



# Newsletter – No. 20 4th February 2022

## Message from Mrs. Mole

An enormous thank you to The Friends of Polesden Lacey Infant School and all the generous members of our community for their donations and buying raffle tickets. In total £765 was raised which will be going towards our outdoor classroom. If you were one of the lucky winners, please remember to collect your prize. Hopefully most of the prizes will have been collected by the time this goes out but if there are any left they are available from the school office, either at the start of the school day or at home time.



The raffle coincided nicely with our focus for the next few weeks of circle time. The children will be discussing which charities they would like to support this year. I spoke to Year 1 and Year 2 about this briefly in assembly on Thursday and suggested that they could talk to their families about what a charity is and if there are any specific charities that they would like to support. After half term we will be putting democracy into action and voting for the charities that are suggested and the two with the greatest number of votes will be selected. If you are able to talk to your children about the work that some of the charities do it would really add to the discussions that we will have in school over the coming weeks.

Take care and stay safe,

**Rebecca Mole, Headteacher**

## Star of Week

**Well done to all the winners this week.**

Rabbits: **Thomas** for brilliant progress in reading

Squirrels: **Anya** for stretching her brain and working hard in maths

Badgers: **Sam** for always working hard in all lessons

Forest School: **Valentyn** for super focus and carefully making his Chinese lantern.

**Flynn** for constructing the dragon that flew the furthest in Squirrel Class.

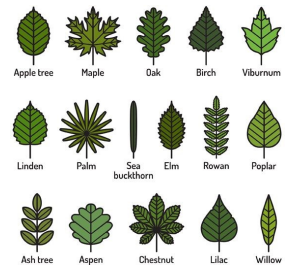
**Finn** for constructing the dragon that flew the furthest in Badger Class.



## 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.



## Fairtrade

### K – KENYAN FLOWER INDUSTRY:

Fairtrade certification provides an independent verification that the workers on large-scale flower farms have decent wages and working conditions; including the right to join a trade union, the right to negotiate collectively with the employer on terms and conditions of employment, freedom from discrimination, no child labour, and a safe and healthy working environment.

January and February 2008 saw rioting and protests in Kenya due to charges of vote rigging following December elections which badly affected its three major foreign currency earners – tea, flowers, and tourism. On some Fairtrade certified farms premium money was used to assist the workers and management to be able to fulfil orders from the UK and other markets, despite fuel and fertiliser shortages and the need for military escort for all transportation.

February is obviously a crucial time for flower farmers, what with Valentine's Day and Mothers Day orders coming in, and thanks to the Fairtrade Premium they were able to maintain production so that after the violence had passed, the business which so many people have come to rely on could function as normal.

Fairtrade flowers were first sold in the UK in March 2004 and the Fairtrade flower category now comprises 75 licensed products.



Similar organisations offer the opportunity to buy flowers grown with an emphasis on social sustainability and a controlled and traceable supply chain such as the Fair Flowers Fair Plants initiative.

## Making Chinese Lanterns in the woods to celebrate Chinese New Year.

In assembly on Wednesday, we were looking at how many people in the United Kingdom celebrate Chinese New Year. We also learnt about the Japanese festival of Setsuban. We saw a video of paper lanterns being for Chinese New Year and videos of soya beans being thrown at family members with masks of Oni (Mountain ogres who are generally considered to be the bad guys) as people in Japan celebrated Setsuban. On the grounds of health and safety and good order and discipline we decided against the throwing of soya beans and instead make some paper lanterns. Below are pictures of the children doing this and making 'flying dragons' in the woods.



### **Rabbit Class Visitors**

We have been very fortunate that several parents have been in to talk to Rabbit class about their jobs and how they help other people (Rabbit class topic is People Who Help Us).

On Monday Florence's dad came in and Mrs. Trussler (pictured here) had the opportunity to dress up in the fire fighters uniform. The children seemed to really enjoy the talk and loved seeing Mrs. Trussler all kitted out.



### **E-Safety**

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February we will be celebrating Safer Internet Day 2022. This year's theme is all about respect and relationships online, ensuring children are aware of their digital footprint as they become independent users of technology. Please visit <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers> to take a look at how you can be supported at home to ensure your family are kept safe online. On the 11th February the children will also be taking part in a fun workshop to reinforce the importance of developing an understanding of e-safety. Keep an eye out for photos in next week's newsletter! If you would like to discuss anything related to e-safety, please contact Mrs Mathews via the main office.

### **The Friends of Polesden Lacey Winter Raffle**

Please find attached to this newsletter a full list of the raffle prizes drawn, the businesses who kindly donated and the winners!

All winners have now been contacted by email to confirm their prize.

