, *'To boldly go...'*, which encourages us all to think about the journeys we're on this year. We reflected on how everyone's journey is unique, with different destinations ahead — and how it's completely normal to feel a little nervous at times. We also talked about how feeling nervous and excited can often feel very similar, and reminded ourselves that we've faced challenges before and come through them just fine. Next week, we're excited to welcome Rev. Nick from the Church of the Good Shepherd, who will be leading one of our assemblies — a real treat for the whole school community.

Monday saw a fantastic performance workshop for our KS1 and Reception pupils, giving them a lovely opportunity to shine. Our football team also did us proud, finishing in a very respectable third place (on goal difference!) at the Schools Finals Day on Thursday. We are very grateful to Doug Tine for giving up his time to coach the team.

This week, Willow Class are visiting RGS Guildford for a Tudor Day. I've also been working closely with the Headteacher at Fullbrook to fine-tune our transition plans for the Year 6 children who will be heading there next year.



It's been a busy week — and a positive one too! I really enjoyed meeting with the PTA to talk about their exciting plans for the summer fair, and I'm incredibly grateful for their continued support. Thanks to their generosity, we'll be replacing one of our standing jump mats, installing a new sandpit for Reception, purchasing extra equipment for our Forest Fun Crew, and introducing Calm Boxes in every classroom. These Calm Boxes are filled with helpful tools and resources that children can use independently to help regulate their emotions and get back into a learning mindset.

We're hugely thankful to the PTA (and to all the families who support their work) for helping us provide the best possible experience for our pupils. As school budgets become increasingly stretched, your generosity makes a real difference in helping us deliver the enriching experiences and resources our children deserve.

You will see from the term dates that we have teams going out to compete in a wide variety of sports. We have very smart athletic vests and football kits, but would like to buy 2 sets of sports polo / t-shirts for cricket, netball etc so these teams look equally as smart. Would your company, or one you know, like to sponsor the cost of these? Two sets would be about £500 and you would have your name/logo on the front of the shirt. Do get in touch with me or Mrs Steen if you can help.

Wishing everyone a relaxing bank holiday weekend — we'll see you all on Tuesday!

Gavin Dutton
Headteacher

Plea From Our Year 6 Office Helpers – please can you name your child's school items. We try to reunite lost property but it makes our job very hard when there is so much that is not named or the name is really hard to read. Thank you!

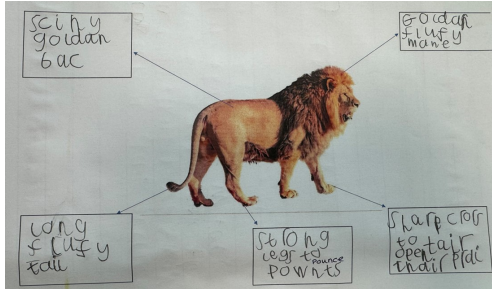
Golden Book Awards



N SQUIRRELS - Cleo Cleo is always busy, always helpful and always kind. Thank you Cleo!

R BEECH - Sophie for trying very hard with her writing. She concentrated well and wrote her letters carefully. She listened for all the sounds and could speak confidently about what she could see in the picture. Well done Sophie. Mrs Murray is very proud of you!

R HAZEL - Diego for doing some wonderful writing about a farm. He thought carefully about the letters he needed and worked hard to try and form them correctly. Well done Diego!

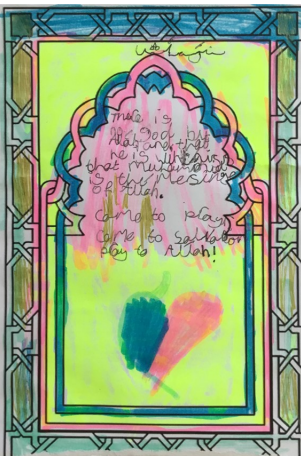


1 OAK - Teddy In our writing, we have been learning to use adjectives to describe nouns. Teddy has thought carefully about the key features of a lion and has used interesting language to describe these specific features. Miss Daly cannot wait to see his facts used within his writing this week. Well done Teddy!

