



Newsletter – No. 22 25th February 2022

Message from Mrs. Mole

Year 2 have been writing letters this week to persuade people to tackle various environmental issues. We have scanned a few of the letters and are in the process of uploading them to the website. You can find them on the School Council page: <https://polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk/children/our-school-council> Please do have a look and see how amazing our children are. Mrs. Quinn will be sending the letters off to the recipients and we look forward to reading the replies.

Helping the children to find and use their voice is something that we value highly at Polesden Lacey Infant School. In assembly this week we learnt about Democracy and how Parliament is elected and some of the ways that decisions are made. We are putting the idea of democracy into action next week, as the Year 1 and 2 children will be voting on the charities that we will supporting this year. A shortlist was drawn up after the children suggested the different types of charity that they wanted to raise money for. On that list is Water Aid, Sight for Surrey, Wildlife Aid, Comic Relief, The Jane Goodall Institute and Time for Tiny Hearts (links to all these charities are below). If you get the chance to talk to the children a little more about what all of the charities do it may help them decide which ones to vote for next week. Each child will be able to vote for up to two organisations and the ones with the most votes will be the winners. Watch this space for an announcement in next week's newsletter!

I hope that you all have a wonderful (and less windy) weekend.

Rebecca Mole,
Headteacher

Star of Week

Well done to all the winners this week.

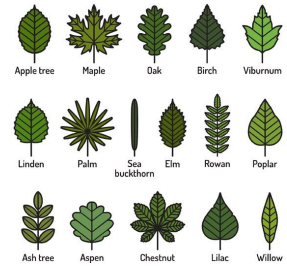
- Rabbits: **Anastasia** for fantastic progress in phonics
- Squirrels: **Chloe** for trying her best in all areas but especially phonics
- Badgers: **Sophie** for writing an excellent persuasive letter with neat handwriting



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

M is for Mark

The FAIRTRADE Mark is **the symbol of the international Fairtrade system** – and the most globally recognized ethical label. When you buy products with any of the FAIRTRADE Marks, you support farmers and workers as they improve their lives and their communities.



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!



Links to the shortlist of charities

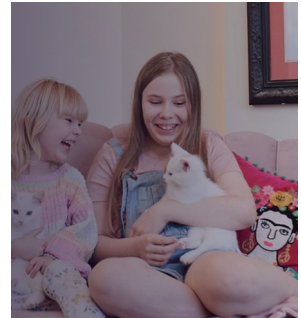
Water Aid: <https://www.wateraid.org/uk/>



Sight for Surrey: <https://sightforsurrey.org.uk/>



Time for Tiny Hearts: <https://www.gosh.org/donate/time-for-tiny-hearts-appeal/>



Wildlife Aid: <https://www.wildlifeaid.org.uk/>



Comic Relief: <https://www.comicrelief.com/>



Jane Goodall Institute: <https://www.janegoodall.org/>





Do you want to become a paid Walking Instructor?

Our school is assisting Surrey County Council's Safer Travel Team to help them recruit for Walking Instructors, as part of their new Walking Training programme for primary schools.

What is the Walking Training programme?

The Walking Training Programme is a road safety and active travel skills awareness course that will be aimed at children ages 7 to 8 years old (Year 3). It will provide pupils with road safety skills to better enable them to safely walk to and from school with their parents and carers and prepare them for independent travel.

Further information about the Walking Training course can be found [here](#).

What is a Walking Instructor?

A Walking Instructor will be able to lead a small group of Year 3 pupils in the playground and on the road, outside the school gates, to provide them with necessary road safety skills and knowledge. Delivering an informative, robust and entertaining programme of learning that highlights the necessary road safety skills, providing Year 3 pupils with the foundation to feel safe and comfortable as a pedestrian navigating Surrey's roads.

There are many benefits to becoming a Walking Instructor, including: being at the forefront of a new active and sustainable travel programme in Surrey; working with pupils to encourage walking to school and providing them with the necessary road safety skills. We will also provide you with a competitive salary, flexible working that can be based in and around the school day as well as full training, including safeguarding and First Aid.

Who would be an ideal Walking Instructor?

[Someone that has experience working with primary aged children, in either a professional or personal manner.](#)

Interested in encouraging primary school-age pupils to feel more confident traveling actively and sustainably to school.

Interested in road safety and or active travel.

Confident engaging children of 7-8 years old both in the classroom and during the on-road training elements of the course.

Confident working on your own, as some courses may not have another Instructor attending with you.

Looking for a flexible, term time position.

Competitive salary.

Full training provided, included safeguarding and First Aid.

If this sounds like a job you or someone you know may be interested in, please find further information on the job profile and how to apply below:

[Apply to become a paid Walking Instructor](#)

New Clothes Recycling Bank

Our shiny new textile recycling bank has arrived.

Please do use it to recycle clothes, shoes, soft toys, linen, towels and accessories.

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.



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

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