



Newsletter – No. 22 10th March 2023

Message from Ms. Mole

‘Polesden Lacey Infant School is a magical place that gives our children wings to become enthusiastic, resilient and independent learners.’ (Parent/carers comment OFSTED 2023)

What an amazing comment for us all to read in our OFSTED report, which I received yesterday. We have attached the full report to this email as well as sending it out with a letter celebrating our achievements with the Inspection. Please do take time to read the report, enjoy the commentary about our fabulous school, its pupils and community and rest assured that we are working on our areas for development.

On Wednesday we had all the excitement of snow. One of the joys of a small school and one that embraces the outdoors is that we can take advantage of such events. All the children pulled on their wellington boots and went outside to play in the snow. Snow people were built, snow angels were created and snow scooped out and played with. It was chilly but wonderful fun!

On Thursday, four of our Year 2 children went to Fetcham Village Infant School to represent us at the Infant Council Meeting (Report below). The children had all stood for the role, made a short speech about why they wanted to go and why the other children should vote for them. All the children in Squirrel and Badger classes then had a ballot paper and voted. Molly, Harrison, Riley and Rocco got the most votes and so were democratically elected. Well done to all the children that stood for the election and congratulations to those who received the most votes.

On Friday, we celebrated Fairtrade Fortnight. Children came dressed in Blue, Green and Black, wrote letters to our suppliers of food about Fairtrade products, baked biscuits using Fairtrade ingredients and generally had a great time.

Have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday

Rebecca Mole,
Headteacher

Star of Week

Rabbits: **Bella** for being a role model to her friends in phonics! You are a star!

Evie for working hard on her blending!

Squirrels: **Anastasia** for working hard to apply lots of new phonics sounds.

Badgers: **Henry** for amazing effort in your writing this week—you have worked extremely hard on your spelling and presentation. Well done!

Values Star of the week: .

Rabbits: **Finn** for being curious and asking questions about sharks..

Squirrels: **Eloise** for being a curious and courageous learner.

Badgers: **Gabriel** for amazing resilience and courage this week!

Well done to all the winners this week.



Forest School Star of the week

Rabbits: **Charlie S** for being creative and making a brilliant animal shelter.

Squirrels: **Felix** for being a curious explorer and respectful to nature.

Badgers: **Jacob** for being creative and resilient in the snow.

Well done to all the winners this week.

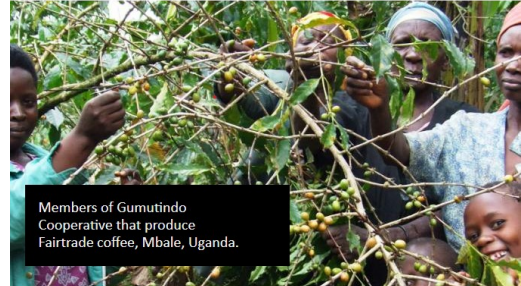


Fairtrade - U is for Uganda

Written by Molly in Badger Class

Fairtrade coffee is an important crop in Uganda.

Uganda coffee beans are the finest thanks to their low acidity, mild flavour and delightful aroma.



New outdoor learning community centre at The Grange

The Grange has been given planning permission for a new Outdoor learning centre which will include a pottery studio, cafe, shop and community space, that will be open 7 days a week.

They are currently in the process of trying to find out what the local community would like to see in the space to make it more valuable to them.

To help with this they have asked us to share the questionnaire, that went out with this weeks newsletter, with you all.

All replies they receive will be entered in a draw for a chance to win a Simply scones voucher for two.

Book Recommendation of the week By Ellie C in Year 1

Mog by Judith Kerr

I recommend this book because it has lot's of funny parts in it!



Open Afternoon Year 1 & 2, Stay & Play Reception—Wednesday 15th March 2pm—3pm

Don't forget to come along and have a look at your children's work on Wednesday afternoon. If your child is in Reception come along and join in with some of the fun learning activities that they take part in on a daily basis. You can arrive anytime from 2pm onwards.

Strike

You may be aware that the NEU has two proposed strike days next week (15th and 16th March). At the time of writing none of the teachers have indicated that they intend to take action and we expect the school to be open as usual on these dates. As you are aware we have sympathy for the issues being disputed. Whilst it is the pay that generally receives the headlines, teachers are generally more exercised about the cuts to school funding (in real terms) since 2012, which has resulted in schools making tough decision about staffing and being more reliant than ever on fundraising from various quarters—for which we are enormously lucky and grateful. We have read recently that ‘asked if teachers would like more pay or additional resources and classroom support, they would almost unanimously go for the later.

Having been closed for two days in the recent months the teachers have indicated that they want to limit yet more disruption to the children’s learning. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have been so supportive with the previous industrial action. Your comments and actions have been gratefully received.

Infant Council

On Thursday Molly, Harrison, Rocco and Riley went to the second Infant Council Meeting of year. They were joined by Ms. Mole, who was super impressed at how they interacted with children from the other local schools that attended (Fetcham Village Infants, The Raleigh, The Great Bookham School, St. Matthews and St. Lawrence) and they gave their ideas. The subject matter for this meeting was ‘How can we look after our world’. The 4 Polesden lacey Infant School children had lots to add to the discussion and came away with some new ideas that we will be sharing with the rest of the school in the coming weeks. Well done to the children who were elected to represent our school and who were totally awesome.

Reception Class Pet Show

Due to take place on the last day of term 31st March - 9am start.

More details to follow!

Charities Chosen

During our Circle Time over the past few weeks the children have been discussing charities and deciding which ones they want to support. Last Friday all the children were asked to vote from a short list that they had drawn up. We are pleased to announce that the charities chosen were: Red Nose Day and Diabetes UK

Photos from Year 1 Assembly



This week at Forest School



Fairtrade Friday



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. 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 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

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

17th March—Red Nose Charity Day—Dress in something that makes you happy and bring a joke to share.

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

22nd March—am—Origami Workshop for Reception Class

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

24th March—am—Perform Workshops on E-safety for all classes

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.