1 PINE - Hadi for fabulous counting groups of 2, 5 and 10. He also added using that knowledge and using pieces of numicon to help him. Well done Hadi!

2 CEDAR - Horatio In English we are writing sentences using verbs from our story *Pattan's Pumpkin*. Horatio worked so hard writing his own sentences and carefully underlining the verbs. He also worked really hard on his presentation and handwriting. Mrs Goree is so proud of you Horatio - keep up the good work!

2 HAWTHORN - Elizabeth for drawing a wonderful story setting, after listening to the story *Pattan's Pumpkin*, which is set in India. She also added some adjectives to describe what she'd drawn.



3 ELM - Amelia This week we have started learning about Islam. Amelia shared her detailed understanding of Muslim beliefs about Allah, as well as explaining her own thoughts and experiences. She made an excellent contribution to our lesson. Well done Amelia!

3 MAPLE - Lottie for her excellent work in Science. Her 'lift the flap' picture showed that she has a very good understanding of what jobs each part of a plant does. Well done!

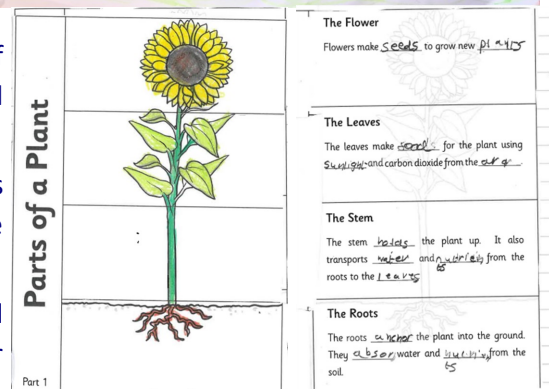
4 ALDER - Hasan for working exceptionally hard during all our Maths lessons. He always take part in the input and then goes on to challenge himself. Mrs Gill and Mrs Wright are really pleased with Hasan's effort.

4 LARCH - Lasse Lasse has really impressed us with his effort and enthusiasm in our show rehearsals. His singing and acting as Father Bear have been wonderful!

5 CHERRY - Ismael for his wonderful effort and enthusiasm in RE. Year 5 have been looking at birth ceremonies and the importance of prayer in Islam. Ismael has been excited to share his wisdom with the class. Great work Ismael!

5 ROWAN - The whole class On Friday we spent the day at RGS in Guildford for a series of Tudor themed workshops. Miss Wilson was so impressed with the behaviour and enthusiasm of the children. They had a fantastic day and learned lots of new and interesting facts. Miss Wilson was extremely proud of them all, well done!

5 WILLOW - Vivienne for her fantastic work in Geography. She can confidently use the atlas index and grid references to locate countries within Europe and identify their capitals. Mrs Woodhams is so impressed with how hard she works in every lesson. She actively engages and participates in the class discussions and takes great pride in her work. Keep it up Vivienne!



6 HOLLY - Matthew for his formal letter in English when we were applying to become a spy. He used formal language, a good range of punctuation and set out the letter in the correct format. He concluded the letter with the appropriate formal salutation spelt correctly. Well done Matthew!

6 LAUREL - Aariz for his impressive work in Science. We have been learning about the human body and one of our topics was how to lead a healthy lifestyle. The children researched what constitutes a healthy diet and were asked to plan a healthy, balanced menu for the week. Well done Aariz, keep up the great work!

