



Newsletter – No. 16 12th January 2024

Message from Mrs. Mole

We have had several visitors in school this week. On Monday Peter, our Judo Club provider came into school to show the children what they others have been learning in Judo. We were treated to some of the children showing us how to fall without hurting ourselves and how to throw their opponents. It was amazing to see one of the Year 2 boys throwing Peter who is probably four times his size! Peter has some spaces in his club and is actively recruiting. If your children likes the idea of Judo, you can contact Peter to take part in a taster session. His flyer was sent out earlier this week and is also attached to the Newsletter email.



On Thursday Mr. Adams from A-Life worked with the children throughout the day. His focus was on doing things to keep ourselves healthy. This included exercise, washing ourselves and what we eat and drink. Hopefully the children came home energized by their experience and knowing a little more about the things which are better to eat and drink as well as where these things come from. Many of them will hopefully be able to say that water is the best drink and that eating a rainbow of fresh food it really important. The impact of the food we eat is so important not only for our physical health but current research is increasingly showing the impact, both positive and negative, on our ability to focus and learn. (More on this once I emerge from the wonderful rabbit hole that the reading is taking me down!)

I also want to say an enormous thank you for the support that so many of you have shown for our wonderful school regarding the Consultation by Great Bookham School to increase their Published Admission Number. I will keep you updated as we know more.

Rebecca Mole, Headteacher

Star of Week

Rabbits: Finn for working so hard to improve his reading—Super blending.

Squirrels: Mia for working hard using suffixes in English.

Badgers: Asher for focusing on your learning and doing your best when completing all activities!

Values Star of the week: .

Rabbits: Calista for being courageous and resilient when coming into school!

Squirrels: Ralph for being a curious learner at home as well as in school.

Badgers: Maxine for being a curious learner and always wanting to practice and improve in all subjects!

Forest School star of the week:

Rabbits: **Taylor** for your confidence joining in our group discussions about garden birds.

Squirrels: **Poppy G** for carefully selecting nesting material in your bird box.

Badgers: **Emily** for sharing a brilliant game with the class and teaching your friends how to play.

Warm Forest School Clothes

Now the weather has got much colder can we please ask you to send in warm socks, gloves and coats for Forest School . The children are outside for approximately 90 minutes and it can get very cold under the trees.

Book Recommendation of the Week

The singing mermaid by Julia Donaldson,

Poppy likes this book as when the Mermaid gets taken away she meets lots of new friends.



Walking, Scooting and Cycling to school

Don't forget—If your child does scoot or ride their bike to school they must have a bike license or cycle license. The forms to apply for these are available on the school website: <https://polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk/assets/documents/policies/Cycling-Contract-2020.pdf> and <https://polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk/assets/documents/policies/Scooter-Contract-2020-1604602762.pdf>

In order to gain their license you and your child/children have to sign the contract which includes ways to stay safe whilst using the scooters and bikes.

Mrs. Cummings and I will be checking that children have their licenses displayed!

RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch 26th—28th January 2024

On Friday 26th January we will be taking part in the Big Schools annual Bird watch. If you would like to take part in the Big Garden Bird Watch at home, the RSPB website <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch> has lots of ideas about food to leave out and how to make things like fat balls and cakes as well as ideas on making a bird house. If you don't put food out already you can start doing so now to try and attract the birds in readiness for the big count. If you really wanted to challenge yourself you could try and identify what bird you are hearing.

Message From The Friends

Planning is under way for this terms activities, we'll share more info soon.

EasyFundraising Reminder:

This New Year Why Not Consider Supporting Our Wonderful School Each Time You Shop?

The Friends of Polesden Lacey Infant School are registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online.

Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really can add up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us.

It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

You can find our easyfundraising page at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/polesdenlaceyinfsc/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1



School Grounds

You may have noticed that the front of the school has now been cleared of the leaves that had fallen from the trees. Unfortunately this has meant that we are now left with a very bare muddy patch of ground near the bike /scooter shed. Can we please ask that you do not allow the children to run across this patch of ground as we are desperately hoping that if left alone the grass will regrow ready for the Spring and Summer.

Some Photos from the A-Life Workshop



Dates

16th January Year 1 trip to NWS Synagogue (am only)

17th January Puppet Assembly (pm)

26th January RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch

29th January Yoga for Year 2 (pm)

1st February Fairtrade Day

7th February Safer Internet Day

7th February Police Officer visit to Reception Class (am)

12th—16th February Half Term

7th March World Book Day— Author Visit—Elaine Slade

13th March Open Afternoon Year 1 & 2, Stay and Play Reception (2.30pm—3pm)

14th March Year 1 Assembly (After drop off for approximately 20 mins—all parents and carers welcome)

22nd March Olympic Athlete Visit (all day)

28th March Last day of term—school closes at 1pm

Easter Holidays



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to reserve a space;
Please contact
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**Judo Lessons at Polesden
Lacey infant school on
Friday mornings from 07:50 -
08:30 am.**

**Learn throws & holds in a
safe and enjoyable space.**



We look forward to seeing you on the mats!