



# Newsletter – No. 18 26th January 2024

## Message from Mrs. Mole

After a very chilly week last week, the first signs of spring seem to be making an appearance. In the woods the children have been noticing leaf buds opening, bulbs poking through the soil and a few cyclamen and pansies bursting into flower. In preparation for the Big School and Garden Birdwatch we have also been listening and looking to see what birds they can spot. 'Robbie the Robin' has been seen keeping an eye on the Forest School Sessions. He likes to loiter on a branch close to the fire hexagon for a few minutes most weeks before flying off into the trees, so it was no surprise to see him. Blackbirds have also been seen and lots of bird songs heard. Despite listening to the bird recordings on the RSPB website I am not yet brilliant at identifying birds from their songs. Luckily we have some children who have obviously worked harder to develop this skill and I have been so impressed at those who listen and can then tell me what bird we are listening to.

We have also been planting bulbs in the woods, orchard and in the planters on the playground. A huge thank you to Charlie's mum for a donation of bulbs. As you can see they have already started to make the planters look loved and ready to spring into action.



Please do look at the **Biryani for Billy** (Organised by Isabelle and Manas Datta) article below. Manas and Isabella are taking pre orders for delicious biryanis and samosas which will be prepared and then available for collection on Saturday 3rd February from the school driveway. Imagine the idea of delicious food, no cooking and very little washing up, whilst also knowing that you are contributing to a cause close to all of our hearts.



Have a great weekend being citizen scientists and counting all the birds you spot.

Rebecca Mole Headteacher

## Star of Week

**Rabbits: Rory** for always working hard to stretch his brain and apply our new phonics sounds!

**Squirrels: Bella** for making excellent progress in maths.

**Badgers: Ruah** for being a fantastic geographer and using an atlas to identify the world's 7 continents and 5 oceans!

## Values Star of the week: .

**Rabbits: Joshua** for being caring and curious when helping Mrs Mathews plant bulbs and tidy the planters.

**Squirrels: Mia** for being respectful to the classroom equipment.

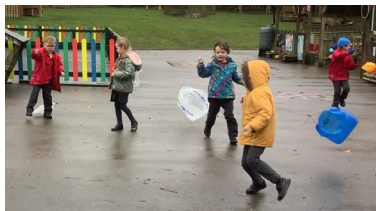
**Badgers: Felix** for being a caring friend and always treating others with kindness!

### Forest School star of the week:

**Rabbits:** Seth for being an enthusiastic bird watcher.

**Squirrels:** Gian for brilliant problem solving when building your kite.

**Badgers:** Lara for being a curious bird watcher and helping to plant a bulb.



### IT Support—Parent & Carer Webinar

Our tech support Eduthing are offering a Parent and Carer Webinar on 6<sup>th</sup> February with Sue Atkins (parenting expert). This zoom meeting will support you to navigate the digital landscape! Please see the attached flyer to book your space.

### Biryani for Billy (Organised by Isabelle & Manas Datta)

Isabelle & Manas (Year 2 parents) are organising a Biryani\* & Samosa\*\* Sale to raise money for Billy and his family, and they would be grateful for your participation. 100% of all profits will go to Billy's JustGiving campaign.



\* Biryani is a mixed rice dish made with some type of meat or vegetables and spices. Biryani is one of the most popular dishes in South Asia.

\*\* Samosa is a fried South Asian pastry with a savoury filling, including ingredients such as spiced potatoes, onions, peas or meat.



We are collecting pre-orders from Friday Jan 26th for collection on Saturday Feb 3rd 4pm to 5pm) from the PLIS driveway.

More information on the pre-order site: <http://biryanis-for-billy.sumupstore.com>.

### Message From The Friends

Thank you to those who came along to our planning meeting this week, we rely on people volunteering their time to support and help us put on lovely events for the children, as well as to help raise vital funds for the school.

We'll be shortly creating our volunteer sign up form for next half term.

We have some small research volunteering tasks that can be done whenever suits as well as the usual spaces to help at upcoming events. The volunteer sign up form will be circulated on our Friends of PLIS WhatsApp group, so if you're considering getting involved but are not yet in the group, please send an email to us at [plisfriends@gmail.com](mailto:plisfriends@gmail.com).

Dates for your diary:

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - School disco after school (more details to follow)

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - Book Swap for World Book Day

### Dates

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)

19th March Parent Consultations (3.30pm—7pm) More details to follow soon

21st March Parent Consultations (3.30pm—7pm) More details to follow soon

22nd March Olympic Athlete Visit (all day)

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

#### **Easter Holidays**

15th April start of the Summer Term—all children return to school

**6th May—May Day Bank Holiday—school closed**

**27th May—31st May Half term**

**3rd June—Inset Day school closed for training**

4th June all children return to school

23rd July Last day of term - school closes at 1pm



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- **Building Digital Resilience:** Learn how to foster resilience in your children, empowering them to face the online world confidently and make informed choices.

Book your place today:

📅 **Save the Date: Tuesday 6th February at 7pm on Zoom**

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