Parents and Carers

Key Online Safety Resources



Childnet have a dedicated area to support parents and carers with information on key topics, advice and activities to share with your child.

childnet.com/parents-and-carers

Childnet Resource Hub

Choose resources for 'parents and carers' to see leaflets, resources and activities to do with your child.

childnet.com/resources



Advice on key online issues, tips, guides and blogs from partners: Childnet, SWGfL and the IWF.

saferinternet.org.uk

Safer Internet Day

Join the celebrations for Safer Internet Day every February! We provide free tips, advice, videos, quizzes and more.

saferinternetday.org.uk

Reviews and tools

The Family Gaming Database

shares research and advice on thousands of video games, including content warnings and PEGI ratings.

familygamingdatabase.com

Common Sense Media provides expert reviews, advice and age-appropriate recommendations on games, apps, films and more. Users can access up to three free reviews per month.

commonsensemedia.org

Parental controls and privacy settings described step-by-step alongside support on a range of online safety topics.

internetmatters.org/parental-controls

Want to stay up to date? Sign up for the Childnet newsletter to hear about our latest advice on the most popular apps, new blogs and more.

childnet.com/signup



Important Reminder

We are a nut free school but are aware that some children are bringing in sandwiches containing Nutella chocolate spread or similar which contain nuts. Some of our children are very sensitive to nuts, whereby even being in the vicinity of someone eating a product containing nuts can severely affect them. Please check ingredients before sending in items in your child's packed lunches.

Making a report

For advice on the reporting tools for popular games, apps and social media platforms visit childnet.com/how-to-report for more information.

Report Harmful Content is a national reporting centre offering advice and links to industry reporting tools. It also provides support by reviewing outcomes after a report has been made on a platform or app.

reportharmfulcontent.com

Report suspected online child sexual abuse or grooming to your child's school/local police. If necessary, contact the **Child Exploitation and Online Protection command (CEOP)**.

ceop.police.uk

Report online child sexual abuse images and videos with the **Internet Watch Foundation's** anonymous reporting tool.

iwf.org.uk

Information on hate crime and advice on how to report it in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

report-it.org.uk

National reporting centre for fraud and cybercrime in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

actionfraud.police.uk

For Scotland, reports can be made to Police Scotland: scotland.police.uk/contact-us.

Get help and support

There are lots of organisations who work to support families and children. Visit childnet.com/get-help if you're worried about an online concern.

NSPCC

0808 800 5000
nspcc.org.uk

Free support and advice for adults concerned about the safety or wellbeing of a child.



**family
lives**

0808 800 2222
familylives.org.uk

Free support and advice on any aspect of parenting and family life.

YOUNGMINDS
Fighting for young people's mental health

0808 802 5544
youngminds.org.uk

Free support and advice on how to support young people's mental health and wellbeing.

Helplines for children & young people

childline

0800 11 11
childline.org.uk

Providing help and support for under 18s.

THE MIX

themix.org.uk

Providing help and support for 13-25 year olds.

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SUMMER TERM DATES		
Mon 5 May		BANK HOLIDAY
Tue 6 May		Swimming lessons start
Tue 6 - Fri 16 May		Ducks in Reception
Wed 7 May		Momentum Mufti Day
Fri 9 May		YR to Godstone Farm
Tue 13 May	15:30-16:30	Y3/Y4 Netball Team @ New Haw Juniors
Fri 16 May		Y5 Tudor Workshop @ RGS (Cherry)
Mon 19 May	pm	Y3/4 Performance Technical Rehearsal
Tue 20 May	pm	Y3/4 Performance Dress Rehearsal to school
Tue 20 May	pm	North Surrey School Chess Tournament
Tue 20 May	16:00-17:00	Y3/4 Cross Country Team @ Hoe Bridge
Wed 21 May		Class Photos
Wed 21 May		Y5 Shah Jahan Mosque Visit
Wed 21 May	14:15	Y3/4 Production @ CoGS
Thu 22 May	am	YR Fire Service Visit
Thu 22 & Fri 23 May		Y3 Feet First Walking Training
Thu 22 May	12:30-16:30	Y5 Boys Cricket Team @ Old Woking Cricket Club
Fri 23 May		National Numeracy Day - Number Mufti
Mon 26 - Fri 30 May		HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Mon 2 Jun		Class Photos
Thu 5 Jun	13:30	KS2 Author Visit
Fri 6 Jun	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - EYFS & Ys 1 & 2
Mon 9 Jun		Y5 Fullbrook Away Day
Wed 11 Jun		EYFS Bugfest
Wed 11 Jun	12:00-15:00	Y5/Y6 Quad Kids (District Sports Team) @ Sportsbox
Thu 12 Jun		Y2 to The Lookout Discovery Centre
Thu 12 Jun	12:30-16:30	Y5/Y6 Girls Cricket Team @ Old Woking Cricket Club
Fri 13 Jun	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - Ys 3 & 4
Tue 17 Jun		Y6 Leavers' Service @ Cathedral
Thu 19 Jun	12:00-15:00	Y3/Y4 Quadkids (District Sports) @ Sportsbox
Fri 20 Jun		Y4 Chinese Dragon Workshop
Fri 20 Jun	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - Ys 5 & 6
Sat 21 Jun	18:30-21:00	Swim Gala @ Guildford Spectrum
Mon 23 Jun	am	EYFS/KS1 Sports Day
Tue 24 Jun		Y6 Lego Stem Workshop
Wed 25 Jun	am	KS2 Sports Day

