



# Newsletter – No. 19 10th February 2023

## Message from Ms. Mole

Again I would like to say a huge thank you for all your support during our recent OFSTED visit. Although I was not able to see the comments written on the parent/carer survey, the lead inspector shared many of them with me and I have shared some of them with the staff. Your children also said some amazing things. One of our Year 2 children said, 'It doesn't matter what colour your skin is or how you talk, what is important is what is on the inside.' Another child spoke about the importance of being kind and another about looking after our world. I hope that you are as proud of the children as the staff and I am.

After the inspectors had left the building it was our turn to have some fun. The Friends 'Quiz Night' took place. The school hall was transformed into a quiz hub, tables with black and gold table clothes, raffle prizes displayed as well as the winners trophy and the least successful team's wooden spoon. The evening was a huge success with lots of laughter, scratching of heads and not too much cheating! Our quiz master was a returning parent, his questions challenged some of us more than others (it turns out that I am not bad at sport questions, riddles and London train/tube questions but appallingly bad at film music and films in general!). It seemed from all the smiles that everyone who attended enjoyed the evening and some funds were raised for the school.

Next week is half term. I hope that you all have an enjoyable break from school and are able to spend time having fun with your children. Looking at the weather forecast for the next few days, the sun will be popping out to warm us, so hopefully you can spend time outside looking for signs that Spring is on it's way! Don't forget to keep sharing books with your children you could take a couple on a walk and use the story as an excuse to sit down and enjoy wherever you are.



Rebecca Mole,  
Headteacher

## Star of Week

**Rabbits:** **Skye** for being a star! Skye is always a kind, caring friend and is doing so well with her learning.

**Squirrels:** **Anastasia** for working hard to improve her writing!

**Badgers:** **Mael** for fantastic descriptive writing about Nim's Island!

### Values Star of the week: .

**Rabbits:** **Margot** for being resilient when writing numbers!

**Squirrels:** **Annabel** for being a respectful and curious member of Squirrel Class.

**Badgers:** **Addison** for being a curious and courageous mathematician!



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

### Forest School Star of the week:

**Rabbits:** **Poppy** for being curious and a great outdoor explorer.

**Squirrels:** **Willow** for being courageous and resilient returning to forest school fun after your foot injury.

**Badgers:** **Charlie** for being creative and resilient when your arrow needed mending.



### E-Safety Tip

This week the children have been thinking carefully about how to be a safe user of technology! The children spent time reviewing our E-Safety Rules and what they can do to keep themselves safe online.

Why not take a look at the following websites to see how you can support your family to keep safe! <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/parents-and-carers> and <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/article-internet-use-and-safety/>.

### Fairtrade - R is for ..... Rice

**Written by Keelia in Badger Class**

Rice is a staple food for billions of people around the world. There are around 40000 different varieties of rice. Smaller rice farmers in countries such as Thailand, India, Egypt and Laos are now Fairtrade certified. This means the farmers get paid fairly for all their hard work growing the rice we enjoy. My favourite type of rice is sticky rice from our local Thai restaurant.



### Squirrels have been learning about dinosaurs and fossil hunters this half term.

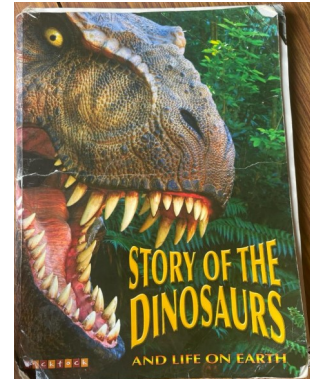
They wrote job applications to become junior paleontologists. Today they received their medals. well done Squirrel class.



### Book Recommendation of the week ..... By Asher in Year 1

#### Story of The Dinosaurs

This is my favourite book, it is the best book in the whole wide world!



### Message from The Friends

#### Retail Therapy is good for you(r school).....

If you do any of your shopping online, book holidays, arrange insurance or organise days out you can be raising money for Polesden Lacey Infants at absolutely no cost to you!

