



# Newsletter – No. 18 22nd January 2021

## Message From Ms. Mole.

Although we are still very much in winter, I feel that there are definite signs of Spring around. The bird song in the morning is delightful and bulbs are beginning to poke their heads above the ground in readiness to flower.

I feel very lucky to be living and working in an area that has so many open spaces such as parks, woods and fields with numerous footpaths and access for us to walk or cycle on. For me, being able to go outside to exercise allows me to clear my head, raise my heart rate and bring a glow to my cheeks. I have also recently been inspired by the BBC's Winter Watch to use these walks to really notice what wildlife is all around us. This link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/31CFvfxBVJDLJy7kkkVmTNg/winter-watchlist> will take you to their web page where you can find lots of different things to spot, some things will be easy to see and some much harder. I have also made a word document (attached to the Newsletter email) that you can use to tick off all the things you see. You may remember that, in the first lockdown, Mrs. Secker would put on her fridge the wildlife that she saw on her walks. She has become very good at spotting things so I am sure that she will find most of the things on the list. Will any of you complete it before she does?

In two weeks time the RSPB will be holding their Big Garden Birdwatch. This is something that we do every year in school and I know that the teachers will include it in the home learning for the week beginning 25th January. Now is the perfect time to encourage birds into your gardens or balconies or onto a window ledge. The RSPB website (<https://www.rspb.org.uk/>) 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 bath. If you don't put food out already you can start doing so now and hopefully by the time the Big Garden Birdwatch comes along the word will have spread amongst the birds and your garden, balcony or window ledge will have many feathered visitors for you to identify, count and enjoy. A member of staff from the Surrey Wildlife Trust has been using a security camera next to her bird feeder to film the birds in her garden. This video she made (<https://youtu.be/E-jygdWHBYE>) may help you to identify some of the birds you might be seeing in your gardens at home as will the CBBC website <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/joinin/garden-bird-spotting>

Take care, stay safe and Kia Kaha

Rebecca Mole - Headteacher

## Star of Week

Well done to all the winners this week.

Rabbits: **Flynn** for fantastic home learning.

Squirrels: **Finn** for doing fantastic home learning, working hard in all subjects.

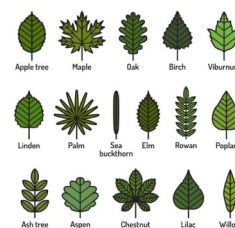
Badgers: **Chloe** for working super hard at home and fabulous drawings in Geography.

**Max** for working super hard at home and fabulous maths.



**Values Leaves:** Fair, Resilient, Respectful, Caring, Courageous and Curious.

Below are some of this week's leaves:



Throughout lockdown we will be continuing awarding values leaves so please do let the teachers know if and how your child or children have demonstrated one of the Polesden Lacey Infant School values.

**Riley** has been very caring doing a load of washing and helping mum cook

**Miles** has been so caring, loving and supportive to his Dad and behaving so well.

**Rocco** was caring to mummy when she was poorly and showed resilience when building his Lego model.

**Alex** was curious when cooking dinner and fair in sharing jobs with his siblings.

### Carrier bags

At times we need to put clothes or other items in carrier bags. We currently have a low stock of these and would appreciate it if you have any that you could give to us. When you are next in school!

### Fairtrade

Fairtrade Fortnight is from 22nd February to 7th March 2021. This year the theme is 'Choose the World You Want' and the Fairtrade Foundation are running a competition for the children to enter - a copy of the information poster is attached to the Newsletter email. Entries have to be submitted by March 1st so there is plenty of time to get your ideas sorted.



### Eco Tip

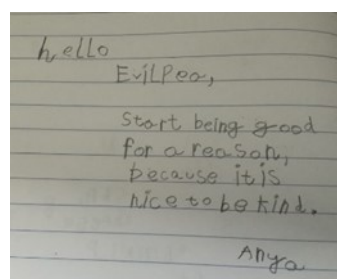
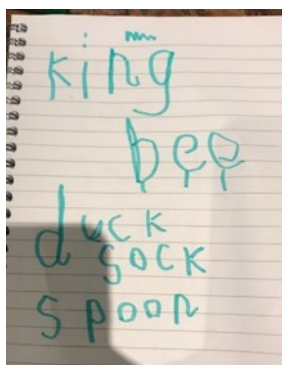
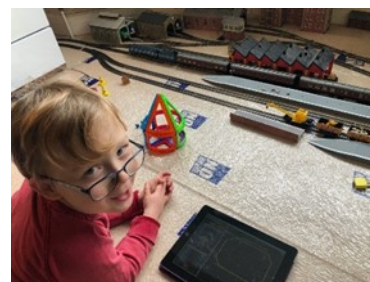
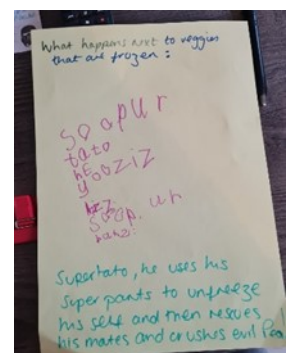
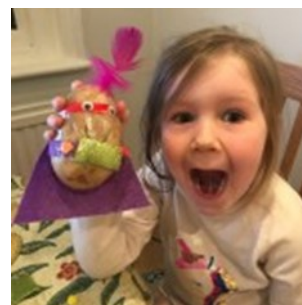
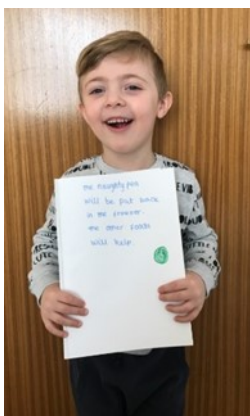
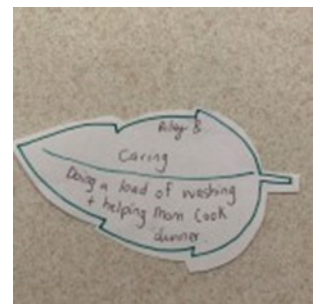
When you go for a walk remember to take your coffee with you. Not only will this stop you from having to get a disposable cup, it will save you money and reduce your number of social interactions.!



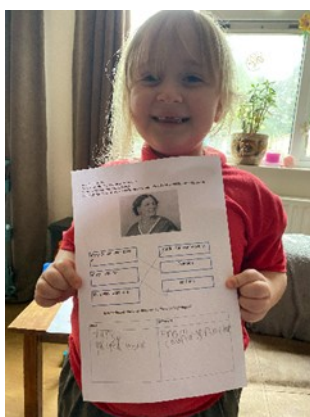


We love to see photos of your children and the learning that they are doing. We hope that the children enjoy seeing one another in the newsletter and that the pictures help to keep feel connected to the Polesden Lacey Infant School community.

Here are some pictures from this week.







English 20th January

Granny mainland  
dived into the bay  
and guided the sheep  
to safety. Once the sheep  
was out of the bay they  
used a yardroom to clear  
the sheep. They used a rope  
to get the sheep to the  
Festival. Right at the last  
moment they made it to  
the Festival just in time.  
Moments later the  
winner was announced.  
Granny Island was victorious.  
Granny was bursting with  
joy!





## Dates

### Spring Term

12th February 2021 Break up for half term

**22nd February 2021 INSET day (No children)** This is the spring INSET day which has now been set

23rd February 2021 all children back to school (subject to any changes implemented by the Government)