SUMMER TERM DATES contd		
Fri 27 Jun		Y5 to Wildwood
Sat 28 Jun	13:00-15:00	PTA Summer Fair
Sat 28 Jun	18:00	Brass Concert @ CoGS
Mon 30 Jun		INSET DAY
Tue 1 & Wed 2 Jul		Forest School - 1 class per day
Fri 4 Jul		Y3 Outdoor Learning Activity Day
Mon 7 - Fri 11 Jul		Y6 Marchants Hill Residential
Thu 17 Jul	09:00	Leavers' Service @ CoGS
Fri 18 Jul	12:00	Last Day of Summer Term

Dear all our loyal customers, parents, friends, and little adults,

At **Valentino Schoolwear** we know things continue to be very hard for many of us right now, so, once again, we're ensuring our **Annual Discount Promotion** for 2025 is **available online** and **in store** for our customers.



15% OFF All school uniform purchases: **19th – 25th May 2025**
Use discount code **SUMMER15** when you click 'View Cart'

10% OFF All school uniform purchases: **26th May – 28th May 2025**
Use discount code **SUMMER10** when you click 'View Cart'

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

Please note that we are unable to accept returns and exchanges during our promotional dates above 19th May – 28th May 2025. Returns & exchanges are all subject to our normal returns policy. These offers are available online and in store. Not to be used in conjunction with any other offers.

www.valentinoschoolwear.com

THANK YOU INNOVISION LANDSCAPE GARDENERS...

for supplying sand for the Squirrels' Nursery sandpit and putting it in! Innovision have completed most of the outdoor area at Squirrels including the artificial turf and sandpit.

Please see their website for how they might help with your garden

<https://www.innovisionlandscapes.co.uk/>

SCHOOL UNIFORM
PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SHOP

Good quality pre-loved uniform items available in a range of sizes

The PTA are now running the uniform shop

- Email: pyrforduniform@gmail.com with your request
- Collections/donations: meet at the portacabin (back playground) on Fridays at 3pm
- Cash or card accepted - proceeds go to the school!

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Pyrford Primary School

Mufti Day!

Wednesday 7th May

Fundraiser for Momentum Children's Charity

A fundraiser organised by Pyrford Primary for Momentum Children's Charity

Momentum Children's Charity support families whose children are facing cancer or a life-challenging condition. They partner with local hospitals in Surrey, Sussex and London to offer personally tailored support to the entire family through family support workers, both in hospital and at home.



Help us reach our target!

Make a donation with **JustGiving**



**National Numeracy
Day**

Friday 23rd May

We will be celebrating National Numeracy Day in school on Friday 23rd May - the last Friday before the half term holiday.

This will be a Mufti Day when children are invited to wear their own clothes which have a number on them.

Families are invited to use the following link to enter the National Numeracy Number Heroes competition for children with a chance to win a Number Heroes prize pack for the school and a £50 gift voucher.

DONATE VIA THE LINK

https://www.justgiving.com/page/pyrfordmufti?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL

OR BRING CASH ON THE DAY



LEGEND ON THE BENCH - You are not alone. Help is available.

