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Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Creative Learning across the School



Year 6 have been enjoying painting their amazing clay dragons' eyes in Art this week.

When Year 1 came into school on Monday morning, they were made aware that a terrible incident had taken place in the environmental garden - there was evidence that a wolf had entered as well as someone with a red hooded cloak. The children explored the garden to find more evidence before interviewing Red Riding Hood herself!



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Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents,

This week, our school community came together to recognise **World Mental Health Day**, and it was wonderful to see all the children proudly wearing their scarves in support of this important cause. The sea of colours around the school was a lovely reminder of the warmth and kindness we can show each other. Thank you for your support in making the day so special.

A gentle reminder to any parents who have not yet attended **Parents' Evening** this week—please do get in touch with your child's teacher as soon as possible to arrange an appointment. These meetings are an invaluable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and well-being.

I would also like to celebrate our fantastic pupils who represented our school so brilliantly this week. A huge well done to the children who took part in the **Orienteering Competition at Hoe Bridge School**—their teamwork and perseverance were truly commendable. Equally, congratulations to those who participated in the **AIM High Maths Challenge**; their enthusiasm and problem-solving skills made us all very proud.



Finally, a polite reminder about **parking considerably** around the school. Please be mindful of our neighbours and avoid blocking driveways, the entrance to the church car park and the turning circle at the top of Peatmore Avenue. You are also reminded that it is **illegal to stop on the zigzag lines** outside the school to drop your children off.

Additionally, we kindly ask that you do not leave your engine running while waiting. Idling engines contribute to air pollution, which is harmful to both the environment and, most importantly, our children's health. Thank you for your cooperation in making our school community a cleaner, safer place.



We are aware that a number of parents/carers have blue badges and ask to park in the school car park. With immediate effect, we will be asking you to bring your badge to the office so that we can record the details and you will be asked for your badge number on entering the car park going forward.

Next week sees me head off to Dorset for a conference at the end of the week, but I will be in contact with school daily and the leadership team will keep everything ticking along as we reach the half way point of the school year. We're on the home stretch to summer.

Have a great weekend.

Mr. D

Gavin Dutton
Headteacher

TREETOPS

Parents are asked to book sessions ahead of time to ensure we can accommodate you. Some days we are extremely busy and risk having to turn away late bookers.

Toys Wanted!

We are looking for toys that light up, make sounds, move or are generally interesting to look at! If you have anything that you no longer want or need, we would be very grateful for any donations. Some ideas of the sorts of toys we are looking for are below- please send any donations in to Mrs Murray or Mrs Freeman in Reception. Many thanks.

			
Bumble Ball	Pull-string animals	Flashing windmill	Balloon
			
Jack-in-the-Box toys	Giggle stick	Musical spinning top	Singing/Dancing toys
			
Light toy	bubbles	Jumping man	Noise maker
			
Mesh ball	Wind up toys	Maraca	Spring toy

WANTED NON-FICTION BOOKS FOR OUR LIBRARY



We would like to add to the books in the non-fiction section of our library. If you have any books at home that you would be willing to donate, please bring them to the school office. THANK YOU!

SAFER INTERNET DAY 2025

Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online



Next Tuesday, 11th February, is Safer Internet Day 2025. We will be marking the day with a special assembly and lessons. We will also be carrying out a home survey and would be very grateful for 5 minutes of your time to find out about your children's online experiences. Look out for a text and email next Tuesday with the details, and hard copies can also be provided on request.

The theme this year is about how to spot, respond to and report all types of scams online. Scams can take many forms and may target anyone, including young people. The UK Safer Internet Centre has produced these top tips to keep children safe online:

- Enjoy going online together and talk regularly about your family's online lives
- Take online security measures seriously
- Look out for warning signs that someone or something online cannot be trusted
- Remember that anyone can be a victim of a scam
- Know where to get help if something goes wrong

Further details, as well as much more information, are available at:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025/tips-for-parents-and-carers>

Manipulative Marketing in Mobile Games - Better Internet for Kids

Children are increasingly becoming major components in the online games industry. Many games are deceptively pay to play, whilst claiming to be free. For most of these apps the download is free but most of the gameplay is locked. Free in the context of apps is a highly flexible term. Online gaming firms use the 'free' label to draw in players, whom when talking about minors may be attractive due solely to that quality.

