



# Newsletter – No. 8 21st October 2021

## Message from Mrs. Mole

This week was our Science and Technology week. All the classes had different projects to work on, discoveries to make and problems to solve. Musical instruments were made and played, Lego was built and programmed, maps were drawn and Beebots driven around them, vegetable soup was made and tasted and lots and lots of fun was had.

Badger class also preformed their class assembly to their parents and carers. It was wonderful to see them being so confident, remembering their lines, singing and dancing and most importantly smiling. The whole experience definitely brought a tear to a few eyes in the audience, mine included. It has been such a long time since we have held an event like this. The benefits to children are enormous and it was so lovely to share it with a live audience.



Today we had our first mufti-day of the year, followed by an incredibly successful cake sale. The school was buzzing all day long. A huge thank you to the children and parents who prepared costumes, donated yummy goodies and then bought the cakes. Another huge thank you to The Friends of Polesden Lacey Infant School for organising. I think that everyone had a magnificent day.



I hope that you are all able to have an enjoyable half term break and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday 2nd November.

**Rebecca Mole, Headteacher**



## Star of Week

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

- Rabbits: Jay for taking such care when making an incredible guitar.
- Squirrels: Jacob for working so hard this term and always trying his best.
- Badgers: Finn for being a superstar performer in Badger's assembly.



### **Surrey County Council are recruiting for Bikeability Cycling Instructors**

The Cycle Training Team at Surrey County Council are recruiting for Bikeability Cycling Instructors. If you are looking for a rewarding role please take a look at the following link.; [Surrey County Council - Job details \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk)

### **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.

### **Squid Game**

An important safeguarding update has been released regarding the impact this series may be having on your child without you knowing. Squid Game is completely unsuitable for children, it has been given a 15 rating due to the types of violence and gore that are shown. However, as explained in this article, other apps and games your child may use regularly such as YouTube, Roblox and Fortnite may be exposing your child to the adult themes found in Squid Game. Please take time to read this article and reflect on the types of online activity your child has access to. We teach your children about staying safe online and what to do if they come across something they do not like, this article may help to prepare you for this type of conversation. Please follow this link to the article: <https://oursaferschools.co.uk/2021/10/08/squid-game/>

### **Forest School for Rabbit Class**

Please can all Rabbit class children make sure that they have their Forest School kit in school on Tuesday 2nd November. For Forest School they need to have Waterproof Trousers, a Waterproof Coat (this is in addition to their school coat) and wellington Boots. As the cold weather sets in we also ask you to ensure that they have a hat, scarf, gloves, wooly socks for inside wellies and possibly an extra jumper or fleece to go under their waterproof coat. Forest School takes place in all weathers, rain, shine and snow.



### **COVID- 19 update**

As you are aware there have been a few cases of COVID- 19 in our school community. I am pleased to say that, since Monday, we have had no more cases in Rabbit Class and Mrs. Binding is starting to feel better.

We have had two cases in Badger class but we hope that this number will not increase. Many thanks to all the children, families and staff who have been testing to ensure that we minimize transmission.

As you will be aware, it would be wrong for us to say who has tested positive, but we will contact you if we think that your child has been a close contact. If you or your child test positive you will have a form to fill out with Track and Trace and they, in conjunction with you, will inform those that you have had close contact with.

With cases on the rise in the local area, please do remain vigilant and keep testing!

## Reception Music Band

This week Rabbit class made musical instruments from materials such as cardboard boxes, used yogurt pots, old milk bottles, elastic bands and string (All found in the junk modelling box). Each and every instrument was different and each one a wonderful treasured object. On Wednesday afternoon, they took the instruments into the hall and performed their concert on the stage. It was a wonderful sight and sound and I think that we may have a few natural performers in Reception!



## Year 1 Lego workshop.

The children were being engineers, following verbal and written instructions whilst learning about programming and algorithms. They were awesome and really enjoyed the experience. Here are some of the things that they said:

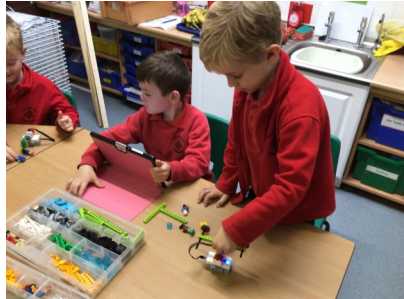
Flynn—'This is amazing'.

Arabella—' I like helping.'

Maël—'I'm on step 28.'

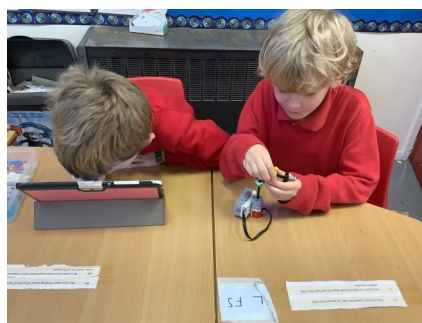
Jacob—'This is easy peasy, we are doing our bestest'

Riley—'We finished!'



## Year 2 Lego Workshop

Badger Class also enjoyed their Lego workshop. As would be expected it was slightly more challenging but they all rose to the challenge and built amazing models that moved.



## Mask competition

We had the most amazing array of mask made for the competition and Ms. Mole had a very challenging task to judge them. Thank you and well done to everyone who entered. The winners from each class can be seen below.

Rabbit Class: Felix, Ava, Willow, Archer, Lara and Isobel



Squirrel Class: Zara, Alex, Leo, Florence, Jacob, Frederick



Badger Class: Issy, Finlay, Finbar, Emma, Matthew and Alice



A highly commended certificate goes to Robbie, Brooke and Heidi for their very 3D masks.



## 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:

**Florence** (Squirrels) for being caring when she helped mummy and made her own bowl of cereal, poured the milk and put everything away!

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

**Alex** for super perseverance during the morning run.

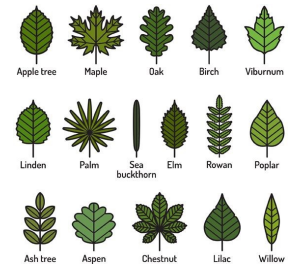
**Emma** for being caring towards someone who was upset.

**Matthew** for super perseverance during the morning run.

**Henry P** for super perseverance during the morning run.

**Finlay** was kind and caring and helped another child with their work.

**All Badger Class** for being courageous and presenting a fantastic assembly.



## Dates

### Autumn Term 2021

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

15th November Guide Dogs for the Blind are visiting Year 2

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