



Newsletter – No. 23 8th March 2024

Message from Mrs. Mole

World Book Day was wonderful at Polesden Lacey Infant School. The excitement and anticipation, as the children arrived at school, was joyful and the day only continued to get better. By 8.45am all of the children were in the hall ready for a brief assembly with Mrs. Mathews followed by the children parading, dressed in their costumes and holding the book that inspired the costumes. Once back in class the children's focus was on books and stories. It was great to see a real mixture of genres from biographies about David Attenborough and Steve Irwin, to information books about airplanes and women who have changed the world, to fiction and poetry. All of the children, from playschool to Year 2 had a session with local author Elaine Slade to find out more about how she writes books. Throughout the day adults swapped classes and read stories to the children and at the end of the day, Elaine could be found selling the books that she had shared.



A spontaneous story session with Burglar Bill (AKA Mrs. Cummings).

On Wednesday we had some more visitors in school, working with Rabbit Class. Little City, brought in a selection of role play areas full of toys and resources to engage the children's imagination and giving them a wonderful, interactive and inclusive play experience. By all accounts the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and enriched their learning about 'People who help us'. Due to the generosity of families contributing to the School Fund, we were able to offer both of these wonderful opportunities without additional charge and provide the children with experiences that they will hopefully remember for many years to come.

As the newsletter usually gets sent out before the end of the day on Friday, don't forget that there is the 'Book Swap' after school.

Rebecca Mole, Headteacher



Star of Week

Rabbits: Taylor for working so hard in phonics and improving his writing too!

Squirrels: Tabitha for making fantastic progress in all of her learning during the past 3 weeks.

Badgers: Isobel for your wonderful enthusiasm for stories on World Book Day!

Values Star of the week: .

Rabbits: Ava S for being a fair and caring friend.

Squirrels: Charlie B for showing others how to be curious about books when he shared his dragon book.

Badgers: Heidi for your resilience and determination in Phonics!

Forest School star of the week:

Rabbits: **Crystal** for exploring for materials and doing some brilliant nature weaving.

Squirrels: **Margot** for brilliant independent work making your letter M.

Badgers: **Dashel** for working well with your partner to make a map of our school.

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: **Sienna**

Squirrels: **Seren**

Badgers: **Theo**

Book Recommendation of the week by Ellis in Year 1

Tank Engine Thomas Again

By Rev. W. Awdry

I love this book because: 'Thomas had a fish in his boiler and they had to fish it out and it was funny'



Keyrings on Bookbags

Can we please remind you of our school policy that children should not have more than 1 reasonable size keyring on their backpacks or bookbags.

Extra Curricular School Clubs—Reminder

The online booking system for extra curricular clubs is now open for next half term. If you haven't already done so, don't forget to sign your children up. All the details of how to do this can be found in the e-mail that was sent to all parents on the 4th March. The closing date for online bookings is Wednesday 13th March at 10pm.

Year 1 & 2 Grandparents Tea Party—Reminder

I know that a lot of you have already signed your grandparents/carers up to come along and enjoy this lovely event. If you haven't done so and you have grandparents or grand-carers that would like to come along please complete the google form by Wednesday 27th March. If you missed it the e-mail with all the details was sent to all Year 1 and 2 parents on 20th February. For ease the link is:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSceKCFW4YkvMYZ7uQhOJFd0V0uQUK9-z9Ymwxmkp609_JKcuQ/viewform?usp=sf_link



Reception Grandparents Stay and Play—Wednesday 27th March 2.30pm

Whilst year 1 & 2 Grandparents are enjoying a lovely tea party in the hall Reception Grandparents are invited to join Reception Class children for a stay and play session in their classroom. Mrs Mathews will be sending a separate reminder e-mail to you all today or Monday, please keep an eye out for it.

Message From The Friends

Request for raffle prizes & volunteers for the Grandparents Afternoon Tea

We really do need help from volunteers to be able to support the school with the grandparents afternoon tea.

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

By volunteering you also get to hear the children singing, which will be lovely!

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

Ready Steady Bake!

Our next event is our Spring Bake Sale after school on Friday 22nd March, we invite everyone to bake (or buy) a yummy treat to donate to the sale to help raise funds for the school.

We would also welcome help to set up the stall and sell goodies on the day, link to volunteer is: <https://volunteersignup.org/LAA77>

Dates for your diary:

Fri 22nd March – Spring Bake Sale

Thurs 28th March – Easter Hunt

Fri 26th April – Gardening afternoon

Thurs 23 May - Sponsored Bounce & Picnic

Sunday 14th July – Summer Fair



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Reminder—Year 1 & 2 Open Afternoon & Reception Stay and Play

Don't forget, Wednesday 13th March from 2.30—3pm is an opportunity for you to come in to school and look at your children's work if they are in Year 1 or 2, or to stay and play with them if they are in Reception. The children really enjoy showing you what they have been getting up to at school.

