



# Newsletter – No. 7 15th October 2021

## Message from Mrs. Mole

This week I have had the pleasure of showing prospective families around Polesden Lacey Infant School. It has felt like a real privilege to be the Headteacher of this wonderful school and be able to share a bit of the magic, with those looking for a place for their children to begin their formal education. In putting together my presentation I was able to reflect on what it is that makes Polesden Lacey Infant School such a special place. Is it the beautiful grounds, our weekly Forest School sessions, the outstanding teachers and incredible support staff? Is it that we guide and challenge our children to have respect for themselves, our environment, the world and those that live in it? Could it be our lovely library where our children can relish the opportunity to read new books or return to ones much loved or our curriculum that inspires a love of learning, challenge and success? It could be the support that we receive for our community, parents, grandparents, local residents, past pupils and previous members of staff? The list seems to be endless and ultimately it is not any one thing that makes Polesden Lacey Infant School the place it is, but a combination of all the things above and many more on top. As always, the children (and the staff) really showed the school off and the comments from many of the families were incredibly positive. One of my favourite comments was, 'Wow, what an amazing school. I wasn't going to look around but I am so pleased that I did.' Please do say thank you to your children for being their fabulous usual selves and if you know of anyone who is looking for a school for their children do send them to our website where our tour dates are listed.

Next week we will be celebrating our first class assembly for nearly 2 years! Badger class are busy preparing to perform to their parents and carers next week. The rehearsals are sounding amazing and I can't wait to see parents and carers in school and the children on the stage.

Have a lovely weekend (Badger's remember to keep practicing your lines!)

**Rebecca Mole, Headteacher**

## Star of Week

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

- Rabbits: Emily for being helpful, tidy and kind  
Squirrels: Kai for being a curious learner  
Badgers: Ella for always working well

**Forest School Star:** Harrison for persevering and producing a lovely piece of natural art work.



### **Message from The Friends**

On Thursday the 21st of October we are celebrating Halloween with some spooktacular events for the children.

It's Mufti Day so dress up in your favourite Halloween costume, mask or plain clothes. Donation of £1

We will also be running a Decorate a Mask competition, judged by Ms Mole, with a prize per class. We are taking a more sustainable approach by asking parents to print their masks at home. This also means that your child will have lots of choice of designs! Don't worry though, if you don't have a printer then copies of the design will be available from the school office. We don't want anyone to miss out so if you contact us, we will make sure your child gets a template. The designs will be attached to the newsletter email. Remember, all decorated masks need to be brought back into class on Thursday to be judged.

Last but not least, the return of the bake sale! Whether you're a star baker or expert buyer, we are asking you to bring in some Halloween goodies. A plate will be sent home today and whether you bake or buy, we look forward to receiving your donations on Thursday the 21st at drop off. Please can you note on the plate if your bake contains any nuts.

All items will be sold after school for 50p each so remember to bring some change.

For those attending after school clubs, don't worry, we'll keep some treats for when these end so no one misses out.

### **Mystery Readers**

The children and staff at Polesden Lacey Infant School love reading and listening to stories. After the success of the mystery reader over the past 2 years we are excited to offer this opportunity to our parents again.

If you would like to come in to school and read a story to your child's class then please e-mail [office@polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk) and Mrs Cummings will forward it on to your child's teacher.

These stories will take place each Friday at 2.40pm. The children will not be told who is going to read to them, hence the term Mystery Reader.

### **e-Safety & Parental Controls!**

At school we spend lots of time educating your children to be confident and safe internet users. The school e-Safety rules enable the children to have clear points to remain safe online, wherever they are accessing the internet. At school we have a filtering system that enables safe content to be accessed by the children (under a Teachers guidance). The link below supports you to reflect on your parental controls and explore what kind of content your children are able to access when using technology at home. It is important that the children are protected from harmful content; however, it is also vital they know what to do if they do see something they don't like online. If you would like to discuss any aspect of e-Safety Mrs Mathews would be pleased to help you. <https://www.gocompare.com/broadband/parental-controls/>

## 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:

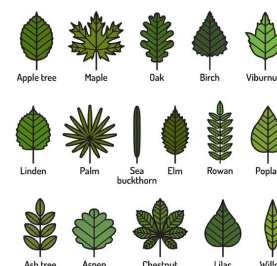
**Eloise** was very caring towards her dog Daisy after her operation

**Isobel P** was caring towards a friend who was feeling sad

**Ava Mc** showed resilience when she kept going even though she found the art  
difficult

**Frederick** was resilient when carefully painting Kandinsky circles

**Chloe** was kind to Marnie telling her "good job" in maths



## Dates

### Autumn Term 2021

18th—21st October Science Week—fun science based activities across the week for all classes

19th October Lego Stem Club after school for Year 1 & 2

20th October at 9.15am Year 2 Assembly

22nd October School Closed (Holiday given in Lieu of Bank Holiday for Queen's Platinum Jubilee)

Half Term; 25th October —29October 2021

1st November - School Closed—Inset Day

25th November—Year 1 Victorian Day

6th December Year 1 Trip to Victorian Playroom

7th December Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

14th December 9.30am Year 2 Christmas Performance

14th December 10.30am Reception Christmas Performance

15th December 9.30am Year 1 Christmas Performance

Last day of Term; 17th December 2021 school closes at 1pm



Mystery Reader!



Badger's Interviewed Mrs Cushnie about her job as a Nurse!