Money making tactics such as these, can be hard to detect even for adults. Their use of bright colours, distracting music and other methods can be highly persuasive in gaining players. Better Internet for Kids has crafted a learning module designed to explore digital marketing tactics. You will learn why companies use these tactics and how they can impact your child and their rights. You will also learn how you can support your child to spot and avoid these issues, as well as where you can seek help and support. If interested, please follow the link below:

<https://better-internet-for-kids.europa.eu/en/learning-corner/parents-and-caregivers/marketing-games>

Golden Book Awards



N SQUIRRELS - Aula-Zainab Awan & Ayaana Akhtar The children really enjoyed our Kapla Bricks workshop a couple of weeks ago. We were kindly donated a box of bricks so we can create our own buildings. Aula and Ayaana remembered how the lady taught us to build and they made their own models. Well done!

R BEECH - Rayan Mazar Rayan loved retelling the story of the Gingerbread Man with his friends. He used the puppets to act out the story and used different voices. Well done Rayan, we love hearing your stories!

R HAZEL - Maxim Birk for his super writing about the Gingerbread Man, including the use of an exclamation mark. He was able to do this with very little help from Mrs Freeman and should be very proud of his wonderful work. Well done Maxim!

1 OAK - Livai Bahin for trying incredibly hard to follow all the instructions given to him. He is also trying his best to concentrate and has been noticed by all the adults in Oak Class. Well done Livai. Keep up the hard work!

1 PINE - Lara Hewitt-Coleman for making a fantastic egg box dragon. She used her knowledge of structures to create it.



2 CEDAR - Hector Pocock. In English, we have been writing instructions on how to wash a woolly mammoth. Hector used brilliant time connectives and imperative verbs to write clear instructions. He has also been working really hard on his handwriting - well done Hector!

2 HAWTHORN - Aairah Asif Aairah has been enjoying our Maths lessons where we have been working on multiplying and dividing. She used counters to create arrays and she's working hard to learn her two times table. Well done!



3 ELM - James Hall Last week we wrote character descriptions for a nasty bully from our text. James wrote a brilliant narrative including punctuated speech and excellent word choices so that the reader can really understand the character's appearance and personality. He also produced a fantastic illustration. Wonderful work James!

3 MAPLE - Amal Ali for the excellent effort she is putting into all her work. She really understood the learning in Science this week and could sort foods into their nutritional groups. Well done Amal. Mrs Brockway is very proud of you and loves having you in Maple Class!

4 ALDER - Taylor Haiden for putting a lot of thought into all her work. She did this especially well during this week's RE lesson about understanding equality. She used lots of interesting words about equality and considered whether it is always possible. Excellent thinking Taylor!

4 LARCH - Matilda Clements for her wonderful, detailed cushion design. She took such great care with her sewing, even mastering blanket stitch. She has now thoughtfully evaluated her work and has been kind in helping others with their work.



5 ROWAN - Ada Clough for her wonderful writing in English. She presented her letter of advice beautifully. Miss Wilson can see that she tried hard to vary her sentence openers and use modal verbs. Great work Ada, well done!

5 WILLOW - Ethan Gray for trying exceptionally hard to improve his handwriting. As such, the overall presentation of his work has greatly improved. Mrs Woodhams is so pleased with his effort. Keep up the great work Ethan!

6 HOLLY - Edward Allen This week we painted our clay dragon eyes. Mrs Bull was so impressed with the care Edward took with his work. He used a very fine paint brush to paint the dragon's eyeball with a very delicate black pupil which is very effective. Edward really enjoyed this unit of drawing eyes and working with clay to make his own 3D version. Great work Edward.



6 LAUREL - Riya Kaur for her impressive writing in English. Riya wrote an excellent short adventure story *Odysseus and the Song of the Sirens*. She described her characters and setting very well and used subordinate clauses throughout her writing. Well done Riya, keep up the great writing!

SPRING TERM DATES		
Tue 11 Feb		Safer Internet Day
Thu 13 Feb		Y6 Greeks Workshop
Thu 13 Feb	15:00	Y6 Boys Football Team @ St Dunstan's
Fri 14 Feb	15:00	PTA Valentine's Day Bake Sale
Mon 17 - Fri 21 Feb		HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Mon 3 Mar	pm / evening	Choir to Primary Music Festival
Wed 5 Mar		Y5 Vikings Workshop
Fri 7 Mar	after school	Book Day - PTA selling 'Wonka Bar's
Wed 12 - Fri 14 Mar		Y4 Hindleap Warren Residential
Thu 13 Mar		Y2 to Brooklands Museum
Fri 14 Mar	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - EYFS & Ys 1 & 2
Wed 19 Mar		YN & YR Little City Visit
Fri 21 Mar	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - Ys 3 & 4
Fri 21 Mar	19:30	PTA Race Night
Fri 28 Mar		Mufti Day for PTA Colour Raffle
Fri 28 Mar	14:00-14:30	MAGs Event (Years 1 & 2)
Fri 28 Mar	14:00-14:30	MAGs Event (Nursery & YR)
Fri 28 Mar	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - Ys 5 & 6
Fri 4 Apr	12:00	Last Day of Spring Term
Mon 7 - Mon 21 Apr		EASTER HOLIDAY

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!

