



Newsletter – No. 18 21st January 2022

Message from Mrs. Mole

Winter Watch is back on television and although it is on a little late for the children, you may want to watch it on 'catch up'. I see every week how much the children enjoy being outside in the woodland and the orchard and their delight when they spot something new or notice a change that is taking place. Winter Watch and some of the other nature programmes can help them discover even more wildlife from around Great Britain along with fascinating facts and stunning images. The BBC have once again produced a list of things that you may want to go out and spot with the children. Some of the things are easy to spot and others will be much harder. They range from finding the tracks of a mammal to finding the nest of a harvest mouse. A link to the list can be found here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/3xVYVWXqHRFRpLMlh5M3wDc/winter-watchlist-2022> At school we are also getting ready to take part in the Big Garden Birdwatch. The bird feeders are full and hides are being made for the children to hide behind, in the hope of spotting some birds. If you haven't registered there is still time and the links can be found in the newsletter. If you wanted a challenge you could try and identify what bird you are hearing. The Big Garden Birdwatch website has recording of different common birds that you can listen to and try and match to the birds you can hear in your garden or whilst out and about. (<https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/bird-songs/what-bird-is-that/>)

Whatever you get up to this weekend I hope that you have fun and that you are able to spot some of the wildlife in and around Bookham.

Take care and stay safe,

Rebecca Mole, Headteacher

Star of Week

Well done to all the winners this week.

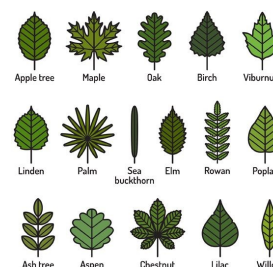
- Rabbits: **Ellie** for recognising all the sounds learnt! Great Work!
- Squirrels: **Henry E** for focusing in art and producing fantastic work
- Badgers: **Ella** for working hard on her writing.
- Forest School: **Sam** for super team work and perseverance with the challenge



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:

Sofia W was very caring when she played with a child from another class that was feeling sad.

Fairtrade



I is for Ice Cream

Fairtrade ice cream does a world of good for farming communities. Ben and Jerry's make delicious Fairtrade Ice Cream. It contains ingredients like Fairtrade-certified cocoa, vanilla, sugar, coffee and bananas. That means your cash at the supports disadvantaged farmers in key areas like climate resilience, gender equality and working towards a living income.



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Forest School

Year 1 Paul Klee inspired art work.

The children worked wonderfully to produce this massive piece of art work inspired by the artist Paul Klee, who they have been learning about in class.



Badger Class Forest School pictures



Big Garden Birdwatch 28th—30th January

It will soon be time for the annual RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. This is something that we do every year in school and I know that the teachers will include it in the home learning for the week beginning 24th January. Now is the perfect time to encourage birds into your gardens or balconies or onto a window ledge. The RSPB website (<https://www.rspb.org.uk/>) has lots of ideas about food to leave out and how to make things like fat balls and cakes as well as ideas on making a bird bath. If you don't put food out already you can start doing so now and hopefully by the time the Big Garden Birdwatch comes along the word will have spread amongst the birds and your garden, balcony or window ledge will have many feathered visitors for you to identify, count and enjoy.

Breakfast Club

We would like to say a massive thank you and huge farewell to Mr Hess from Kickstart who has been running Breakfast Club and Multi-Sports on a Thursday lunchtime for the past 3 years. He has always been here with a ready smile for all the children and lots of fun games for them all to enjoy. Mr Hess was very popular with the children and will be greatly missed.

On the flipside we are delighted to be welcoming Leon from Pleiades who will be taking over the running of Breakfast Club, lunchtime Multi Sports and an afterschool session with effect from Monday 24th January. Year 1 & 2 children have already met Leon and taken part in 2 lunchtime sessions which were very popular and a huge success. We are looking forward to working with Pleiades.

The Friends of Polesden Lacey Infant School Winter Raffle

We're kicking off 2022 with a super-special raffle, offering all Polesden Lacey Infant School families and staff some amazing prizes, most of which have been donated by local businesses - including a number owned or run by PLIS parents. Tickets are £1 each and the draw will be made on 1st February 2022. Ticket sales close on 1st February at 8pm.

You could win our top prize of two tickets to the Strictly Come Dancing: Live Tour 2022 on Saturday 12th February (2.30pm) at the O2 arena (plus other goodies) or one of many other prizes - the list is still growing!

You can find more details of the prizes available on our raffle page (link below), on our Facebook page or you can email us at plisfriends@gmail.com for the full list.

For the first time we're running this raffle entirely **online**, on a fundraising platform, to make it easy and transparent for everyone. All you need is the link to our page which is:

[The Friends of PLIS Raffle Page](#)

We will share even more information next week. If you have a business and would like to contribute a prize to help us raise funds for a new outdoor classroom please email us at plisfriends@gmail.com

Thank you!

Presentation to Parents on Anxiety & Online Safety - 28th March

A Wellbeing Forum for Parents: With presentations on managing children's anxiety & promoting online safety is being run by ACS Cobham in March 2022. The details of the event are set out below, in case you are interested. As soon as we receive confirmation that the booking system is up and running we will let you know.

Venue: ACS Cobham

6.30pm for 7pm on 28th March 2022

Booking details (via Eventbrite) will be available shortly, and you will be notified.

Speakers: Alicia Drummond (The Wellbeing Hub/Teentips) and online safety expert Karl Hopwood (esafety Limited)

This event is suitable for parents with children in both primary and secondary schools.

Dates

Spring Term 2022

14th February—18th February - school closed for Half Term

1st April; Last day of term school closes at 1pm

Summer Term 2022

Tues 19th April—Children return

Mon 2nd May—School closed May Bank Holiday

30th May—3rd June — school closed for Half Term

Mon 6th June—School closed Inset Day

22nd July—last day of term school closes 1pm