



# Newsletter – No. 23 4th March 2022

## Message from Mrs. Mole

This week has been a fabulous week for reading. It has been all around us and culminated in World Book Day on Thursday. The chatter on the playground, for the past couple of weeks, has been what everyone was coming as on the big day. We had a wide and varied array of characters, some from well known books and many from loved family favourites. Each of the classes had chosen a picture book to focus on for the day and the teachers had planned some fun and engaging activities for the children to do. At the end of the day the children loved having family members coming into school to read them stories and the book swap, organized by The Friends of Polesden Lacey Infant School, finished the day off perfectly.

A huge thank you to all who helped the children select their character, organise their costume, came into read or donated a book for the book swap. We all had a magnificent day.

Don't forget to go out and use the book token that the children brought home and have a wonderful weekend reading, both on your own and with your children.

**Rebecca Mole,**  
**Headteacher**



## Star of Week

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

**Rabbits:** Savannah for brilliant reading and amazing participation in all areas

**Squirrels:** Mael for writing a fantastic story and always trying his best

**Badgers:** Henry H for working hard with his handwriting

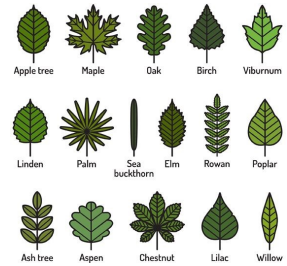
**Forest School;** Alex A, James T and Alex L for making super bear caves with trails leading to them



## 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.



**Mael** was very respectful when he stayed at his grandparents over half term. He listened to them and paid attention to their feelings.

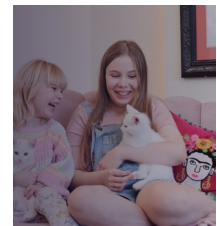
**Addison** did amazing listening and did her art work on the table using a tray to collect the messy bits!

**Keelia** showed great resilience doing her pony tail for the first time and it was beautiful.

## Charity Selection

Last week we told you about the charities that were on the shortlist. On Tuesday we voted for the ones that we wanted to select and that we will support this year. Once all the votes were counted there were two clear winners; Time for Tiny Hearts and Wildlife Aid. The children will now be deciding what we can do to support these two charities.

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



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



# World Book Day Photos



## Road Safety Charter—Reminder

### Our coming in to school charter

- **always stay on the pavement**
- **stay with our grown ups**
- **stop and look both ways before crossing**
- **only cross when a grown up says it is safe**
- **use pelican crossings and zebra crossings whenever possible**
- **cross when the green man appears on a pelican crossing**
- **check driveways carefully before crossing them**
- **use your eyes and ears**
- **wear high visibility jackets or reflectors**

It is also important to remember that children should remain on the path and with their parent/carer when lining up waiting to come into school and when leaving at the end of the day. As we no longer need to socially distance for covid you do not need to use the driveway to exit the school grounds. Please do not allow your children to run up and down the drive way as staff may be driving onto or off the school site in their cars and we would hate for someone to get hurt.

Can you please discourage your children from running across the grassy area outside the school gates. Now Spring is here we do have bulbs planted within this area that we would love to be able to grow without being trampled. It will also the give the grass a chance to grow back after the winter.

## 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.

## Fairtrade

**N is for Nuts and Oils — Eat them whole, or find them in cooking oils and cosmetics. There is a huge variety of Fairtrade nuts, seeds and pitted fruits available.**

They range from olives to peanuts, cashews, sesame seeds, and soya beans. Some, like wild-growing shea nuts, are collected by associations of gatherers. Others, like coconuts, can be grown on small-scale farms and plantations.



Choosing Fairtrade nuts and oils makes a difference

Fairtrade works with a great diversity of producer organizations harvesting nuts, oilseeds and oleaginous fruits – small-scale farmers, plantation workers, and some contract workers are all involved in this product category. From Fiji to Nicaragua, and Benin to Pakistan, one commonality is that despite soaring global demand for their products, these farmers and workers too often struggle to make a decent living.

For some producers, remoteness presents logistical challenges. Brazil nuts, for instance, grow naturally in sections of the Amazon rainforest. Gatherers must first collect the fruits as they fall from trees, then extract the seed nuts from the fruit, dry and sort them, and finally transport them in small boats or by foot out of the forest to ports. By offering stable prices and a viable outlet for their product, Fairtrade helps encourage these remote communities to protect their areas from logging and deforestation. By avoiding the switch to monoculture crops like palm oil, this can also help to preserve biodiversity.

For olive growing cooperatives in Palestine, Fairtrade has helped bring some stability in uncertain times, connecting growers with export markets even as Israeli authorities threatened to uproot their trees.

Fairtrade also supports nut and oil producers through access to advance credit and the extra funds from the Fairtrade Premium. Producers have been able to invest in quality improvements and processing facilities that allow them to capture a greater share of the revenues from their harvests.

There are other Fairtrade benefits for producers, too.

For many nut and oil products, there is also a market in by-products. For example, coconuts yield not just the fruit or milk, but also water, husks, and shells – all of which can be sold by producers who receive a Fairtrade Premium on these secondary products, too.

Whether for snacking, cooking or soothing your skin, nuts and oils are unsung heroes of our daily routines. By shopping for Fairtrade nuts and oils, you support a stable and sustainable livelihood for the farmers and workers behind these versatile goods.

## 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