

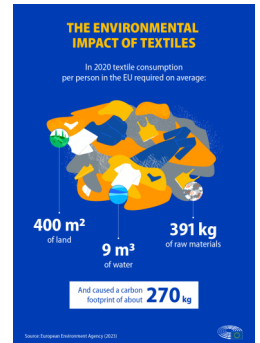


# Newsletter – No. 22 1st March 2024

## Message from Mrs. Mole

You will have seen in the email from the office on Thursday and in last week's newsletter, that next Thursday (7th March) is World Book Day. There is lots and lots of chatter around school about who is going to dress up as what. You might imagine that this is mainly from the children, but it seems that every time I go into the staff room the staff are having the same conversations. I have not yet decided what to come as. There are so many books that I love to read that I am finding it hard to pick one character!

When deciding what to come dressed, as please remember that we are an 'eco school', as such we would much rather that you and your child re-purpose something that they already have than buy something new. In 2020 the EU parliament reported that 'The fashion industry is estimated to be responsible for 10% of global carbon emissions – more than international flights and maritime shipping combined. According to the European Environment Agency, textile purchases in the EU in 2020 generated about 270 kg of CO2 emissions per person.



Another way we are trying to be more environmentally friendly is by having a 'Book Swap' which is being very kindly organized by The Friends of Polesden Lacey Infant School. You can donate any book (both children's and adult's) that is in reasonable condition, by Thursday 7th March and on Friday 8th March you can visit the 'Book Swap Table' (hopefully no rain and it will be outside in front of the school) and pick up a book that you would like to read. Just in case you are not sure where to leave your books, here is a photo so there are no excuses!



Have a fun weekend preparing costumes and selecting books that you would like to donate and swap.

Rebecca Mole  
Headteacher



## Star of Week

**Rabbits: Sebastian** for having exciting ideas and bring a fantastic storyteller in drawing club.

**Squirrels: Margot** for using a time word, adjective and a conjunction in English!

**Badgers: Felix** for working so hard on your handwriting and multiplication facts!

## Values Star of the week: .

**Rabbits: Charlie** for being kind, fair and caring to all of your Rabbit friends!

**Squirrels: Enid** for being resilient with her learning this week.

**Badgers: Lara** for being a resilient and courageous learner. You always try your best!

### Forest School star of the week:

**Rabbits:** Eliza for working brilliantly in a team and following instructions to make a Hog House.

**Squirrels:** Bella for being curious and getting involved in all the activities and being a helpful friend.

**Badgers:** Poppy for learning about bulbs, seeds and cutting and helping to plant some bulbs.

### Numbots– Star of the Week

Well done to all of the children who have logged in to Numbots this week to practise their arithmetic skills! We believe it is important that all of our children develop a good understanding of the fundamental arithmetic skills- and Numbots offers an interactive, engaging way for them to improve. Every week we will be awarding a certificate for the 'Highest Improvement in Accuracy' to a child from each year group. This week our certificates are awarded to:

Rabbits: Otis

Squirrels: Oscar

Badgers: Dashed

### Some photos from this week's Forest School sessions



## Message From The Friends

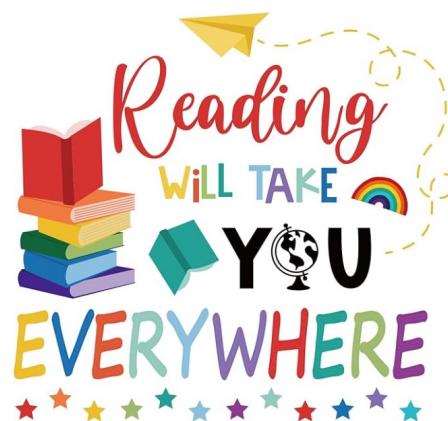
**Thank You** to everyone who supported our first school disco, the children seemed to enjoy it and we hear some teachers were having a little dance in their classrooms whilst planning and marking! A special Friends thank you goes to Chris, dad of James and Edward, for being our resident dj and to everyone who volunteered. We raised over £250 for the school and had such fun doing it, what a success!

### Friends - Free Book Swap Fri 8<sup>th</sup> March

We will be holding a **Free a book swap** to mark World Book Day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> after school at 3pm. Note that this is the day after World Book Day, as we don't want to clash with the author's visit, as they will also be selling some of their own books.

This is a fantastic opportunity to donate books you no longer read and pick up a few free books. We're happy to take children's books as well as adult books, so don't forget to choose something for yourself too on the day!

Please drop off any unwanted books, from this Monday in the container outside the office, labelled "Book Swap". The more books we donate, the greater the variety available for swapping!



### Request for raffle prizes & volunteers for the Grandparents Afternoon Tea

We are still looking for 3 more volunteers to support the grandparents afternoon tea from 12.45pm - 3pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, please sign up here if you can help: <https://volunteersignup.org/LAA77>

We're also on the hunt for Eco or Fair trade prizes for the raffle too, so if you know a business who might be able to donate a prize in return for some advertising, please reach out to us at [PLISFriends@gmail.com](mailto:PLISFriends@gmail.com)

### **Dates for your diary:**

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> March - Free Book Swap  
Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Spring Bake Sale  
Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Hunt  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup> April – Gardening afternoon  
Thurs 23 May - Sponsored Bounce & Picnic  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Fair



## **Dates**

6th March Little City visiting Reception Class (am)

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)

21st March Parent Consultations (3.30pm –7pm)

22nd March Olympic Athlete Visit (all day)

27th March Year 1 & 2 Grandparents Tea Party (1.30pm—3pm)

27th March Reception Grandparents Stay and Play session 2.30pm—3pm) details to follow soon

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

26th June Sports Day followed by family picnic after school

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