Hi Everyone

Help place a 'Legend-on-the-Bench' charity bench on the Pyrford Cricket Outfield.

These 'Suicide Prevention' or 'Mental health' benches can be a lifeline for those in need and can genuinely save lives.

The benches have contact telephone numbers and QR codes that will take anyone requiring support directly to help pages/helplines. The benches also have built-in integral lighting, so they are a beam of light for those in crisis at night.

There are 24-hour support services with real people at the other end, ready to listen and offer the support so clearly needed to someone struggling with the impact of depression, bereavement, loneliness, anxiety and the many more reasons for the feelings of despair.

Legend-on-the-Bench (www.legend-on-the-bench.co.uk) is a non-profit making charity set up by ex-professional footballer, Micky Hazard, and his sister Michelle following the tragic death of Michelle's son Jason Lee Mead, with the aim of reducing the number of such tragedies recorded each year due to mental health issues or suicides.

Pyrford Cricket Club have agreed that a bench can be installed at the perimeter of the field so all we need to do is raise the money needed to fund the bench and the installation.

So this is where your help is needed....any donation large or small would be amazing. The benches cost £2000 which covers the bench and its installation.

It is crucial for people to know they are not alone and that there is someone they can reach out to confidentially....these benches do just that.

Please do give generously if you can

Scan the **QR code**



or visit www.justgiving.com and search under 'Lindsey Darling'

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Parent and carer support

Supporting children who face additional challenges can be difficult at times. With that in mind, the Hope Service has created a space for groups of parents and carers to come together on a regular basis to discuss the challenges they face in a confidential and supportive environment.

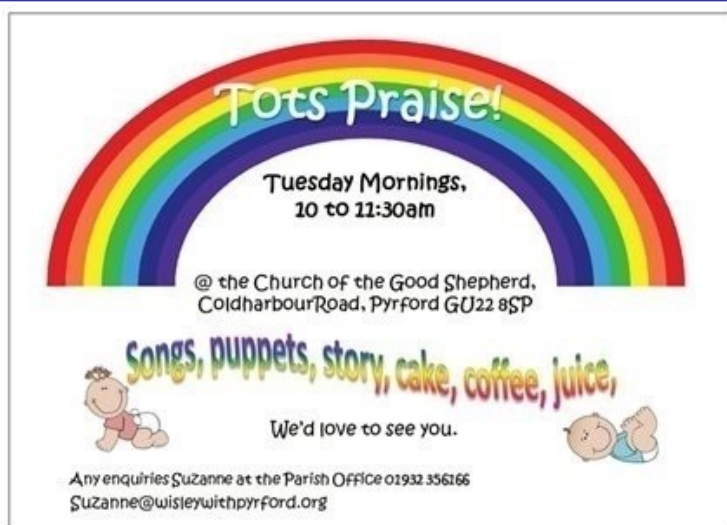
These groups are specifically for parents and carers of children who would like additional support. You will have an opportunity to exchange experiences and receive support towards managing the often complex situations you find yourselves in. This is not a parenting class, rather a non-judgemental support group and we encourage you to talk about whatever seems most important.

Support is offered via Microsoft Teams by Hope staff members, which could include a Therapist, Nurse, Teacher, Social Worker and Hope day programme staff or outside facilitators.

The following link details the sessions on offer:

<https://clicktime.symantec.com/15wPURrH3sqdNRyUBSm6S?h=HoBLVLuvjpOmfho-JzvP7c1OsGi2TUbnQU9T6LXwJWQ=&u=https://www.hopeservice.org.uk/parent-and-carer-support>

Tuesday 13 May 5 - 6 pm	Trauma: What do we understand about Trauma and the impact on your young person's mental health?
Tuesday 27 May 5 - 6 pm	Sleep hygiene and Self Care: How can you support your young person who has interrupted sleep and is struggling to care for themselves.




We'd love to see you at the
Coffee Shop
Friday Mornings (term time)
At the Church of the Good Shepherd, Pyrford

- 9:00am to 11:00am. Hall and play area in Church are open.
- 9:00am-10:30am. Cooked Breakfasts served.