



Newsletter – No. 19 28th January 2022

Message from Mrs. Mole

Many thanks to the staff, children and families who have worked so hard this week, despite all of the challenges faced due to the bugs and Covid going around the local area at the moment. One of the highlights for me was teaching Badger Class and seeing their amazing thinking, curiosity and problem solving. I am sure they missed their friends who were not in and Mrs. Quinn, but I thoroughly enjoyed my time with them. One of the other highlights of the week was seeing the children enjoying Birdwatching day. In the newsletter below, I have included photographs of the different classes and some of the things that they got up to. Hopefully the children can tell you something about which birds they saw and why it is so important to take part in the Big Garden Birdwatch and pass their findings to the RSPB. I also hope that you are able to take part at home and I look forward to hearing from the children on Monday morning which birds they saw and how many of each type they spotted. In Badger class the children wrote some fact files about different birds of their choice. Many of the children chose birds such as coal tits, pigeons, doves, robins and parakeets that they will probably see in the gardens, some of the children chose birds of prey such as the red kite, bald eagles and barn owls. Although more difficult to spot, some of you may be lucky enough to see a red kite or a barn owl, so remember to keep your eyes open and looking upwards!

Please see message below, from The Friends about their amazing raffle. Remember to buy your tickets before 8pm on Tuesday 1st February!

I hope that you are all able to have an enjoyable weekend, for those of you who are unwell I hope that the symptoms are not too bad and that the rest of you are able to stay well

Take care and stay safe,

Rebecca Mole, Headteacher

Star of Week

Well done to all the winners this week.

Rabbits: **Harry G** for his excellent joining in with all Rabbit class learning.

Squirrels: **Addison** for being an engaged learner and for stretching her brain.

Badgers: **Calvin** for his amazing thinking, questions and contribution to class discussions.

Forest School: **Harrison** for working enthusiastically while building the giant bird's nest.

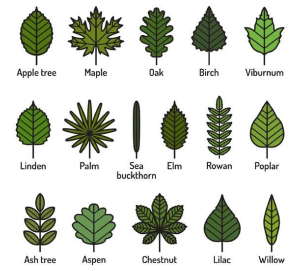
Isla for her focus and beautiful art work in Forest School.



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:

The whole school for being so resilient despite the challenges of Covid and other bugs!

Fairtrade

J is for JUSTINE WATALUNGA

Justine Watalunga is an organic coffee farmer and the treasurer of one of 11 societies affiliated to Gumutindo Coffee Co-operative Enterprise Ltd. in Uganda.



Justine Watalunga, 49, is married with six children and also looks after four orphans. Justine previously served as a Board Member of the Gumutindo co-operative and now attends meetings there as an elected representative of her local society.

Justine is also chair of a women's group which built and runs an orphanage for AIDS orphans who live in the village. The group of women coffee farmers also run a nursery and primary school for 200 pupils which allows women to concentrate on their farms.

Justine's day starts at 5am when she lets out her goats and cows and makes breakfast for her children. She makes the hour-long walk up the mountain to her coffee and banana farm where the morning is spent weeding, digging, pruning and collecting manure. After lunch she cuts grass to feed her livestock, spends time with her women's group and checks on the orphanage. After making dinner for the family Justine feeds her cattle again and visits the local store if there's time before resting at around 10pm. She is even busier at harvest time, working from dawn to dusk picking, pulping, sorting, washing and drying her coffee.

Justine's organic coffee is used in Cafédirect instant coffee and in Equal Exchange's Mt Elgon Gumutindo Ground Coffee, part of its range of 'Coffee Grown by Women'.

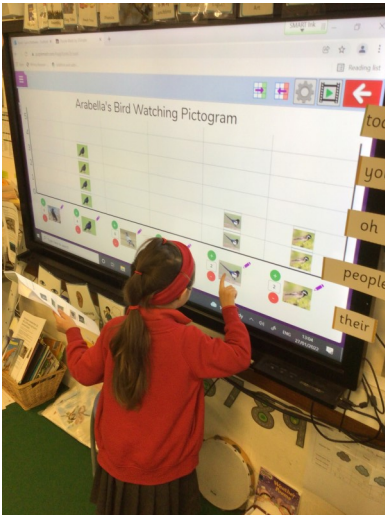
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Message from The Friends Of Polesden Lacey Infant School

Polesden Lacey Infant School - Winter Raffle (closes next Tuesday at 8pm)

Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets before sales close at 8pm on Tuesday 1st February! Tickets are £1 each and you can buy as many as you would like. Please click this link to go to our raffle page:

[The Friends of PLIS Winter Raffle](#)

You could win one of our thirty brilliant prizes which have been donated by local businesses, some of which are run by Polesden Lacey parents.

The raffle is open to all current Polesden Lacey families (including grandparents), governors and staff. We'd really like the prizes to be won by people currently connected with the school.

We owe huge thanks to Badgers parent, Jane, for sourcing the Strictly: Live Tour 2022 tickets for us (two tickets for Sat 12th February are up for grabs as part of our First Prize bundle) and we also have some fabulous donations from other PLIS parents including silver earrings, wooden artwork, a haircut and treatment, a stationery bundle, a yoga class, a Neal's Yard Remedies voucher, a glass lantern, garden centre vouchers and a fabulous fruit basket.

Please help us raise as much as we can for the benefit of our children.

Thank you so much - we look forward to sharing the total amount raised and the list of winners next week!



Surrey Heritage Half Term projects

This half term join Surrey Heritage and The Lost letters Project in celebrating written letters. We have two activities for families to do at home:

1. Writing through time
2. Listen to some old letters written by people in Surrey and write your own.

<https://bit.ly/writingthroughtime>

1. Smile in my pocket
2. Create a pocket reminder of something that makes you happy.

<https://bit.ly/smileinpocket>

You can either download the activity packs on the links above or pop into the Surrey History Centre, Woking, during normal opening hours to pick up a pack and see the Lost Letters exhibition.

Full links:

Writing through time <https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/07a5c63d-ecbd-45a6-b7e7-97454189ef7b/downloads/LL%20Creative%20Challenge%20-%20Writing%20Through%20Time.pdf?ver=1643283740540>

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Big Garden Birdwatch 28th—30th January

The annual RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch is here!

We hope that you and your children are able to spot lots of birds and report your sightings to the RSPB.



Date for your diary

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