



Newsletter – No. 21 11th February 2022

Message from Mrs. Mole

This term has flown by but it is wonderful to see all the progress that the children are making and the sense of pride that they show when they know they have done a good job. This can be with their learning or with the way they interact with their friends or staff. They should all be proud of what they have achieved this term and they are probably ready for a good rest! I know that the staff are!

We have lots of exciting things planned for the next half term including Fairtrade Day, World Book Day, Take One Picture Day (an art day focusing on a famous painting), Parent Consultations, all the everyday learning and hopefully (restrictions allowing!) an open afternoon.

I hope that you have a fabulous half term and you are able to enjoy doing things with your children either at home or out and about. Remember to read lots of lovely books with and to your children, it really does make a difference as well as being an enjoyable and special time for you and them. Remember that if you do anything special that the children would like to celebrate with the whole school they can bring in a photograph to stick in our celebration or healthy and active life style books.

We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 21st February ready for the second half of the spring term.

Take care and stay safe,

Rebecca Mole, Headteacher



Star of Week

Well done to all the winners this week.

Rabbits: **Ava** for fantastic progress in phonics

Squirrels: **Keelia** for being resilient and trying really hard

Badgers: **Ava** for working really hard on her handwriting and writing a superb factfile

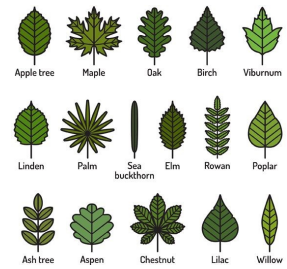
Forest School: **Robbie** for great enthusiasm and concentration



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.



Sofia was very kind, caring and understanding while working in partners during PE

Finlay was courageous after breaking his foot. He stayed positive at school and worked hard.

Emma was kind to another child when they were hurt

Theo was kind to another child when they were hurt

Anastasia was kind to another child when they were hurt

Matthew was respectful when tidying up without being asked

Fairtrade

L is for Lemonaid – More than just lemonade.

Lemonaid makes soft drinks how they should be, each bottle contains only the best organic ingredients and supports fair trade. It all started in 2008 when Jakob Berndt, Felix Langguth and Paul Bethke quit their day jobs and turned their vision into reality as Lemonaid and ChariTea. Each bottle contains only organic ingredients and is Fairtrade Certified. More is paid for the raw ingredients supporting dignified and fair farming. Through the Fairtrade premium, farmers can afford to make improvements to their own living conditions and implement community projects within their area. Lemonaid don't operate through an invisible supply chain, they visit the farmers each year and get to understand their business, working conditions and challenges. Every bottle of Lemonaid sold goes to help people and communities help themselves. By focusing on parts of the world frequently disadvantaged in the global economy, Lemonaid help to support local initiatives which work to improve social, economic and ecological structures.

Lemonaid is proud to remain independent, not owned by one of the huge drinks conglomerates, this is something that won't change! What's more all Lemonaid is organic, Fairtrade and vegan!



World Book Day

On Thursday 3rd March we will be celebrating World Book Day. The children can dress up as their favourite story book character for the day. If you have the story at home then it would be great if they could bring it with them to share with their friends.

We would love to invite parents in to share a story at 2.30pm this day. We will spread around the school and the children will be able to choose who they listen too. Please bring a couple of books to fill the time. The children will take part in other fun activities throughout the day to continue to develop their love for reading!



Rabbit Class having fun at Forest School



All Classes Took Part in our E-Safety Perform Workshop



New Clothes Recycling Bank

Have a spring sort out of you clothes!

After half term we will have a beautiful new shiny textile recycling bank provided by a company called Astra Recycling. This is a textile recycling company on a mission to divert used clothing away from landfill and raise money for schools and community services in the process.

They started with one school in 2013 and now supports 300 schools across the South! It's a free service where we provide a textile bank to the school so parents, staff and children can donate unwanted clothes.

The school will receive 30p per kilo and their banks can contain 250 kilos! Which means we could raise £60 on each collection!

They will come and empty the bin every fortnight unless we tell them it is full – then they come out within a couple of days.

The textiles that can be reused are sent to communities across Eastern Europe, and the garments they cannot use are converted into insulation materials and industrial cleaning wipes, so nothing ends up in landfill.



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 or visit 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