



Newsletter – No. 11 19th November 2021

Message from Mrs. Mole

As always, the teachers work wonders in engaging the children with their learning and ensuring that the children have experiences and knowledge that they can build on. I saw a fabulous example of this during the week. Year 2 are learning about The Great Fire of London in History and in English they are writing poems about the fire. Mrs. Quinn and Mrs. West carefully planned the Forest School session to include the lighting of a fire (picture below). This gave the children the first hand experience of a fire, the sights, sounds and smells. They wrote some of their ideas down whilst they were sitting around the fire and then had these back in the classroom when they started to draft their poems. The children said that the experience in the woods, with the real fire, had really helped them understand what the fire was like.

Having seen some of their writing it is clear that they were inspired and they were able to use the experience to select words and phrases to use in their poems. I am looking forward to reading their poems when they are finished. Hopefully we can publish some on the website and in the Newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend.

Rebecca Mole, Headteacher



Star of Week

Well done to all the winners this week.

- Rabbits: **Archer** for being fair and co-operative
Squirrels: **Addison** for showing a curious attitude to learning
Badgers: **Henry P** for working really hard in English



Values Leaves

At Polesden Lacey Infant School we like to celebrate the different ways that children and adults show our school values of being **Fair, Resilient, Respectful, Caring, Courageous and Curious**.

If you see your child doing anything that you think shows one of our Values please write it on a leaf and send it into school. Rather than sending pre-cut leaves home from school please could you cut out a leaf and write the reason on it. Maybe you could pick a shape from leaves of different trees. Each class will have a box to put the 'Values Leaf' in and they will be shared with the class during the week.

Below are this week's leaves:

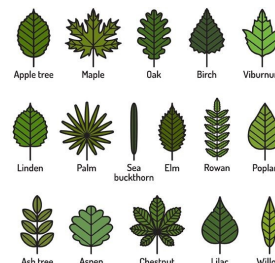
Theo was very kind helping Emily feel better when she hurt her back.

Archer demonstrated super sportsmanship (fairness) in breakfast club.

Finbar was very patient and kind to Granma and Grandad's cat who is very ,very old. Finbar also helped to feed the hedgehogs at night as they need to gain weight for winter.

Mael was very respectful asking politely for more water.

Alex showed great curiosity about the Vikings when we found a book that mummy had when she was in Junior school!



Christmas Reading

At 2.30pm on Tuesday 7th December we would like to invite parents in for a Christmas read. We would like as many parents as possible to come in and share a story with the children. The children will be able to choose which adult they would like to listen too. To help with planning for this event, if you are willing and able to come in please e-mail Mrs Cummings at office@polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk to sign up.

Christmas Card Competition

One of our parents works for Grosvenor Billingham, Estate Agents. They are holding a competition to design a Christmas Card and have invited the children to enter the competition.

The artist of the winning design, as selected by our four directors, will win a brand new iPad Mini and £250 to donate to a charity that is important to them. Their artwork will also be proudly displayed on the front cover of our official Christmas card and sent to hundreds of people throughout Surrey.

Entrants simply need to design the front cover of our official Christmas card on plain A4 paper and drop it into their nearest Grosvenor Billingham by 5pm on 30th November.

One winner will be selected and notified by midday on Friday 3rd December.

(Please see attached poster for additional information)

Fairtrade Alphabet

B is for **Bananas**. If you are getting an advent calendar this year, why not make it Fairtrade? Here are some that you could try!

COP26

The children had the chance to share their ideas about what we could do to reduce the amount of plastic going into the oceans, lakes and rivers.

These are the things that we want to do, to reduce the amount of plastic going into the oceans, lakes and rivers:

- Use a reusable water bottle
- Pick up rubbish
- Put rubbish in the bin
- Avoid buying plastic things
- Only buy what you really need
- Be careful which magazines you buy, some of them have plastic toys in them
- Reuse plastic, don't throw it away
- Persuade supermarkets to only use biodegradable packaging
- Don't use plastic carrier bags
- Don't buy or use 'throw away' containers
- Take rubbish home after a picnic
- Write to the government asking them to stop using plastic
- Invent a device to collect the plastic from the seas.



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Next week each child will have the opportunity to pledge to take one of the actions above. Which one would you choose? Could you pick more than one?

Message from The Friends

Christmas At Polesden Lacey Infant School

Ho, ho, ho! The Friends are excited this year to be able to offer a bundle of Christmas activities for the children which will create festive excitement AND help us to contribute more funds to the outdoor classroom that is to be built in the coming months.

