



Newsletter – No. 24 15th March 2024

Message from Mrs. Mole

On Tuesday afternoon this week, Polesden Lacey Infant School hosted the Effingham Learning Partnership Infant Council. We were delighted to welcome children from Fetcham Infants, St. Matthews, Eastwick Infants, St. Lawrence, Great Bookham and The Raleigh. There were 27 children in total, the most I have ever seen at an Infant Council. Our theme, unsurprisingly for Polesden Lacey Infant School, was the environment and more specifically the problems caused by plastic in our rivers, seas and oceans and how we can reduce the amount of plastic going into the world's precious water. At the end of the session, once absolutely loads of ideas had been collected the children all picked one thing that they would do to make a difference and filled in the pledge certificate. What incredible potential we have with our young people. Each and every one of them pledged to do something. What will you pledge to do, to make a difference?

On Thursday the parents and carers of Squirrel class were treated to an assembly led by the children. They showcased some of the learning that they had done over the past few months. The children were awesome, some showing off their writing, some their impressive knowledge of phonics, some their creativity, some their maths and some showed real resilience and courage in putting themselves out of their comfort zone. Well done Squirrel Class, I thoroughly enjoyed the performance.

Rebecca Mole,
Headteacher



My Pledge to Help Keep Plastic Out of the Oceans

To help protect the rivers, seas and oceans I pledge to

Signed _____



Star of Week

Rabbits: **Otis** for sharing his brilliant knowledge of doubles and demonstrating resilience when challenged.

Squirrels: **Ellis** for making such a great start to your dragon story.

Badgers: **Theo** for your positive attitude and kindness.

Values Star of the week: .

Rabbits: **Sienna** for being a resilient member of Rabbit Class, you are such a caring friend too!

Squirrels: **Squirrel Class** for being courageous when performing in their class assembly.

Kenny for being caring and supporting his friends in their Squirrel Class assembly.

Badgers: **Isobel** for being a curious learner and making great progress in maths and spelling this week!

Forest School star of the week:

Rabbits: **Charlie W** for being an enthusiastic explorer and great contribution to class discussion.

Squirrels: **Oscar** for excellent focus and attention to detail while using the palm drills.

Badgers: **Asher** for being really careful using the saw and hammer and following instructions well.



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: **Zac**

Squirrels: **Finn P**

Badgers: **Valentyn**

Parent Consultations— Tuesday 19th & Thursday 21st March

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Parent Consultation meetings on Tuesday 19th March and Thursday 21st March.

Appointments take place in your child's classroom. Please enter via the school playground and wait in the outside classroom until the teacher calls you in. Each appointment will start and finish promptly. Ms. Mole may appear in the classrooms to ensure that teachers and parents/carers are adhering to the timings! In fairness to other parents please finish your discussion when you Ms Mole or the teacher indicates that the time allotted is up. If you need further time to discuss any concerns please make another appointment to see the teacher.

Any accompanying school age children will be asked to sit quietly in the class book corner, where books will be provided for them to look at. Please keep toddlers with you during the meeting.

Many of you will have had the opportunity to look at your child's books on Open Afternoon (Wednesday 13th March) if you were unable to do so and would like to look at the books on parents evening please let the teacher know in advance so she can have them ready.

Rock Steady Concert

The whole school enjoyed an amazing performance by the “Rock Steady” children this morning—well done, you smashed it!



Year 1 Assembly—Photos



Message From The Friends

Plea for Volunteers

We are still in need of 3 more helpers for the grandparents afternoon tea on 27th March - you'll get to hear the children sing and I'm sure we can throw in a free cake!

We're also looking for one extra person per class for the Easter Egg/Bunny Hunt in the morning on 28th March.

We cannot provide these wonderful activities for the children without support and we are extremely grateful to anyone who helps us with the events, please check your diaries and sign up if you are able: <https://volunteersignup.org/LAA77>

Ready Steady Bake!

Our next event is the Spring Bake Sale after school from 3pm 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. Please drop these off at the front of the school in the morning on Friday 22nd March.

We politely request that all cakes and bakes are nut free.

Please remember to bring pennies with you at pick up on Friday so you can buy some yummy treats to take home!

Children who are in the after school club will also have the opportunity to purchase cakes if you send them in with a little bit of money in an envelope.



The Egg-cellent Easter Egg-stravaganza at Polesden Lacey Infants

On Thursday 28th March we are inviting children to take part in an Easter Egg hunt in the grounds of the school. In the morning each class will either spot the cheeky Easter bunnies who are hiding in the woods (Rabbits) or hunt for eggs and find clues to form an Easter phrase (Squirrels and Badgers).

At the end of the school day every child will receive a chocolate egg to take home (as long as their parent / carer has given permission via our online form).

To continue our fundraising for the benefit of all children at the school we will be asking for a £3 donation per child and are requesting online payments only please.

We appreciate that finances are very tight for a lot of families so please be assured that every child at PLIS will be able to take part and receive an egg, as long as you have completed the permission form.

Please feel free to have a confidential conversation with the office or Ms Mole if the donation causes you any kind of difficulty.

Please purchase your child/ren's ticket/s by Monday 25th March by clicking this link: <https://peoplesfundraising.com/event/PLIS-Egg-Hunt-2024>

AND please ensure that you have ALSO completed this quick permission form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc9sLyZuQO7VJn0dRgduE91oqPfvJpRVXVul7sMbPXvdHnMNA/viewform>

Without the permission form we will not be able to give your child their chocolate egg (or dairy free alternative).

Dates

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

Friends Events 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