EMAIL: PYRFORDUNIFORM@GMAIL.COM



WONKA IS BACK IN TOWN!

Alongside the school's World Book Day celebrations

WONKA BARS will be on sale again!

FRIDAY 7 MARCH

Chocolatiers of PYRFORD C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL present our

WONKA WISDOM BAR

100% CHOCOLATE

BUT HAVE YOU FOUND THE GOLDEN TICKET?

Congratulations! YOU'VE FOUND A GOLDEN TICKET!

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!



FPPS present...

Valentine's Day Bake Sale

Friday 14 Feb

Please bring in your bake
(cake/s or biscuits - nut-free
and optional valentine's
themed) with you at drop-off

Bake Sale from 3pm

All items £1

See you there!



SUMMER TERM DATES		
Tue 22 Apr		First Day of Summer Term
Fri 25 Apr		Y5 Tudor Workshop @ RGS (Rowan)
Mon 28 Apr		EYFS & KS1 Perform Drama Workshops
Fri 2 May		Y5 Tudor Workshop @ RGS (Willow)
Tue 6 - Fri 16 May		Ducks in Reception
Fri 9 May		YR to Godstone Farm
Fri 16 May		Y5 Tudor Workshop @ RGS (Cherry)
Tue 20 May		Y5 Fullbrook Away Day
Tue 20 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
Mon 26 - Fri 30 May		HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Thu 5 Jun	13:30	KS2 Author Visit
Fri 6 Jun	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - EYFS & Ys 1 & 2
Wed 11 Jun		EYFS Bugfest
Thu 12 Jun		Y2 to The Lookout Discovery Centre
Fri 13 Jun	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - Ys 3 & 4
Tue 17 Jun		Y6 Leavers' Service @ Cathedral
Fri 20 Jun		Y4 Chinese Dragon Workshop
Fri 20 Jun	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - Ys 5 & 6
Tue 24 Jun		Y6 Lego Stem Workshop
Fri 27 Jun		Y5 to Wildwood
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
Fri 18 Jul	12:00	Last Day of Summer Term



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.



Easter Trail Café & Chill Zone

THURSDAY 17TH APRIL 10-12NOON
SATURDAY 19TH APRIL 2-4PM

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

Come on an interactive journey through the Easter Story!

A story trail including craft, games, eggs, hot cross buns.

- Easter Trail in Main Church.
- Café area, sofa, toys & soft play in Main Hall.
- Games Zone including table tennis, table football, Wii, in Sherwood Jones/Lantern Room.

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 _____

I would be available to help on Friday _____ (date)

JANUARY

Friday 17th January 6:30pm-7:45pm

@ the church of the good shepherd

Friday 31st January 6:30pm-7:45pm

@ the church of the good shepherd

FEBRUARY

Friday 14th February 6:30pm-7:45pm

@ the church of the good shepherd

Friday 28th February 6:30pm-7:45pm

Ice Skating Trip @ Guildford Spectrum

MARCH

Friday 14th March 6:30pm-7:45pm

@ the church of the good shepherd

Friday 28th March 6:30pm-7:45pm

@ the church of the good shepherd



YOUTH CLUB JNR.

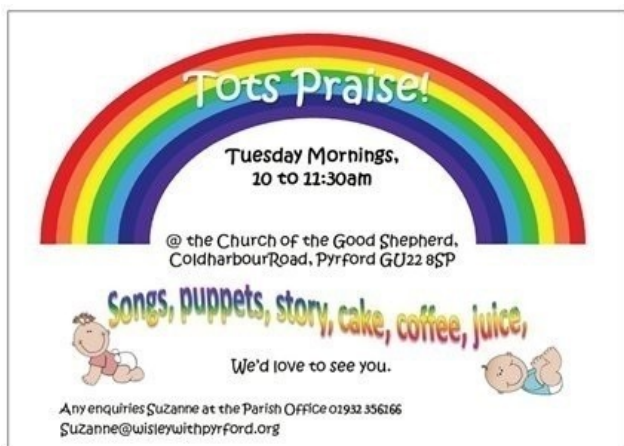
FOR SCHOOL YEAR'S 4/5 AND 6

TUCK SHOP :-)

50P ENTRANCE FEE

6:30 - 7:45 PM

@ CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD



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



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.