Reminder—Year 1 Assembly—Thursday 14th March

Year 1 are working really hard on practicing for their class Assembly next week. It will take place in the school hall shortly after drop off. Tickets are not required and numbers are not restricted. So do please come along. If you are bringing younger siblings, please can we ask that you sit at the back or the end of the row and then take them out if they become noisy or upset. Some of the children get very nervous at these events and can be easily put off if they are distracted by noises in the audience.

Parking

If you have to drive your child to school, please can you remember to park considerately. We work hard to maintain a positive relationship with our neighbours and it can be incredibly frustrating if cars are blocking drive ways or parked in a way that makes it difficult to manoeuvre up and down the road.

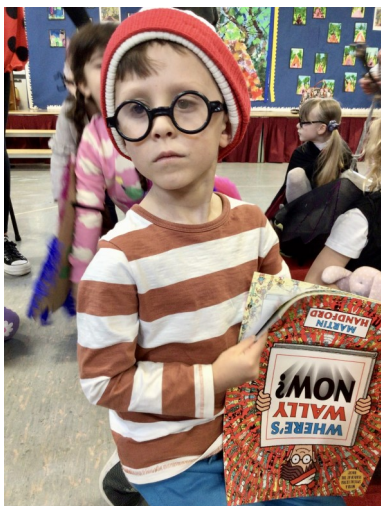
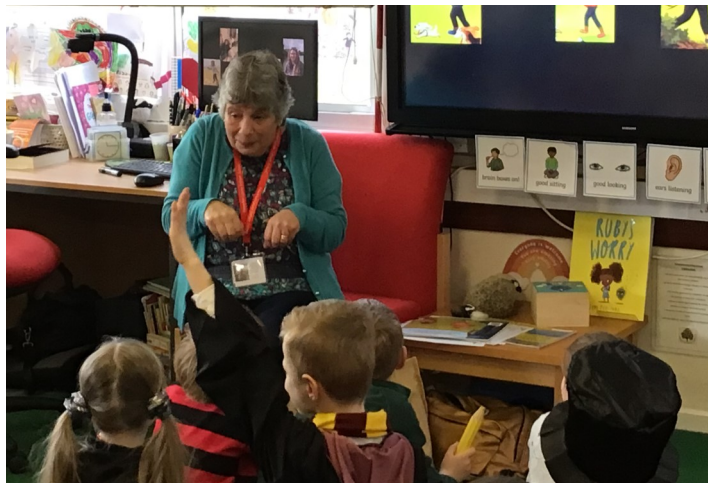
Please do not double park with other vehicles, think, if an ambulance or fire truck cannot get through this gap I shouldn't park here.

Can we please remind you of our parking policy contained within the school Parent Handbook;

For safety reasons

- If you have to drive to school, cars should be parked in Howard Road, on the school side of the road, or preferably further out on roads such as Crabtree Lane, remembering not to obstruct zigzag lines and driveways. (We are committed to having a positive relationship with our neighbours and it is incredibly frustrating for them when our families park across driveways or in a way that prevents them from entering or leaving their property.)
- **DO NOT** drive into the school grounds unless you are picking your child up with prior permission from the school office or in the case of illness. This includes when dropping off or collecting at before and after school clubs.
- Children are permitted to travel to school on bikes and scooters BUT they must dismount at the school gates and then push or carry the items whilst on school premises to avoid accidents to themselves and others. There is a cycle rack in front of the school. **NB.** Please note you must sign up to the safe scooting and/or cycling schemes to obtain a permit for your scooter and/or bike. Please see the separate policy and codes of practice on the school website <https://polesdenlaceyinfant.surrey.sch.uk/information/policies>
- **NO** parking should take place in Oakdene Close, in order to keep access clear for residents and emergency vehicles and to avoid the dangers involved with cars turning in this narrow cul-de-sac, especially when children are arriving and leaving school.
- It is essential that emergency vehicles have access to the school via Howard Road at all times. **Please do not obstruct the road**
- Please remember that the road is in constant use and all pedestrians entering or leaving the school should use the pavements on either side of Oakdene Close
- The school pond is a fenced area with a locked gate, children should not go into this area unsupervised.

Photos from World Book Day



Dates

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)

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