We have been running two online donation schemes - AmazonSmile and Easyfundraising. We have been notified that AmazonSmile is ceasing to operate within the next couple of weeks. Therefore we will be concentrating on [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk).

It's very easy. All you need to do is register on the site [[Register Here](#)], select us as your charity and go via the site or app every time you shop online. If the business you are buying from is registered with them then we will receive a proportion of your spend. You can also install a donation reminder making it even easier to spot when a donation is available.

If you shop online at any of these retailers (and literally hundreds more) then you could be raising money for our school!

- Amazon, John Lewis, Marks and Spencer, Argos, Currys, eBay,
- Boots, Baker Ross, Tesco, Sainsburys, Ocado, Money Supermarket,
- TUI, First Choice

Thank you

### World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** this year. Please note this is different to the official World Book Day date of 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

We would love for the children to come dressed as their favourite character from a book they love (no superheroes or princesses please!) It would be great if they could bring the book with them to share with their class and the school.

### Black, Green & Blue Recycling

Please start keeping any black, green and blue recycling over the holidays. We are planning to use this packaging to create a whole school Fairtrade piece of art in celebration of Fairtrade Fortnight which is between the 27th February & 12th March!

Any other packaging is always welcome in Rabbit's for junk modelling!

### **Surrey Spring Wellbeing Festival**

Please find below, a flyer for the Surrey Spring Wellbeing Festival being held at Guildford County School, Guildford on Saturday 4th March.

This is a free festival but you will need a ticket to attend and these are available by scanning the QR code on the flyer. There are a host of activities that are suitable for children and their families.

### **Dates for your diary 2022/23 - The Friends of Polesden Lacey Infant School**

We have been very keen and set out our complete plan for the year. Please pop these dates in your diaries for now - more information will be shared closer to each date.

If you're keen to help out with any of these activities and events, or have any questions, please do email [plisfriends@gmail.com](mailto:plisfriends@gmail.com). To be able to help you will need to have attended one of Ms Moles Safeguarding Briefing sessions.

We will ask for specific volunteers nearer the time where they are needed, but always welcome your interest!

Thurs 2nd and Fri 3rd March - Book Swap for World Book Day

Thurs 30th March - Easter Activities and Bake Sale

Thurs 27th April - Sponsored Bounce

Thurs 8th and Fri 9th June (tbc) - Making Mornings for Bookham Village Day (Sat 17th June)

Sun 9th July - Summer Fair

Thurs 13th or Fri 14th July (tbc) - Summer Movie Night and Mufti

### **School Dates**

#### **Spring Term 2023**

#### **13th—17th February—Half Term**

21st February—Year 1 visit to North West Surrey Synagogue—More details to follow

3rd March—World Book Day + Stay & Read at 2.30pm (more details to follow)

9th March— 9am—9.30am Year 1 assembly

15th March— 2pm—3pm Open Afternoon for Year 1 & 2, Stay & Paly for Reception Class

21st March—3.30pm—7pm Parent Consultations—details to follow

23rd March—3.30pm—7pm Parent Consultations—details to follow

28th March—Year 1 Medieval Day—details to follow

31st March—9am Reception Class Pet Show—details to follow

**31st March—last day of term 1pm finish.**



**MINDWORKS SURREY PRESENTS...**

# **Surrey Spring Wellbeing Festival**

**Saturday 4th March 2023**

**11am – 3pm**

**Guildford County School, Guildford, GU2 4LU**

**This is a free, ticketed event for children, young people and families living in Surrey. Please register your interest via the Eventbrite page using the QR code below.**

**Join us for:**

**A wellbeing  
treasure hunt**

**Performances from  
young people**

**Stalls run by  
Mindworks wellbeing  
services**

**Wellbeing arts and  
crafts**

**Giveaways**

**And so much more!**

**Please note, the first 30 mins of this event will be quiet time for those with additional accessibility needs. For more information, please email [amplify.mindworks@sabp.nhs.uk](mailto:amplify.mindworks@sabp.nhs.uk).**



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