Thank you again to everyone who donated prizes from their business and everyone who bought tickets and helped us to raise an amazing £765!

### 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>

Smile in my pocket <https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/07a5c63d-ecbd-45a6-b7e7-97454189ef7b/downloads/LL%20Creative%20Challenge%20-%20Smile%20in%20my%20Pocket.pdf?ver=1643283740540>



### Jungle Rumble - new family musical for February half-term

Perform Theatre Group are delighted to announce their first ever family musical, *Jungle Rumble*, that opens in London's West End during February half-term.

The show tells the story of ancient elephant Eeli, shy zebra Zella and cheeky monkey Boo, as they journey into the jungle on a fearless expedition to rescue Snow, the last white lion.

With an inspirational message about working together to protect the Earth, [Jungle Rumble](#) is the perfect half-term treat for the whole family and an ideal way to introduce children to the magic of live theatre. Tickets are from £15.

#### Where and when:

14th-20th February at The Fortune Theatre, Russell Street, London WC2B 5HH

Find out more at [junglerumble.show](http://junglerumble.show) or visit [atgtickets.com](http://atgtickets.com) to book.

### Date for your diary

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

Please find attached the flyer with information about this event.

The venue is ACS Cobham.

6.30pm for 7pm on 28th March 2022

Until 28th February, tickets for this event - which are free - can only be booked by parents from Polesden Lacey Infant School and several other schools in the local areas. After that it will be opened up to parents from other local schools, but will also remain open to our parents.

Booking details (via Eventbrite) <https://wellbeingforum.eventbrite.co.uk> This page provides further details about the event and how to register for it

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

Tuesday 19th April Additional Inset Day

Wednesday 20th 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



## **The Friends of Polesden Lacey Infant School Winter Raffle 2022: Prizes and Winners**

Draw was made at 9pm on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 via online fundraising platform [www.peoplesfundraising.com](http://www.peoplesfundraising.com)

### **First Prize**

Gareth Davies

### **Second Prize**

Jamie Thompson

### **Third Prize**

Alexandra Gerrard

### **Further winners**

**Indicates a prize donated by a PLIS parent/grandparent business**

**£50 voucher for Neal's Yard Remedies (with a local independent consultant) \***

Manas Datta

**A signed Tom Fletcher children's book – "There's a Unicorn In Your Book"**

Sami Matthews

**A signed Anton Du Beke book – "We'll Meet Again"**

Abigail Middlehurst

**£10 Usborne Books voucher from local Usborne Partner JJ Lowes**

Elizabeth Gleeson

**£40 voucher for The Plough at Effingham**

Emily Bennet

**A sterling silver necklace and jewellery set from Annabel Jewellery \***

Vicky Hadley

**A Glass Lantern from Abigail's Home \***

Sarah Case

**A pink scarf from Love Sarah**

Cathy Liversidge

**Stylish stationery bundle from Striped Flamingo \***

Alexandra Gerrard

**A Fruit Basket from Layton's Greengrocers \***

Dan Boustead

**A wooden sign, saying, or picture from Shine By Designs \***

Nicholas Hine

**A £100 voucher for babysitting services with Rosanna Tillott**

Nicola Ede

**A £20 voucher for Layla's Café in Effingham**

Vicky Hadley

**Four tickets for RHS Wisley**

Victoria McFarlin

**Afternoon Tea for Two at Carolina's in Bookham**

Alison Parry

**Half a term's worth of art classes for toddlers with Dib Dab Art Club**

Simon Read

**A term or crash course of swimming lessons with Fee Farrier at Making Waves Swim School  
(at St Teresa's, Effingham)**

Stephanie Woodman

**A 60-minute massage treatment from Rejuvenation Holistic Massage Therapy**

Victoria Temple

**A Floral Wreath with a Spring Theme from Blooms of Beauty**

Chris Turner



**A voucher from Nothing But Beauty, in Ashted**

Katie Shine

**A luxury, organic 60-minute facial from local business Fetcham Aesthetics and Beauty**

Janine Ramsay

**A box of hand-cast plaster letters for children to paint, from Letterboxes**

Oliver Kubicki

**A Parent Sleep Online Course from This Parent Can**

Victoria McFarlin

**Two £200 vouchers for accountancy services from Ace Accounting**

Sarah Case

Oliver Kubicki

**Two online Spanish lessons from Pepe and Tete**

Stephanie Woodman

**Baby ballet classes from Baby Ballet North Surrey**

Anne Quinn

**£20 Voucher for Squires Garden Centres**

Gabrielle Hadley

**£30 voucher for Dobbe's Garden Centre in Bookham**

Lesley McCabe

**Two golfing umbrellas from Casselden Shoes in Bookham**

Toni Wolf

Roseanna Hadley