We know that there is a lot on at Christmas so we've kept it as simple as possible and you can sign up for all of these activities using the Google Forms link below and pay for most of them with a single bank transfer.

Christmas Jumper SWAP - Wednesday 1st December 2.45pm-3.30pm

Donate your children's Christmas jumpers into the red bin, from now until Monday 29th November, and come along on Wednesday 1st to pick up a bargain! Suggested cash donation on the day: £1 per jumper

Christmas Grotto and Father Christmas Visit - Thursday 2nd December (during the school day)

Father Christmas will be striding up the school driveway in the morning, on the way to his magical Polesden Lacey grotto. He'll be welcomed by all the children and then small class groups will visit him in his grotto to have a chat and receive a gift!

Requested donation: £4 per child please

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas In The Classroom - Tuesday 7th December (during the school day)

On the same day as the school Christmas lunch children are invited to wear their favourite Christmas jumper in exchange for a cash donation of £1 (to be handed into the classroom please). During the afternoon each class will unwrap a box of Christmas activities to enjoy with their classmates. There are fun Christmas-related games to play, crafts to make and there will be prizes!

Requested donation for Christmas in the Classroom: £3 per child please

Movie Nights

3pm - 3.45pm Thursday 9th December (Rabbits) "Stick Man"

3pm - 4.30pm Friday 10th December (Squirrels and Badgers) Movie to be confirmed

The children are invited to watch a film with their classmates. They'll be served with popcorn and a drink during the movie.

Requested donation: £5 per child please

So what do you need to do?

Bring in any children's Christmas jumpers (from baby to teen) **by Monday 29th Nov** please and drop in the red bin

Fill in this Google Form [\(Sign up for Xmas Activities\)](#) **by Tuesday 30th Nov** please and make your bank transfer to:

The Friends of Polesden Lacey Infant School

Account: 51406043

Sort code: 40-27-07

Ref: Your child's surname/XMAS

Have £1 cash ready for Christmas Jumper Day **on 7th December**

If you have any questions please email us at PLISFriends@gmail.com

HELP WILDLIFE AND WIN AN E-BIKE!!!!

Sign up and post an iDot to enter the draw to win
a FREE Canyon e-bike worth over £3,000!



To enter the prize draw:

1. Sign up to iDot at: idot-waf.org.uk
2. Post a [transport-related iDot](#) on the iDot website
3. Make sure you [attach a photo of you doing your iDot](#) to your submission

iDot inspiration:

Instead of driving, avoid creating more GHG emissions and instead walk or cycle to enjoy some exercise and fresh air.

If you're not lucky enough to have a bike, then enter this competition to win one!

CANYON



iDot – meaning “I Do One Thing” – aims to inspire people to join part of a global community working to carry out small, simple daily actions that contribute positively to the protection of wildlife and the restoration of the natural world. While we may often feel too small to make an impact as an individual, as a community of like-minded, environmentally conscious individuals we are in truth incredibly powerful. It is through this ideal that iDot hopes to help people, schools, groups, businesses and communities drive change and contribute to global efforts of restoring health to the planet. All entrants must do to enter is [CLICK HERE](#) to go to competition page, and post a transport-related iDot (car-sharing to work, walking/cycling instead of driving, driving their EV if they have one, using public transport, etc), along with a photo of themselves doing their iDot, on the website before midnight on the 30th of November

Entrants must be 18+ to enter but as long as their parents opened the account in their name then your students could do their iDot(s) then ask their parents to post them. I've attached an image you can print or post online if you're allowed to share it, and the link for more info is idot-waf.org.uk/idot-for-cop26.

Dates

Autumn Term 2021

23rd November 9am—9.30am Safeguarding session for parent volunteers (Please e-mail the school office if you would like to attend)

25th November—Year 1 Victorian Day

1st December Friends Christmas Jumper Swap 2.45—3.30pm

2nd December Children's Christmas Activities and Making Morning

6th December Year 1 Trip to Victorian Playroom

7th December Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

9th December Friends Movie night for Rabbit Class 3pm—4pm (more details to follow)

10th December Friends Movie night for Year 1 and 2 3pm—4.30pm (more details to follow)

14th December 9.30am Year 2 Christmas Performance

14th December 10.30am Reception Christmas Performance

15th December 9.30am Year 1 Christmas Performance

Last day of Term; 17th December 2021 school closes at 1pm